

**Summary of Proposed Changes
As Directed by the Committee of the Whole**

Amended Section	Impacted Body	Summary
Section 2-102(c)	Council	Section 2.06(g) of the Open Meetings Act provides that “[a]ny person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body. The existing language of Section 1-102 conflicts with this directive in that it allows the Council to deny a person the opportunity to speak. It may also be unconstitutional to the extent it purports to allow the Council the ability to limit the subject matter on which a person may speak. The proposed language requires the City Council “from time-to-time” to adopt rules for public comment which will be maintained by the Clerk. The Council adopted modern public comment rules earlier this year.
Section 2-102(d)	Council	Replaces obsolete commission form-era administrative procedure with language authorizing persons with business before the council to address the Council when that item is considered to the extent it is helpful to the Council in its deliberations.
Section 2-122(f)	Committee of the Whole	Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act requires minutes to include “a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated, or decided, and a record of any votes taken.” The deleted language is inconsistent with that requirement.
Section 2-122(g)	Committee of the Whole	Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act requires 48 hours’ notice of special meetings of public bodies.
Section 2-122(h) NEW	Committee of the Whole	This new language provides that the public comment shall be a regular agenda item and rules applicable to the City Council for public comment are applicable to the Committee of the Whole.
Section 2-125(3)	Standing Committees	Existing Paragraph 3 authorizes only four circumstances when a committee may convene in closed sessions. The Open Meetings Act authorizes substantially more. The limitation is unnecessary and can lead to undesirable results.
Section 2-125(7)	Standing Committees	Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act requires 48 hours’ notice of special meetings of public bodies.
Section 2-125(9) NEW	Standing Committee	Provides that each standing committee may adopt its own rules for public comment and maintain a copy of its rules in the Alderman’s Office. If a committee does not adopt rules of its own, it must follow the rules applicable to the City Council.