

member of the said Council, three days at least before the day appointed for such meeting, which notice shall be deemed a summons to attend such meeting, and shall specify the business to be transacted at such meeting, and in all cases of meetings called by the Mayor, such notice shall be issued by the City Clerk; provided nevertheless, that if all the members of the City Council be present at any such special meeting, the Council shall then be competent to deal with any matter of business, whether mentioned in such notice or not.

If all the members be present, any business may be proceeded in.

XL. And be it enacted, That in all special meetings of the City Council to be held under this Act, six members with the Mayor or Chairman shall constitute a Court for the purpose or purposes for which they had been convened as aforesaid, and a majority of the members present shall determine the questions and matters submitted for consideration; and in all general meetings six members with the Mayor or Chairman, as hereinbefore mentioned, shall in all cases be competent for the despatch of business; and it shall be the duty of the City Clerk at all meetings to keep a minute of the proceedings, in which he shall enter the names of the members who shall be present at the opening or during the continuance of such meeting, and the persons whose names have been so entered shall be deemed and taken to be to all intents and purposes present at such meeting until the same shall be formally adjourned or dissolved by the presiding officer; and the rules, orders, regulations, enactments and decisions of such meeting shall not be deemed illegal or contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, notwithstanding some of the members shall withdraw therefrom previous to such adjournment or dissolution.

Quorum for business in general and special meetings.

City Clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings, in which he shall enter the names of the persons present, who shall be deemed to have been present till the adjournment.

XLI. And be it enacted, That at all meetings of the City Council, the Mayor of the City, if he be present, shall preside, and in case of his absence the Councillors present shall choose one of their own number to act as Chairman and preside at such meeting, and the Mayor or Chairman so presiding shall not vote, except in case of equal votes, upon any question, and he shall then have a casting vote, and all meetings of the City Council shall be held with open doors.

Mayor to preside at all meetings, or a Chairman appointed on the occasion of absence, but neither of them to vote except in cases of equal divisions.

XLII. And be it enacted, That the minutes of proceedings of all meetings of the said City Council to be held as aforesaid, shall be drawn up and fairly entered in a book to be kept for that purpose by the City Clerk, and shall be signed by the Mayor or Chairman presiding at such meeting; and the said Minute Book shall be open, on payment of a fee of one shilling, to the inspection of all persons qualified to vote at the Election of Councillors.

Minutes of proceedings to be fairly entered in a book, and signed.

To be open to inspection.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That if any candidate or duly qualified elector be dissatisfied with the decision of the officer or person holding any Election under this Act, in any case relating to the return of a Mayor, Councillor or Assessor, such candidate or elector shall, within ten days next after the day of such Election, make application in writing through the City Clerk to the City Council, setting forth the cause of complaint, and demanding an investigation thereon; and the said City Council are hereby authorized and required to assemble, and examine and determine the matter of such complaint without delay; but the Mayor or Councillor whose return or seat is in dispute shall not vote on the examination of such complaint; and if it shall appear to the City Council, by satisfactory evidence on complaint as aforesaid, that any person has been returned, and is serving as Mayor, Councillor or Assessor contrary to the provision of this Act, the said City Council shall declare his Election to be void, and shall direct a new Election to be held to supply his place, as in the case of other extraordinary vacancies.

Candidates dissatisfied with the decision of the officer holding an Election, may appeal to the City Council.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said City Council to appoint from and out of the members composing such Council such and so many Committees, and consisting of such number of persons as they may think fit, for the better transaction of the business before such Council, and for the discharge of such duties as by the said Council may be prescribed, but subject in all things to the approval, authority and control of the said Council; and in all questions coming before any of such Committees, a majority of the members present shall determine such questions, provided that a majority of the persons composing such Committee be present.

City Council may appoint select Committees of their own body for particular duties.

XLV. And be it enacted, That if at any meeting of the said City Council to be held under this Act, any member of the City Council shall be guilty of grossly violent or improper conduct, or shall make use of language indecent or profane, or insulting to the presiding officer, or to any member of the Council present at the meeting, the City Council, if seven members in all, or more, besides the offender, be then present, and concur in the sentence, may expel such offending Councillor from the City Council, or another meeting may be specially summoned to adjudicate upon the subject, the time and object of such meeting being

Members of the City Council guilty of improper conduct, or using indecent or profane language, may be punished by reprimand, fine or expulsion.