

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12-055R

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
A RESOLUTION AMENDING URBANA CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RULES**

(Resolution No. 2017-07-045R)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Municipal Code Section 3.1-40-15 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-15) authorizes the City Council to determine its own rules of proceeding; and

WHEREAS, heretofore, the City Council has adopted certain rules governing the proceedings of the City Council and Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2017, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2017-07-045R to amend such rules of proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that further amending these rules as herein provided is in the best interests of the residents of the City and is desirable for the welfare of the City’s government and affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

The City Council’s and Committee of the Whole’s Rules, as approved by Resolution No. 2017-07-045R on August 7, 2017, are hereby amended and as amended shall read as follows:

City Council and Committee Rules

Rule 1. Agenda Preparation

The City Clerk shall create a written agenda for each City Council and Committee meeting and such agendas shall be prepared in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Items shall be placed on the printed agenda for any City Council or Committee meeting in any of the follows ways:

- (a) City Council Meetings: Any item, whether or not such item requires final action by the City Council, shall be placed on the City Council’s meeting agenda:

- i. at the request of the Mayor or two or more Alderpersons; or
 - ii. by an affirmative vote by the Committee to move an item forward to the City Council.
- (b) Committee meetings: Any item, whether or not such item requires an action to place it on the City Council's agenda for final action as provided in Subsection (a)ii of this Rule, shall be placed on a Committee meeting agenda at the request of:
- i. the Mayor; or
 - ii. the person who will chair the Committee meeting at which such item is to be considered; or
 - iii. one or more members of the Committee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an agenda item previously appeared on a Committee agenda and was discussed by the Committee, but no other action was taken, such item may be placed on a subsequent Committee agenda at the request of two members of the Committee.

Rule 2. Order of Meetings

No Committee of the City Council shall meet on a day and prior to when a regular City Council meeting is scheduled to occur. However, a special City Council meeting may be convened on the same day and prior to a regularly scheduled Committee meeting. Nothing in the foregoing shall be deemed or construed to prohibit the convening of a special City Council meeting to consider and take action on a matter which, if not attended to, may or will threaten human life, health, safety, or welfare or property or where time is of the essence regarding the City Council's consideration of or final action on one or more matters.

Rule 3. Debate Limits

- (a) No discussion or debate shall proceed on any action item on the City Council's agenda unless and until the action item has received a motion to approve followed by a second to that motion. However, the immediate aforesaid rule shall not apply to items appearing on Committee agendas.
- (b) At all meetings of the City Council and a Committee, whether regular or special, each member of the corporate authorities and the Committee, as case may be, shall be limited to speaking only twice on each agenda item, and not more than three (3) minutes each time. The Mayor and the Chair of the Committee may provide information and clarification regarding agenda items and other issues and topics of discussion as they arise as well as participate in discussion and debate on the same. In order for the Mayor and the Chair of the Committee to participate in discussion and debate, he/she shall yield the chair to a Council or Committee member, as the case may be.
- (c) Nothing in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Rule shall be deemed or construed as limiting the amount of time in which a member of the corporate authorities or a Committee, as the case may be, may ask questions of a member of the public, City staff, or other person who is scheduled or who has requested to present information on an agenda item or, in

the case of public input, on any matter presented during the public input portion of the meeting.

- (d) The City Council, the Committee of the Whole, and other City Council Committees composed solely of the corporate authorities may, by a majority vote of the members thereof, extend or otherwise alter the debate time limits provided in this Rule.

Rule 4. Draft Resolutions and Ordinances Presented by Alderpersons and Committee Members

In those instances where an Alderperson or Committee member seeks adoption of a resolution or an ordinance and has a draft document, the Alderperson or said member shall provide a copy of the same to the City Clerk who will include it in the meeting packets for distribution to Alderpersons or Committee members, as the case may be, and post it on the appropriate meeting website. Optionally, the member may ask the Clerk to forward the item to appropriate staff for a specified level of review and editing. For topic title inclusion on the agenda and materials provided in packets, members may consult the City Clerk's schedule.

Rule 5. Appointments

All appointments to City commissions, boards and task forces, and all appointments of non-Civil Service City Officers, shall be submitted, in writing, and with vita, to the City Council with the regular distribution of the agenda and other materials prior to the City Council meeting at which said appointments are to be acted upon. The requirement for inclusion of vita shall not apply to reappointments to City commissions, boards and task forces or to reappointments of non-Civil Service City Officers.

Rule 6. Committee of the Whole Chair

- (a) The Chair of the Committee of the Whole position shall rotate among the Alderpersons of each Ward in numerical order of such Wards beginning after the swearing in of Alderpersons following an aldermanic election or appointment with Ward 1 and following through Ward 7. The Vice-Chair shall be the Alderperson of the Ward that bears the next highest number, except Ward 1 shall follow Ward 7.
- (b) The Chair shall be in office from the time of adjournment of that Council meeting which precedes the Committee meeting for which the Chair shall serve and shall continue through adjournment of the subsequent City Council meeting. The Vice-Chair shall be in office only during a meeting where the scheduled Chair is not in attendance, where the Chair relinquishes to enter debate, or as delegated by the Chair.
- (c) The Committee of the Whole shall not be bound or limited by Robert's Rules of Order with respect to propriety of motions that can be made. Any parliamentary motion that would be in order at a regular City Council meeting shall be in order at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole.
- (d) Since the Committee of the Whole is not vested with authority to take final action, all proposed motions, resolutions and ordinances that receive a second shall be voted upon

by voice vote. If it is unclear as to the tally of votes by voice vote, then the Chair shall call for a vote by a show of hands.

Rule 7. Time Limits for Presentations Made at the Invitation of City Council or a Committee

Presentations made at the request or invitation of the City Council or a Committee, as the case may be, shall be limited to no more than ten (10) minutes per presentation regardless of the number of individuals who respond to the request or invitation. The City Council or the Committee, by a majority vote of their respective members, may extend the time limits provided in this Rule for a specified additional amount of time.

Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed as amending or modifying Urbana City Code Section. 2-4. - Public meetings, concerning time limitations for addressing the City Council or a Committee during the public input portion of their respective meetings.

Rule 8. Observance of Rules

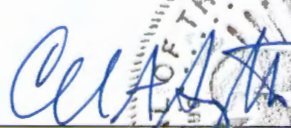
Unless directed otherwise, all City Council Committees composed solely of the corporate authorities shall follow the procedures set forth in these Rules. These Rules are adopted to expedite the transaction of the business of the City Council in an orderly fashion during City Council and Committee meetings and are deemed to be procedural only. The failure to strictly observe such Rules by the City Council or a Committee shall neither affect the jurisdiction of these public bodies nor invalidate any action taken by any of them at a meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 16th day of December, 2019.

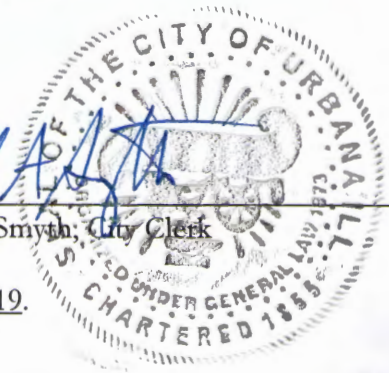
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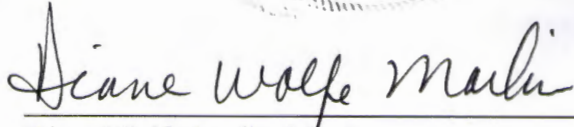
ABSTENTIONS:



Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk



APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 17th day of December, 2019.



Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor