

City Council Rules Committee  
August 22, 2011  
\*\*\*Approved 9/1/11\*\*\*

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Bill Keogh, Chair  
Councilor Sharon Bushor  
Councilor Kurt Wright

Others present: Ken Schatz, Esq., City Attorney (Staff); Scott Schrader (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

1. Agenda & Minutes:

Agenda Approved by Consent

Sharon Bushor: Add discussion of existing committees.

Minutes of 8/8/11: Sharon Bushor moves to approve.

Kurt Wright seconds.

Unanimously approved.

2. Continued Review of City Council Rules (8/15/11 Draft):

Sec. 17:

Ken Schatz: Add, "...except as otherwise provided in these Rules."

Sharon Bushor: Wants entire membership of council.

Committee agrees.

Sec. 18:

No further changes.

Sec. 19:

No further changes.

Sec. 20:

Committee decides to strike last sentence.

Bill Keogh: Consent/deliberative agendas. Add Bill's first paragraph and edit.

Ken Schatz: Asked to rewrite following paragraphs – delete examples. Discussion of whether to change provision to allow any councilor to remove an item from consent agenda.

Kurt Wright: Consider 2/3 majority blocking removing item from consent agenda.

Ken Schatz: Asked to draft such a provision.

Discussion of use of electronic devices.

Kurt Wright: Encourage councilors not to use devices during public forum or presentations. Also encourage councilors to stay in seat unless emergency.

Sharon Bushor: On desk, silence device, maintain eye contact, use only for emergencies.

Ken Schatz: Consider waiting until determined whether electronic packets will be used.

Committee decides to add: During council meetings, all electronic devices used by council and public shall be silenced (i.e., vibrate). Encourage councilors not to use electronic devices during public forum.

Add a new section.

Sharon Bushor: Replace “journal” with “minutes” in Lines 42, 44 and 45. Change “other” to “ad hoc” in Line 70.

Kurt Wright: Want to be clear that must vote if present; unless there is a conflict of interest.

Ken Schatz: Asked to draft.

Ken Schatz: Consider rule re 10:30 adjournment. President allowed to inquire about time sensitive matters; allow alternative; president to ask if another motion to suspend rules.

Ken Schatz: Asked to draft. Clarify that 10:30 adjournment not to disrupt pending item.

Sharon Bushor: Discussion of various technical questions.

Sec. 13:

Delete reference to city council with mayor presiding and add a separate sentence re rules applicable to city council with mayor presiding.

Sharon Bushor: Delete in Line 283: “...which commence before 7:30 p.m.”  
Add: “Individual councilors and” to Line 73.

Bill Keogh:

Clerk/Treasurer will consult on agenda. Clerk/Treasurer will keep track of time.

Discussion of how to address problems that occurred at last meeting re items removed from consent agenda, placed at end of meeting and then confusion arose at 10:30 regarding time sensitive matters.

3. Other Business.

Sharon Bushor: Institution Committee should be a stand alone committee. Climate action report to TEUC or CD Com.?

Next meeting Thurs. 9/1/11 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

lb/c: KAS 2011/RULES COM. 8-22-11 Minutes