



# RULES OF PROCEDURE

Council Office - Proposed Amendments



# REQUESTS

- General language clean-up, punctuation, renumbering/lettering, relocation
- 5.10 & 5.20 – Setting Time for Organizational Meetings (Discuss)
- New Language
  - 5.35 – Addresses desire to have more flexibility for canceling/adding Committee meetings.
  - 6.20 – Order of Business – Add “Presentations” for anything scheduled outside of a regular Hearing of Visitors or Public Hearing. Remove “Introductions and Assignments to Committee” and “Committee Updates.”

# ACTUAL PRACTICE VS. CURRENT RULES



See proposed amendments to 8.11, 8.12, 8.14, 8.20, 8.21, 8.22, 8.40, 8.41

## ACTUAL PRACTICE VS. CURRENT RULES

- At one time, Council had multiple committees, not just Committee of the Whole and Finance (which also conducts itself as a committee of the whole). Ex: *Development & Parks, Public Service & Safety*.
- Assignments to Committees were made as part of the “introduction” on the regular Council agenda for items to progress in-between first and second reading.

# AND WHAT DOES CHARTER SAY?



## SECTION 4.12 - LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

*Four (4) members of Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.*

*All legislative action of Council shall be in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and the statute laws of the State of Ohio, and as further provided in this Charter. **Any formal resolution or ordinance must be introduced in written or printed form**, which shall contain no more than one (1) subject, which subject shall be clearly expressed in its title.*

# FORMS OF LEGISLATION

- ✓ Ordinances
- ✓ Resolutions
- ✓ Motions



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*“Motion Resolutions”?*

*“Statutory Resolutions”?*



# DO WE NEED TO READ?

## SECTION 4.12 - LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

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*Every ordinance **shall be read by title** at two (2) different Council meetings, **unless Council votes to suspend** this rule. Such suspension of the rules shall require the affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of Council if all members are present, or the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if one or more members are absent. If this rule is suspended in accordance with the foregoing provisions, then the ordinance shall be read by title once before the passage.*

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Changes modeled after Planning Commission public comment rules
- Less adversarial approach using “general comment” rules
- Consistent with public expectations on ordinary Hearing of Visitors rules
- Makes no distinction between a typical public hearing and a “finance hearing”

See proposed amendments to 9.11, 9.13, 9.20.1

QUESTIONS?

