



City of
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MINUTES

Rules Committee

Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Councilmembers Clare Kelly, Krissie Harris, Jonathan Nieuwsma, Bobby Burns, Thomas Suffredin (virtual), Eleanor Revelle, Devon Reid, Juan Geracaris, and Mayor Daniel Biss

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Councilmember Melissa Wynne

STAFF PRESENT:

Luke Stowe, City Manager, Nicholas Cummings, Corporation Counsel, David Stoneback, Deputy City Manager and Audrey Thompson, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

(I) CALL TO ORDER - COUNCILMEMBER GERACARIS

Chair Geracaris declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

(II) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Geracaris read from email: Dick Malone, Executive Director of Center for Independent Futures is in support of R3: Ordinance 107-O-22.

Chair Geracaris read from email: Trisha Connelly is in support of R2: Resolution 108-R-22 and also R3. In addition, she asked the City to provide an update on the Commission on Aging.

(III) RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RM1. Approval of the Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Staff recommends approval of the minutes for the Rules Committee meeting of September 19, 2022.

Moved by Mayor Biss

Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Councilmembers Kelly, Harris, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Mayor Biss

Approved on Roll Call Vote 9-0 on a recorded vote

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

R1. Approval of the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule

Approval of the 2023 City Council meeting schedule

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Nieuwsma

Ayes: Councilmembers Kelly, Harris, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris and Mayor Biss

Approved on Roll Call Vote 9-0

R2. Resolution 108-R-22, Amending City Council Rule 9.7 to Add Additional Councilmembers to the Referrals Committee

Councilmember Burns requests that the Rules Committee forward Resolution 108-R-22, Amending City Council Rule 9.7 to Add Additional Councilmembers to the Referrals Committee, to the City Council for adoption.

Moved by Councilmember Burns
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Motion to table to the next Rules Committee meeting
Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Councilmembers Kelly, Harris, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Mayor Biss

Approved 9-0 on a recorded vote

R3. Ordinance 107-O-22, Amending Title 2, Chapter 3 of the City Code amending the name of the Commission on Aging to the Commission on Aging and Disabilities

Staff requests that the Rules Committee review Ordinance 107-O-22, Amending Title 2, Chapter 3 of the City Code, amending the name of the Commission on Aging to the Commission on Aging and Disabilities, and recommend that it be sent to the City Council for adoption.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Revelle

Ayes: Councilmembers Kelly, Harris, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris and Mayor Biss

Nays: Councilmember Suffredin

Approved 9-0

R4. **Ordinance 109-O-22 Amending City Code Title 2, Chapter 6 "Social Services Committee"**

Staff requests that the Rules Committee review and recommend approval by City Council of Ordinance 109-O-22, amending City Code Title 2 Chapter 6 "Social Services Committee" to have recommendations from that committee go directly to the City Council, making a more efficient, consistent, and transparent process for funding social services programs.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember

Ayes: Councilmembers Kelly, Harris, Nieuwsma, Burns, Reville, Reid, Geracaris,
and Mayor Biss

Approved 9-0

(V) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

D1. **Communication support for Councilmembers**

Councilmembers Burns submitted a referral earlier this year that suggests an allocation of up to \$135,000 (up to \$15,000 per Ward) for a part-time contractor position(s) to assist Councilmembers in communications, community engagement, and related efforts.

Moved by Councilmember Burns
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

(VI) **ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

(VII) **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:06pm.