

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL AUTHORITY, AND ORDINANCES

Section 3.10. General power and authority. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the city council shall be vested with all the powers of government of this city as provided by Article I of this charter.

Section 3.11. Organization.

- (a) The city council shall hold an organizational meeting at the first regular meeting in January following an election; provided, however, that the organizational meeting for the city council members elected in 1988 shall be the first regular meeting in February, 1989, and the mayor and council members in office at the time of adoption of this charter shall continue in office until that date. The meeting shall be called to order by the city clerk and the oath of the office shall be administered to the newly elected members as follows:

“I do solemnly (swear) (affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties of (mayor) (councilmember) of this city and that I will support and defend the charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America.”

- (b) By a majority vote, the city council shall elect a councilmember to serve as mayor pro tempore. The mayor pro tempore shall preside at all meetings of the city council and shall assume the duties and powers of the mayor during any disability or absence of the mayor. ~~Any such disability or absence shall be declared by a majority vote of the city council.~~ The city council shall by majority vote elect a presiding officer from its number for any period in which the mayor pro tempore is disabled, absent, or acting as mayor. Such absence or disability shall be declared by majority vote of the city council.