

18. All vacancies in the city council shall be filled without delay from the ward or wards in which such vacancy occurs, in such manner as has been or may be directed by ordinance.

19. The judges of election shall, within three days after an election of members of the first branch, notify to the persons having the greatest number of legal votes in their respective wards that they are duly elected, and the said judges shall make the return of all elections for mayor and members of the city council and deposit their polls as directed by ordinance of the corporation.

20. The city council shall meet on the first Monday in January in each year, but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever and as often as it may appear to him that the public good may require their deliberation; two-thirds of each branch shall be a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

21. They may compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as they may by ordinance provide; they shall appoint their respective presidents, who shall preside at all their sessions and shall vote on all questions.

22. They shall judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of their own members, and may, with the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behavior or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause.

23. They shall settle their rules of procedure, appoint their own officers, regulate their respective fees, and remove them at pleasure; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public.

24. They shall ascertain by ordinance the compensation for their services, which shall not be increased during their continuance in office.

25. The mayor and city council may pass ordinances regulating the manner of appointing persons to office under the corporation, which they are or may be authorized by law to appoint, but unless such ordinances be passed the mayor shall nominate, and, by