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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Abigail Flynn, City Clerk's Department
Through: Jack Savo Jr, City Manager
Date: March 4th, 2026
Re: Ordinance 2026-04, Unanimous Consent

SUMMARY: Staff requests Council authorization to introduce an ordinance amending DMC 2.09.160 to authorize the use of unanimous consent for Council, board, and commission actions.

The amendment allows action without roll call when no member objects. If objection occurs, a recorded roll call vote is required.

Council action is needed to introduce the ordinance and set a public hearing.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

- DMC 2.09.160 currently requires recorded roll call votes for ordinances, resolutions, and substantive motions.
- The Code Committee recommended forwarding this ordinance following discussion on February 12, 2026

BACKGROUND: Currently, all substantive actions require roll call votes. During Code Committee discussion, members expressed interest in allowing unanimous consent as a parliamentary tool to streamline meetings.

The ordinance:

- Authorizes unanimous consent when no member objects
- Requires roll call if any objection is stated
- Applies to Council, boards, and commissions
- Permits use during remote participation

DISCUSSION:

1. Efficiency

Reduces time spent on uncontested roll calls.

2. Transparency

If objection occurs, a roll call vote is still required.

3. Parliamentary Clarity

Establishes a clear procedure rather than informal practice.

4. Remote Participation

Explicitly addresses telephonic and videoconference participation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Maintain current roll call requirement for all actions.
2. Allow unanimous consent only for non-substantive matters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

There are no anticipated negative financial impacts.

LEGAL: The ordinance maintains compliance with open meetings law and preserves recorded voting when required. Our legal team has reviewed this ordinance and made small changes. The version that you see here has their approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Introduce Ordinance 2026-05 and schedule for public hearing.

PROPOSED MOTION:

“I move to introduce Ordinance No. 2026-04 amending DMC 2.09 regarding voting procedures.”

“I move to schedule a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-04 on [insert date], 2026.”

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Ordinance 2026-04