

provided for, when they shall qualify by taking the oath required by the provisions of Section 751 of this Article, and they shall proceed to organize by electing one of their number president of the Council; they shall meet as often thereafter as necessary for a proper discharge of their official duties; in case of a vacancy in either of these offices by reason of death, refusal to act, disqualification, resignation or removal beyond the corporate limits, the Mayor and Council, or a majority of them for the time being, shall elect a Mayor or Councilman from the citizens of the city to fill said vacancy until his successor shall have been elected at the next regular city election, and shall have qualified. The vacancy so caused as regards councilmen shall be filled from the ward in which the vacancy occurred. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall have all the privileges of a councilman in debate and vote; the President of the Council elected as provided by this section shall, in the absence or inability of the Mayor, preside at the sessions. The Mayor and City Council shall hold two regular monthly meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, at eight o'clock P. M., unless said day be a legal holiday or a quorum should not be present and in such an event the regular meetings shall be held on the next secular business day when a quorum can be obtained, or at such time as the Mayor may designate not more than one week from the date that said meeting should have been held. The regular monthly meetings shall be open for the transaction of any and all general business that may come before the Mayor and City Council for action, subject to such rules and regulations for the transaction of business thereof as the Mayor and City Council may determine. In addition special meetings of the Mayor and City Council may at any time be convened by the Mayor, or at the request of four members of that body. Special meetings shall be confined to the business set out in the call for such special meeting unless there be unanimous consent of all councilmen to the consideration of other matters at such special meeting. The Mayor of the City of Hyattsville shall be the executive officer thereof, clothed with all the power necessary to secure the enforcement of all ordinances of said city under this Charter. At all meetings of the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor and four councilmen, or in the absence of the Mayor, five councilmen, present and voting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and five affirmative votes shall be necessary for the passage of an ordinance, law or resolution at all times. All ordinances, resolutions, orders and appropriations shall take effect from the date of their passage unless otherwise provided therein.