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**ORDINANCE NO. 1472**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 2, STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:**

**WHEREAS**, as the restructured Columbus City Council becomes effective in January, 2021, the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas, shall be amended to reflect the operations and function of the five City Council members and Mayor and to eliminate standing committees.

**SECTION 1.** That Article II, Division 1, section 2-23 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-23. - Mayor's duties and authority.**

The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the city council. The mayor shall have the tie-breaking vote on all questions when the members present are equally divided. The mayor shall:

- (1) Take care that the ordinances of the city are complied with;
- (2) Sign the commissions and appointments of all officers elected or appointed;
- (3) Endorse the approval of the city council on all official bonds;
- (4) Communicate to the city council such information and recommend such measures as he deems advisable;
- (5) Have the power to approve or veto any ordinance as the laws of the state shall prescribe;

- (6) Sign all orders and drafts drawn upon the city treasury for money;
- (7) All other powers as may be set out by ordinance.
- (8) Appoint one council member to be the representative of one of the following categories:
  - a. Administrative Committee: Budget and Finance; Personnel; Economic Development; Landbank; Housing; Transient Guest Tax funding.
  - b. City Property: Property (structures); Cemetery; Pool; Parks; and Special Parks funding.
  - c. Emergency Response: Police; Fire; Code; Licensing and Permitting; Animal Control.
  - d. Streets/Alleys/Bridges/Stormwater: Streets; Alleys; Bridges and Stormwater; Special Streets funding.
  - e. Public Works: Sanitation; Water and Sewer.

(Code 2014, § 1-205)

**State Law reference**— Powers and duties of mayor, K.S.A. 14-301 et seq.

**SECTION 2.** That Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, section 2-25 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-25. - Meetings.**

(1) *Procedural code adopted.* The Code of Procedure for Kansas Cities, 2006 Edition, published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, is adopted and incorporated in this section by reference as though fully set forth in this section. The code is adopted for the purpose of establishing a code of procedure for the conduct of city council meetings and shall be applicable except to the extent modified by the provisions of this article. One copy of the adopted code shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas," with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change, and with a copy of this section attached, shall be on file in the office of the city clerk and open to inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

(2) *Regular meeting schedule.* Regular meetings of the city council shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. In the event the regular meeting day shall fall on any

legal holiday or any day observed as a holiday by the city offices, the city council shall fix the succeeding day not observed as a holiday as a meeting day.

(3) *Special meeting requests.* Special meetings may be called by the mayor or acting mayor, on the written request of any three members of the council, specifying the object and purpose of such meeting, which request shall be read at a meeting and entered at length on the journal.

(4) *Work session.* Work sessions are public meetings called "City Council Work Session" held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m., or on dates agreed upon by council members to discuss city business, as needed.

(5) *Adjournment.* Regular or special meetings of the city council may be adjourned for the completion of its business at such subsequent time and place as the city council shall determine in its motion to adjourn.

(Code 2014, §§ 1-203, 1-211)

**State Law reference**— Meeting of council, K.S.A. 14-111; incorporation by reference, K.S.A. 12-3009 et seq.

**SECTION 3.** That Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, section 2-56 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

## **DIVISION 2. - COUNCIL OPERATIONS**

### **Sec. 2-56 - CITY BUSINESS CATEGORIES**

- (1) Administrative Committee: Budget and Finance; Personnel; Economic Development; Landbank; Housing; Transient Guest Tax funding.
- (2) City Property: Property (structures); Cemetery; Pool; Parks; and Special Parks funding.
- (3) Emergency Response: Police; Fire; Code; Licensing and Permitting; Animal Control.
- (4) Streets/Alleys/Bridges/Stormwater: Streets; Alleys; Bridges and Stormwater; Special Streets funding.
- (5) Public Works: Sanitation; Water and Sewer.

**SECTION 4.** That Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, section 2-57 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbus, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Sec. 2-57 - COUNCIL DUTIES**

Generally. It shall be the duty of each councilmember representative to make thorough examination of all subjects coming within the scope of his or her assigned category, and of subjects referred by the council to such councilmember representative, and to report the result of its investigations to the city council.

**SECTION 5.** Sections 2-58 through 2-59 Standing Committees, shall be repealed.


**SECTION 6.** All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2021 and shall be published in the official City newspaper.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, this 8th day of September , 2020.

  
Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cherri Chancellor, Columbus City Clerk

