

Proposed Amendments to Council Rules

- I. Amendment 1- Rules 8B(1-4) and 5D(6)

Rule 8B - Decorum

1. The City Council is comprised of individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds, personalities, values, opinions, and goals. Despite this diversity, all have chosen to serve in public office in order to preserve and protect the present and future of the community. The public stage provided during business meetings should be used to show how individuals with disparate points of view can find common ground and seek compromise designed to benefit the community as a whole.

~~1~~ **2. The Presiding Officer will preserve decorum during meetings and decide all points of order, subject to appeal of the Council. An appeal shall substantially conform to the following procedure:**

- a. A Member of Council desiring to appeal a decision of the Presiding Officer shall state “I appeal from the decision of the Presiding Officer.” The appeal must be seconded to move forward.**
- b. If the appeal is seconded, the Presiding Officer shall state the exact question at issue and explain the reason for the decision.**
- c. Members of Council shall then debate the matter.**
- d. After debate has concluded, the Council will vote to decide whether the decision of the Presiding Officer shall be sustained. The Presiding Officer shall have a vote on the matter.**

- e. **After the result of the vote is announced, business shall resume in accordance with the decision.**

~~2.~~ **3.** Members of the Council will preserve decorum during meetings, and must not, by conversation or action, delay or interrupt the proceedings or refuse to obey the orders of the Presiding Officer or these rules. **Members of Council shall not engage in personal attacks of any kind or otherwise belittle or intimidate Members of Council or any speaker.**

4. In the event a Member of Council is personally offended by the actions or remarks of another Member of Council, they should note the action or actual words used and call for a “point of personal privilege” that challenges the other Member to justify the action or the language used. A point of personal privilege shall substantially conform to the following procedure:

- a. **A Member of Council desiring to raise a personal point of privilege shall state “I rise to a question of personal privilege.”**
- b. **The Presiding Officer shall request the Member of Council to state their question of privilege.**
- c. **The Member of Council shall describe issue and request the issue be remedied.**
- d. **The Presiding Officer shall review the matter and act in accordance with these Rules.**

~~3.~~ **5.** City staff and all other persons attending meetings must observe the Council’s rules of proceedings and adhere to the same standards of decorum as members of Council.

~~4. 6. All audience members must abide by the rules of decorum contained in these Rules. No~~
audience member may **engage in behavior that results in an actual disruption of the Council meeting.**

~~disrupt the conduct of the meeting, clap, cheer, hoot, holler, gesture, whistle, guffaw, jeer, boo, hiss, make remarks out of turn, use profanity, or the like. Any audience member who does so will be deemed out of order and the Presiding Officer may have the person removed from the Council chambers immediately, and the person will not be permitted to attend the remainder of that Council meeting. The Presiding Officer may request that the audience member be arrested for disorderly conduct if the disruption threatens the safety and security of the public.~~

Rule 5D - Public Comment

6. All remarks must be addressed to the Council as a whole. Any person **engaging in behavior causing an actual disruption of the meeting** ~~making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous, threatening, or personally abusive while addressing the Council,~~ may be requested to leave the meeting. ~~Applause, boos or other public demonstrations by those attending the Council meeting are considered inappropriate behavior.~~

II. Amendment 2- Rule 5A(1)

Rule 5A- Motions

1. ~~All motions must be distinctly worded.~~ **The Presiding Officer shall ensure that the wording of motions are clear.**

III. Amendment 3- Rule 2H- Attendance at Meetings

Rule 2H(3)

~~Attendance at meetings must be in person, by telephone, or other electronic means where the person's voice may be heard. The preference of the Council is for all members of Council to attend in person.~~

3. Telephonic/electronic meetings may be held in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law. While Members of Council are expected to attend in-person whenever possible, members may participate and vote in City Council meetings via telephone, electronically or by other virtual means consistent with the Oregon Public Meetings Law if personal circumstances require such attendance. Whenever possible, Members of Council shall notify the Presiding Officer, Manager and Deputy City Recorder the week before a scheduled Council meeting before electing to attend virtually.

Rule 2H(4)

~~A member of Council should not attend by telephone, or other electronic means where the person's voice may be heard, more than two consecutive meetings. A m~~**Members of Council attending virtually are expected to appearing by telephone, or other electronic means where the person's voice may be heard, should remain present for the entire meeting, unless an absence is due to it is the result of a malfunction or technical issue out of the control of the Councilor. If attending virtually with video capabilities, Members of City Council are expected to have their video turned on.**

IV. Amendment 4- Rule 12- Travel Policy

Rule 12E(3)(a)- Airfare

The City will pay for roundtrip, coach airfare. Members of Council are expected to look for the least expensive fare available within the appropriate arrival/ departure times. **However, Members of Council may choose to book a premium economy class seat if personal circumstances require or for any flight over two hours long.** If the Member of Council makes first-class or business- class travel reservations, the member of Council must pay the difference between those rates and the ~~coach rate~~ **City-paid airfare.**

V. Rule 8A- Ethics; **Training**

4. In addition to any training required by state law, every Member of Council shall attend or view an Oregon Government Ethics training prepared by the Oregon Government and Ethics Commission or the City Attorney at least once during the member's term of office.

5. Every Member of Council shall attend or view a Council Rules training prepared by the City Manager or City Attorney within one year of assuming office.