

City of Hyattsville



Charter Amendment 2024-03

Removing the Requirement that Council Meetings

Start at 8 PM

April 1, 2024

Purpose



Provide Flexibility in the City Charter

- The proposed Charter amendment removes the requirement that Council Meetings begin at 8 PM, which has not been in practice since 2020.
- The update seeks to provide flexibility for City Council to hold meetings at times that are determined to be appropriate and convenient for residents, elected officials, and staff.
- The Charter retains the existing requirement that Council meet twice monthly, except during the months of June and August.
 - *The City Council shall hold two (2) regular monthly meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month ~~at 8:00 p.m.~~; except during the months of June and August, when there shall be one (1) meeting on the first Monday of the month, and the months of July and September, when there shall be one (1) meeting on the third Monday of the month, unless any of said days is a legal holiday or a quorum should not be present. In such an event, the regular meetings shall be held on the next business day when a quorum can be obtained or at such time as the Mayor may designate, not more than one (1) week from the date that said meeting should have been held.*

Approval Steps

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April 1, 2024: Public hearing at 6 PM, Council discussion during the 7 PM meeting

April 15, 2024: Scheduled Adoption of the Charter Amendment Resolution

June 4, 2024: Effective Date of the Charter Amendment Resolution