

City Council Rules Committee
September 1, 2011
MINUTES
(Approved 10/13/11)

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Bill Keogh, Chair
Councilor Sharon Bushor
Councilor Kurt Wright

Others present: Ken Schatz, Esq., City Attorney (Staff)

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

1. Agenda & Minutes:

Agenda Approved by Consent

Sharon Bushor: Move to approve minutes of 8/22/11

Kurt Wright seconds.

Unanimously approved.

2. Continued Review of City Council Rules – Draft of 8/29/11

Kurt Wright: Discussion of Lines 60-65 re process of council taking up a matter referred to a committee. Committee left language as is. Clarification of “significant assignments” in Line 74.

Ken Schatz: Case by case determination; Committee left language as is.

Kurt Wright:

Line 129... “Passing the gavel.” - Committee left language as is.

Line 130-131: join sentences.

Line 177: Overriding a veto requires 2/3 majority by charter; this section clarifies that it is a roll call vote.

Line 137: Questions directed through president is rule.

Bill Keogh: Uses his discretion; could be subject to a point of order. Committee left language as is.

Sharon Bushor:

Line 187: Members should notify before leaving, not ask permission. Committee left language as is.

Line 276 and 277: Sharon Bushor thinks it may be appropriate to use the deliberative agenda to educate the public; e.g., presentations.

Bill Keogh: With all the information on the website – don’t need to have on deliberative agenda.

Ken Schatz: Consider modifying to reflect idea that not appropriate to move resolution from consent to deliberative agenda to educate public. Committee asks Ken to take out word “tutorial” and revise sentence as he suggested.

Discussion about electronic devices section beginning at Line 339.

Sharon Bushor: “Shall not use” during public forum – encourage not to use during deliberative agenda.

Bill Keogh: Electronic devices all-encompassing; includes iPad.

Sharon Bushor: “Cell phones” instead of “electronic devices.”

Committee decides to revise to reference cell phones and “shall not use during public forum”.

Line 147:

Committee agrees to add “encouraged to stay in seat during public forum.”

Line 283:

Discussion about whether need to clarify language to keep an item on consent agenda even if a request to put it on deliberative. Committee decides to keep language as is.

Line 293 and 294:

Re adjournment – Committee decides to add “exceptions otherwise provided.”

Line 294 – 296:

Committee decides to take out reference to local control commission as covered by catch all language on Line 314.

Line 318:

Committee decides to eliminate “vote to.”

Line 336:

Committee decides to take out CAO reporting requirement.

Bill Keogh:

Line 144

Discussion of whether to take out “improper.” Committee decides to leave as is.

Legislating on the floor: Screen display helps. Council president encourages members by memo to provide advance notice to councilors of proposed amendments to resolutions.

Discussion of whether all amendments need to be reduced to writing. Committee decides not to include such language.

3. Review of Existing Committees.

Sharon Bushor: Who does legacy person report to (environmental issues)?

Institutions component of HR Committee

Make up of HR Committee not necessarily appropriate for institutions issues.

May need representation from Wards 1 and 6.

Committee won't address in Rules but councilors will consider.

Kurt Wright: Moves to approve amended Rules subject to minor changes to be reviewed by e-mail

Sharon Bushor: Seconds

Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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