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City Council is a legislative body comprising 30 city councilors elected directly by citizens. Regular sessions are convened four times a year, usually in March, June, September and December. Ad hoc sessions are convened when necessary. Plenary sessions are attended by all councilors. Four standing committees are : General Affairs/Planning, Environment/Economy, Education/Welfare and Urban Construction. Ad hoc committees are set up as needed. In these meetings deliberations are made on city ordinances, budgets, annual accounts, petitions and appeals. The tenure of city councilors is 4 years.

Audience

Plenary sessions are open to the public (maximum 50 people); committee meetings are open only to people who have chairperson's permission (maximum 10 people).

Website

Proceedings of plenary sessions are relayed live on the city's website. Video recordings are released on the website two days after the speech. Minutes of plenary sessions and committee meetings are released two months later.

<http://www.city.abiko.chiba.jp/data/congressional/contents/index.htm>

Newsletter

A City Council Newsletter showing the summary of general inquiries and the results of bill deliberations are distributed as inserts in newspapers, or available at city institutions.

■ Inquiry : City Council Secretariat, Phone 7185-1111, Ext.260

