

Mayor Nanette K. Johnston opened the work session at 6:21 p.m. on June 2, 2015. In attendance were Aldermen Douglas Wylie, Jim Werner, Diane Driver, Kari Lamer, Dave Rittman, and Marc Sportsman. Alderman David Jones arrived at 6:29 p.m. and Alderman Greg Plumb arrived at 6:55 p.m.

The following staff was also present:

Lauren Palmer, City Administrator

Sean Ackerson, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director

Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief

Alysen Abel, Public Works Director

Tim Blakeslee, Assistant to the City Administrator

Melissa McChesney, City Clerk

1. GENERAL AGENDA

A. Review of the Board of Aldermen Rules of Order

City Clerk Melissa McChesney explained the city's statutory authority to adopt meeting rules and presented the draft Rules of Order. She briefly reviewed the highlights of each of the 14 proposed rules. A copy of the presentation is appended hereto as Exhibit A.

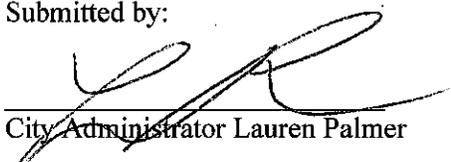
Alderman Wylie asked for clarification about whether or not the maker of a motion must speak in favor of the motion. He stated there are conflicting statements in the draft Rules of Order. McChesney said she would do additional research and review to make sure that the language in the policy is clear and remove any contradictions. Aldermen Driver commented that in the future roll call votes would be taken in random order which was different from current practice. Alderman Sportsman asked for an example of when the Board might suspend the rules and Mayor Johnston responded the Board may, for example, choose to extend additional time for public comment by suspension of the rules. Alderman Jones asked who the expert was on staff to answer questions and resolve conflict if the Board was to default to Robert's Rules of Order for issues not addressed by the Rules of Order. McChesney responded the City Clerk would be the main resource, in addition to the city attorney. Alderman Werner asked about the requirements related to first and second readings to determine if there was flexibility to save time through a single reading. The Mayor stated she routinely received criticism from the public for holding both readings at a single meeting and suggested dividing the readings across two meetings to allow more time for public input. Administrator Palmer stated that staff attempted to streamline meetings by reducing the number of items approved by ordinance.

McChesney outlined issues to consider, starting with implementing time limits for aldermen comments. Discussion focused on whether or not a time limit was necessary since it was not a problem. There was some concern it would be challenging to enforce since discussion was often free flowing. The consensus was there should be a reasonable limit imposed on the Board if there is a limit imposed on public comment. McChesney asked for direction if the Board wanted to take public comment on all action items. Alderman Wylie noted the deadline for public comment was before publication of the agenda, so he advocated for flexibility to allow public comment on an action item on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the other rules (time limits). The Mayor stated there was a need for more discussion and asked that it be scheduled for a later time.

The work session ended at 7:00 p.m.

The work session minutes for June 2, 2015, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the sixteenth day of June 2015.

Submitted by:


City Administrator Lauren Palmer

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