

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-569**

5 AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
6 TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY AND UTILITIES (TEU)
7 COMMITTEE, AND LAND USE AND ZONING (LUZ)
8 COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2027, TO
9 WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2027; ACKNOWLEDGING THE FIRST
10 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN MARCH
11 2027 WILL OCCUR ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027, IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULE 4.102 (REGULAR
13 COUNCIL MEETINGS); DIRECTING APPROPRIATE
14 NOTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE
15 SERVICES DIVISION; WAIVING COUNCIL RULE 2.201
16 (MEETINGS) TO AUTHORIZE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE
17 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
18 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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20 **WHEREAS,** Council Rule 4.102 (Regular Council Meetings) provides,
21 in part, that regular meetings of the City Council shall occur on the
22 second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except on an election day;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS,** the 2027 First Election will occur on a second Tuesday
25 on March 9, 2027, and therefore, pursuant to Council Rule 4.102, the
26 first regular meeting of the City Council in the month of March 2027
27 will occur the next day on Wednesday, March 10, 2027; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Council desires to acknowledge the change of the
29 first meeting in March 2027 to Wednesday, March 10, 2027, recognizing
30 this Ordinance presents an opportunity to increase awareness for the
31 public at large; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Council Rule 2.201 (Meetings) provides for Standing
2 Committee meetings to be held during the first and third weeks of
3 every month (except for the first week in July and the third week in
4 December); and

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Council Rule 2.201 (Meetings), the
6 Council President has set the regular meetings of the Finance
7 Committee, Transportation, Energy and Utilities (TEU) Committee, and
8 Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committee for the first and third Tuesdays
9 of each month (except for the first week in July and the third week
10 in December); and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee, TEU Committee, and LUZ
12 Committee are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 18, 2027, which is
13 the date of the 2027 General Election in Duval County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is the will of the Council to afford all registered
15 voters of Duval County the maximum opportunity to participate in the
16 2027 General Election; now therefore

17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Finance Committee, Transportation, Energy and**
19 **Utilities Committee, and Land Use and Zoning Committee Meetings on**
20 **Tuesday, May 18, 2027, Rescheduled.** The Finance Committee, TEU
21 Committee, and LUZ Committee meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 18,
22 2027, in the Council Chamber are hereby rescheduled to Wednesday, May
23 19, 2027, in the Council Chamber. The LUZ Committee agenda meeting
24 scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2027, is also hereby rescheduled to
25 Wednesday, May 19, 2027, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

26 **Section 2. Acknowledging the First Regular Council Meeting**
27 **in March 2027 Will Occur on Wednesday, March 10, 2027.** Pursuant to
28 Council Rule 4.102 (Regular Council Meetings), the first regular
29 meeting of the City Council in March 2027 will occur on Wednesday,
30 March 10, 2027, the day after the 2027 First Election. The City
31 Council hereby acknowledges this shift in its regular meeting schedule

1 and recognizes that this Ordinance presents an opportunity to also
2 make the public aware of this change well in advance.

3 **Section 3. Notification by the Chief of the Legislative**
4 **Services Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division
5 is hereby directed to ensure that all public hearings that would have
6 been held on Tuesday, May 18, 2027, are advertised and scheduled for
7 Wednesday, May 19, 2026, and to ensure that any other notifications
8 necessary to conduct the Finance, TEU, and LUZ Committee meetings and
9 LUZ Committee agenda meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2026, are made.

10 **Section 4. Waiver of Council Rule 2.201 (Meetings).**
11 Pursuant to Council Rule 2.201 (Meetings), the Council President has
12 set the regular meetings of the Finance Committee, TEU Committee, and
13 LUZ Committee for the first and third Tuesdays of each month (except
14 for the first week in July and the third week in December). Council
15 Rule 2.201 (Meetings) is hereby waived to authorize the rescheduling
16 of the Finance Committee, TEU Committee, and LUZ Committee meetings
17 as stated herein.

18 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

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