

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Consider amendment to appendix A of the Council Rules to add the Mayor as a non-voting, ex officio member of the General Government Committee

Meeting Dates: General Government Committee on 6/23/2026 and Common Council on 7/7/2026

Requested by: Mayor Karin Tepley

Background: As adopted, Appendix A composes the General Government Committee of the Chairs of the Budget, Public Works, and Personnel Committees. The Mayor is not currently a member. Separately, Section 4.07(D) of the Council Rules restricts Council Members — including the Mayor — from speaking at committee meetings of which they are not a member, except during public comment or with the Chair's permission.

The request: The Mayor would be added as a non-voting, ex officio member of the General Government Committee only. The Mayor would not vote, would not make motions, and would not count toward the Committee's quorum. The seat would not extend to any other committee, board, or commission.

What the amendment does: It revises General Government Committee item A to add the ex officio seat, defines "non-voting" to exclude both voting and motions, excludes the Mayor from the quorum count, and includes a limited override of Section 4.07(D) so the Mayor may participate in deliberations of this Committee notwithstanding that restriction.

General Government Committee Action: *Motion by Walters, second by Cairns, to amend Appendix A of the Council Rules to add the mayor as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the General Government Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

Suggested Action:

Motion to amend Appendix A of the Council Rules, General Government Committee item A, to add the mayor as a non-voting, ex officio member of the General Government Committee, who shall not vote, shall not make motions, and shall not be counted toward the Committee's quorum.