

Councilmember Christina Henderson

AN AMENDMENT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Amendment offered by: Councilmember Christina Henderson
To: PR26-001, the “Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 26, Resolution of 2025”

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 Amendment in the Nature of Substitute

1. (a) Within Article VII- BUDGET PROCEDURES, A. BUDGET REVIEW PROCEDURES, Rules 702, 703, 704, and 705 are renumbered as 703, 704, 705, and 706, respectively.

(b) New Rule 702 is added to read as follows:

“702. COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITIES.

“Either 1) prior to the Mayor’s budget submission; or 2) within one week of the Mayor’s budget submission, the Council shall meet to establish Council-wide budget priorities.”

Commented [GR1]: or another time frame

2. Rule 705(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) “Following the working session, the Budget Director, at the direction of the Chairman, shall prepare a draft report and print for budget measures that includes the Chairman’s recommendations, and circulate at least 48 hours before consideration by the Committee of the Whole. The report shall include a comparison of the budget levels recommended by committees with any changes recommended by the Chairman. The Committee of the Whole shall meet to consider and mark up the draft report and print.”.

Rationale:

1. This amendment will require the Council to meet to establish Council-wide priorities either prior to the release of the Mayor’s budget submission or one week after the Mayor’s budget submission. This change will allow the Council to communicate its priorities in a structured setting and earlier in the budget process.
2. This amendment will require that the Committee of the Whole circulate a draft report and print for budget measures that includes the Chairman’s recommendations at least 48 hours before consideration by the Committee of the Whole. This amendment will give the Council additional time to consider the Committee of the Whole’s recommendations prior to first vote.