

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	October 17, 2022
Action Required:	Approve Resolution (1 Reading)
Presenter:	Lisa Robertson, City Attorney
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Update Council Meeting Procedures to update electronic participation provisions (1 reading)</b>

**Background**

Effective September 1, 2022 the Virginia Freedom of Information Act includes modified provisions, which encourage public bodies such as City Council to provide public access to its meetings both in-person and through electronic communication means (which City Council has been doing for some time now, referring to such arrangements as "hybrid" meetings). The amended legislation updated procedures by which individual councilors may participated in a Council meeting from a remote location. (The updated FOIA provisions allow other public bodies, but not City Council, the Planning Commission, or the BAR, to hold a certain number of all-virtual meetings per year).

All of these new or amended FOIA provisions are set forth within Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3708.3.

**Discussion**

City Council's previously-adopted Meeting Procedures already address individual remote participation by council members. Those existing procedures are proposed to be updated as set forth within the attached Resolution, to reflect the current authorizations of FOIA.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

Taking advantage of the new FOIA provisions is aligned with City Council's vision to be a leader in innovation, to be flexible and progressive in anticipating and responding to the needs of citizens, and to be a smart, citizen-focused government.

**Community Engagement**

N/A

**Budgetary Impact**

None.

**Recommendation**

Approve the Proposed Resolution

***Recommended Motion: "I move the RESOLUTION amending City Council's Meeting Procedures, to provide additional opportunities for electronic participation in Council meetings".***

**Alternatives**

Council may elect not to allow electronic participation by any member.

**Attachments**

1. RESOLUTION Council Rules Oct 17 2022 Update