

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF COUNCIL**August 18, 2021*****Proposal to amend Rules 2 and 7 of the Rules of Council as indicated below:***

Rule 2. Meetings – Public. All meetings of the Council or its committees shall be public, ~~and upon request of any citizen desiring to be heard on any matter then under consideration by the Council, the Council may, on motion, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole and hear that citizen at the date, time and for the length of time as Council may determine~~ and, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Clerk of Council, any person may be heard during that portion of a regular meeting set aside for public comment. ~~Persons desiring to be heard by any committee of Council on any matter then under consideration may, by consent of such committee, be given an opportunity to be heard. All Rules of Council minutes and records of the Council shall be open to the public at all reasonable times, upon request~~ Persons desiring to be heard by a committee of Council on a matter to be considered by that committee may request the committee Chair, in advance, for the opportunity to be heard. Approval of such request is at the discretion of the committee Chair. All minutes and records of the Council shall be open to the public at all reasonable times, upon request.

Rule 7. Order of Business. The business of all regular meetings of the Council shall be transacted in the following order, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote, suspends the rules and changes the order.

1. Roll call of members.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Disposal of the journal of the preceding meeting.
5. Public Comment
- ~~5~~ 6. Reports and communications from the Mayor.
- ~~6~~ 7. Reports and communications from departments, commissions and other public officers.
- ~~7~~ 8. Other communications, petitions and memorials.
- ~~8~~ 9. Reading and passage of emergency ordinances and resolutions
- ~~9~~ 10. Introduction of ordinances and resolutions.
- ~~10~~ 11. Second reading of ordinances and resolutions.
- ~~11~~ 12. Third reading of ordinances and resolutions.
- ~~12~~ 13. Miscellaneous business shall be permitted at the direction of the chair.
- ~~13~~ 14. Report of the clerk of absent members.
- ~~14~~ 15. Adjournment.

The presiding officer may, at any time without objection of the members of Council, permit a member to introduce an ordinance, resolution or motion out of the regular order; provided, however, if an objection is made, a two-thirds vote of all members elected to Council shall be required to permit such introduction out of the regular order.

A motion was made by Council Member McCormack to further amend Rule 2 to add the following language to proposed language already amending the Rule: "...established by the Clerk of Council and approved by a majority vote of Council, any person...". The motion was seconded by Council Member Polensek.

The motion was approved by Council without objection.

A motion was made by Council Member Brancatelli to approve the amendments to the Rules 2 and 7 of the Rules of Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gray.

Council approved the amendments with 14 yeas, 0 nays. The final approved language of both rules appears below.

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