

RESOLUTION NO. CA-1-22

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE CITY CHARTER, ENTITLED,  
“COUNCIL--REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS”

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council heard options for the adoption of personnel policies applicable to elected officials at the May 10, 2021 Work Session; and

WHEREAS, A Council Subcommittee comprised of Mike Sesma and Ryan Spiegel was appointed to further explore options and to make policy recommendations to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council Subcommittee worked with the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare Charter and Code revisions and Regulations to implement personnel policies applicable to elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney presented the recommendations of the Council Subcommittee at the October 11 Work Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, that Section 6 of the City Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 – That Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Gaithersburg be, and the same is, amended as follows:

**Sec. 6. Council—Regular and special meetings.**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, the council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its regulations ~~rules, but not less frequently than once each month.~~ All regular meetings of the council except as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Maryland shall be open to the public and residents of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any regular meeting in regard to any municipal question, provided that this shall not be construed to require the council to permit additional evidence in any matter with respect to which the record has been closed. Special meetings may be called by the mayor or the vice

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*Added to existing law by original bill.*

*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

*Added by Amendment.*

*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

president of the council and shall be called by the mayor or the vice president of the council or the city manager upon request of a majority of the members of the council. ~~Such special meetings may, but need not be, open to the public.~~

Section 2 – BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this resolution is March 7, 2022, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Gaithersburg, as herein adopted, shall be and become effective on April 26, 2022, unless on or before said date a proper petition for referendum of this resolution shall be filed as permitted by law.

Section 3 – BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete and exact copy of this resolution shall be posted at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877, until April 18, 2022, and a fair summary of the proposed Charter amendment contained in this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Gaithersburg not fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals before March 31, 2022.

Section 4 – AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the City shall send or cause to be sent to the Department of Legislative Reference the following information concerning this Charter resolution: (1) the complete text of this resolution; (2) the date of enactment of the Charter amendment; (3) the date of the referendum election, if any; (4) the number of votes cast for or against this resolution whether by the City Council or in a referendum; and (5) the effective date of the Charter amendment contained herein.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 7th day of March, 2022.

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JUD ASHMAN, MAYOR and  
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled on the 7th day of March, 2022; and that the same was APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 7th day of March, 2022. This Resolution will become effective on the 26th day of April, 2022.

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Tanisha Briley, City Manager