



Rules Committee

Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kelly, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Reid, Geracaris, Mayor Biss

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Councilmembers Burns, Suffredin, Revelle

COMMITTEE MEMBER VIRTUAL: Councilmember Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Alison Leipsiger, Policy Coordinator; Dave Stoneback, Deputy City Manager; Luke Stowe, City Manager

(I) CALL TO ORDER - COUNCILMEMBER BURNS

Meeting began at 5:21 PM

(II) PUBLIC COMMENT

(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 June 5, 2023

Moved by Councilmember Reid

Seconded by Councilmember Wynne

Ayes: Mayor Biss, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Nieuwsma, Councilmember Reid, and Councilmember Geracaris

Approved 6-0 on a recorded vote

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

R1. Resolution 4-R-23, Amending City Council Rule 1 to Add Rule 1.3, Adjournment

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 4-R-23, amending the City Council Rules to include Rule 1.3 Adjournment.

Moved by Councilmember Kelly
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Councilmember Nieuwsma moves to make an amendment adding the word "action" and to include referrals.
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Ayes: Mayor Biss, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Nieuwsma, Councilmember Reid, and Councilmember Geracaris

On the Resolution, as adopted:

Ayes: Mayor Biss, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Nieuwsma, Councilmember Reid, and Councilmember Geracaris

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

R2. **Ordinance 56-O-23, Adding Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 5, "Small Donor Matching System for Fair Elections"**

Councilmember Geracaris recommends approval of Ordinance 56-O-23, creating a Small Donor Matching Fund for Fair Elections.

Moved by Councilmember Geracaris
Seconded by Mayor Biss

Councilmember Reid moves to limit eligibility to 80% AMI or lower
Motion fails for a lack of second

Councilmember Reid moves to add the three wards with the highest poverty rates (2nd Ward, 5th Ward, 8th Ward)
Motion fails for lack of second

Councilmember Nieuwsma moves to table the ordinance to the next Rules Committee meeting
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Ayes: Councilmember Nieuwsma, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Harris
Nays: Councilmember Kelly, Mayor Biss, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Geracaris

Fails 4-3 on a recorded vote

On the underlying ordinance:

Ayes: Mayor Biss, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Geracaris
Nays: Councilmember Reid

Approved 6-1 on a recorded vote

R3. **Ordinance 67-O-23, Amending Title 2, Chapter 20, "Finance and Budget Committee"**

Councilmembers Kelly, Burns and Reid request the Rules Committee recommend approval of Ordinance 67-O-23, Amending Title 2, Chapter 20, "Finance and Budget Committee" of the Evanston City Code, to the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Kelly
Seconded by Councilmember Wynne

Ayes: Mayor Biss, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Nieuwsma, Councilmember Reid, and Councilmember Geracaris

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

(V) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

D1. **Discussion Regarding Sending Special Use Permit Applications, Unique Use Applications, Major Variation Applications and Planned Development Applications Directly to City Council from Land Use Commission**

Staff seeks direction from the Rules Committee on having Special Use Permit Applications, Unique Use Applications, Major Variation Applications and Planned Development Applications go directly from the Land Use Commission to the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Mayor Biss

Committee members gave direction, generally, to continue hearing Land Use Commission items at Planning and Development before the items appear on a Council agenda.

(VI) **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:50 PM