

## **DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF CITY COUNCIL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Addendum to Resolution 15--2**

The items contained in the formally adopted order of business for the Coon Rapids City Council shall have the meanings commonly associated therewith unless otherwise defined or explained herein.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** This order of business is the appropriate time for the Mayor and Councilmembers to add, delete, or change items on the agenda as proposed by the City Manager. A majority of those present must approve additions, deletions or changes to the proposed agenda. After an agenda has been formally adopted, any change thereto shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present.

2. **CONSENT/ INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Consent items are those business items which must be acted upon by the City Council, but which are routine and generally do not require any discussion or debate. Informational items do not require formal action and are provided as an update or comment to an item of interest to the Council. The City Manager is authorized to prepare a list of consent items, but any Councilmember or the Mayor may request that a particular consent item be removed from the consent list and placed on the regular agenda. This action should be taken at the time the agenda is formally adopted.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The Mayor will make every effort to ensure that each speaker giving testimony at a public hearing provides new information and does not simply reiterate the testimony of a previous speaker. Persons will be allowed to associate themselves with previously expressed opinions by approaching the podium, stating their name and address, and indicating their concurrence with a particular prior speaker. The Mayor will also make every reasonable effort to control, and where possible prevent, demonstrations which might occur during public hearings whether the demonstrations are preplanned or spontaneous.

4. **OPEN MIC:** This order of business provides a time for members of the public to approach the Council and comment, ask questions, present a concern or make a statement specifically relating to City business that is not already on the agenda for that meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes and will be informed by the Mayor when their time is concluded. The Mayor will advise the audience of the time limit when introducing the Open Mic portion of the meeting. The speaker will be asked to come to the podium set up for that purpose, state his or her name and address, and give his or her statement, question or concern. Councilmembers may speak briefly to an Open Mic item for the purposes of asking for clarification, providing additional, pertinent information, or responding to questions raised by the speaker or another Councilmember. The Mayor will explain to the speaker that the statement, question or concern will be referred to the City staff for review and then a report will be sent to the speaker prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. It is recognized that not all issues may be resolved at or prior to the next Council meeting, but the speaker will be informed of the progress on the issue prior to the next meeting. By the following Friday or as soon thereafter as is practical, Staff will provide Council with a draft response to the Open Mic comments. Following Council concurrence with the response, the Open Mic Report will be included as part of the next regular meeting agenda. The speaker will be provided a copy of the report and any subsequent reports until the matter is resolved.

Speakers are prohibited from engaging in personal attacks on Councilmembers, staff, or

members of the public. Should this occur, the presiding officer will inform the speaker his/her opportunity to address Council has been relinquished and the person must leave the podium.

5. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: This order of business provides an opportunity for Councilmembers and staff to bring up any issues which were not on the agenda. These issues may include, but are not limited to, such items as questions or concerns of Councilmembers, questions or concerns that have been expressed to Councilmembers by citizens and suggestions by Councilmembers for future workshops which will be scheduled upon consensus of the Council.

Items may be placed on or removed from an agenda by any Councilmember in accordance with the following procedures:

A. PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON AN AGENDA. Any Councilmember may have an item placed on a meeting agenda up until the time the agenda is formally adopted at the Council meeting. Thereafter additions to the agenda will be permitted only upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members present in accordance with the adopted rules of procedure.

Items submitted by the Wednesday preceding a regular Council meeting will be included in the original printing of the agenda. Thereafter, items requested by Councilmembers will be included in the recommended additions, deletions and amendments distributed at the Council meeting.

B. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM AN AGENDA. Any Councilmember who has placed an item on an agenda will be given the courtesy to remove that item from the agenda at any time prior to the formal adoption of the agenda. Thereafter an item may be removed from the agenda with a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members present in accordance with the adopted rules of procedure.

If an item which was placed on an agenda is deleted at the originator's request prior to the meeting, the City Manager will advise the Council as part of the additional agenda materials provided prior to the meeting. Any such removed item may be placed on the next or any subsequent meeting agenda by the originator of the item or by any other Councilmember.

Any Councilmember who will be absent from a meeting may have any item on that meeting's proposed agenda removed or postponed by notifying the Mayor or the City Manager no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting.

However, if the item has been placed on the agenda by another Councilmember, then it can be removed or postponed only with the concurrence of that Councilmember.

Adopted by the Coon Rapids City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk