

ORDINANCE NO: 2290

INTRODUCED BY: ALLEN-THOMAS, FRANK, GRIMES, GUARDIOLA, HURST,
HUSEMAN, MADERA, NOBLE, SMITH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATIC TIME OF ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 2 of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code establishes a commencement time for regular meetings and study sessions of the City Council and permits the scheduling of special meetings, but establishes no time for adjournment;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City believes that excessively long meetings are not beneficial to the efficient conduct of public business; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City believes that it is in the best interests of the public to establish a time of adjournment for meetings of the City Council to ensure accessibility to the public, to avoid repetitious and unnecessary debate, to encourage efficient decision-making and the economical use of public resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended to include a new section 2-2003 as follows:

Sec. 2-2003. Time of Adjournment.

- (a) *Adjournment.* The city council shall adjourn upon approval of a motion to adjourn or without motion upon the conclusion of business.
- (b) *Automatic Adjournment.* All regular and special meetings and study sessions of the city council shall adjourn automatically four and one-half hours after the commencement of the meeting or study session if not adjourned by such time. For purposes of this section, a regular or special meeting or study session held consecutively on the same day shall be treated as the same meeting. At the time of adjournment, council must adjourn but may consider only a motion to extend the meeting or a motion to schedule a special meeting.
- (c) *Extension.* By motion approved by a majority of the members present, a meeting or study session may be extended beyond the automatic adjournment in thirty (30) minute increments.
- (d) *Effect of Automatic Adjournment.* Unless the city council votes to schedule a special meeting to consider remaining business, any scheduled agenda item not considered and any matter under consideration at the time of adjournment shall be continued automatically to the next regular meeting or study session, as appropriate, at such point on the next agenda as determined by the city manager.

SECTION 2. Except as specifically modified herein, the provisions of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDERED THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk