

d to the proper committees, unless the council order otherwise.

12. The reports of Committees shall lay on the table, to be taken up at the next meeting in their respective order, unless the council shall order otherwise by a majority of two thirds of the members present.

13. All petitions, letters, representations, enquiries, complaints, or suggestions, addressed to the mayor, the clerk, or city council, must be in writing, in french or in english, and be deposited in the city clerk's office.

14. As soon as the debate upon a question is ended, the person presiding puts the question to the council, and it is resolved in the affirmative or in the negative by the majority to the votes of the yeas and nays. The names of members voting for or against a question shall be taken and recorded when two members shall rise in their places to ask for it.

15. The sittings of the council shall all be closed or adjourned at midnight, and shall not be continued after that time, unless the members present give their unanimous consent.

16. The council may adjourn to such day and hour as is appointed in the motion for adjournment, and a notice of such adjournment shall be sent by the city clerk to the members who were not then present.

CHAPTER II.

The Council sitting in Committee of the Whole.

17. The council may sit in committee of the whole upon a resolution to the effect: "That the council do now sit in committee of the whole, and that the mayor do leave the chair". The mayor shall call an alderman who shall preside over the committee of the whole, who shall maintain order and report to the council the proceedings of the committee.

18. When the council sits in committee of the whole,