

ORDINANCE NO. 863

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TROUTDALE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.08 – RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Chapter II, Section 5 of the Troutdale City Charter provides: “Powers of the City. The city has all powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and of this state now or hereafter expressly or impliedly grant or allow the city, as fully as through this charter specifically enumerated each of these powers;” and
2. The City Council meeting rules at Chapter 2.08 of the Troutdale Municipal Code are restrictive and more specific than similar rules of other cities in the State of Oregon; and
3. All meetings have been affected due to the impact of the novel COVID-19 virus, and the City Council wishes to amend its rules to allow for electronic appearances by Council, Staff and citizens; and
4. The City Council desires more flexibility in setting the start times of meetings; and
5. “Work sessions” are not defined by state law and the City has “workshop meetings” but does not state what they are, and the City Council wishes to elaborate to further define this municipal code section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

Section 1. Chapter 2.08.010 shall be amended to read as follows:

2.08.010 – Regular council meetings.

Regular council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at times and locations set by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Meetings shall be conducted in public facilities and shall be reasonably accessible to all, Council, staff and the public, in person and electronically. The Council shall endeavor to adjourn regular and work sessions by ten p.m. or as close thereto as possible.

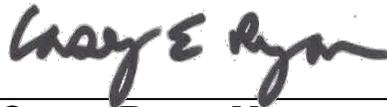
Section 2. Chapter 2.08.040 shall be amended to read as follows:

2.08.040 – Work Sessions

The City Council may hold regular or special meetings that provide an opportunity for the council to discuss issues and policies, called “work sessions.” No final action may be taken during a work session, but work sessions may be held on the same dates (either before or after) regular or special meetings, during which final actions may be taken. Work sessions are meeting times set aside for the City Council to have in-depth discussions of broader, strategic policy issues, and to ask staff questions where appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall go into effect on December 1, 2020.

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 1 Councilor White
ABSTAINED: 0



Casey Ryan, Mayor
Date: October 29, 2020



Sarah Skroch, City Recorder
Adopted: October 27, 2020