



The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter - Draft
City Council Rules Committee

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Carlyle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Vice Chair Rob Binney
Chairperson Trish Carlyle
Councilmember Phyllis Edson
Councilmember Fred DeMoro

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Arbo

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Binney made a motion to approve the agenda as published. Seconded by Councilmember Demoro. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF ACTION LETTER

Councilmember Binney made a motion to approve the Action Letters from August 16, 2017 and September 5, 2017. Seconded by Councilmember DeMoro. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

A. [2017-1469](#) Approval of Action Letter for the August 16, 2017 City Council Rules Committee

B. [2017-1507](#) Approval of Action Letter for the September 5, 2017 City Council Rules Committee

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. [2017-0867](#) Creating a formal ethics policy for the City Council - Cont. from 9-26-16.

The Councilmembers discussed a few items for clarification, changes and overall general discussion regarding the proposed ethics policy.

After the discussion, it was decided to remove section: 2-62 Definitions - item number A.7 titled: "Dependent child in his/her custody" and Section 2-65 - item B and C by adding "2/3 majority of the entire Council including the Mayor" Both changes are reflected in the motion made by Councilmember Binney (below).

Discussion:

There was a question regarding what would happen if the Mayor was part of the investigation (Sec. 2-65). City Attorney Head stated that whoever is being investigated doesn't vote and that he would reword language in the section to clarify what happens if the Mayor is investigated.

After the Roll Call Vote, Chairperson Carlyle wanted to ensure that as the State Statutes change, that this Ordinance will be updated to reflect the changes.

City Attorney Head stated that he would add a provision that the Ordinance is reviewed yearly to ensure compliance with State Statutes.

Councilmember Carlyle inquired regarding how to ensure that all new Councilmembers going forward are aware of the Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Head stated that the ordinance would go into the Rules book that is provided to the Councilmembers and it will be added to the initial orientation with all new potential candidates once the filing is closed. He also stated that he can have something put in the ordinance as a WHEREAS that states "the clerk shall cause a copy of these Ethics Rules to be provided to each candidate for City Council and the Councilmembers shall receive orientation on the applicability of these rules".

The Committee members were in consensus to add the additional language suggested and the motion is as follows:

Councilmember Binney moved to recommend approval to the City Council approving the Ordinance Amending Article III. Officers and Employees, Chapter 2. Administration of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit by repealing Section 2-61 and enacting ten new sections relating to a Code of Ethics, Financial Disclosure and Code of Conduct modifying Sec. 2-62 Definitions, striking definition number 7 Dependent Child in his/her custody and amending Sec. 2-65 Procedures in sections B and C making the threshold a 2/3 majority vote including the Mayor. Seconded by Councilmember DeMoro. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

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Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Binney
Chairperson Carlyle
Councilmember Edson
Councilmember DeMoro

B. 2017-1474 Unpublished Items and Motions during Council Meetings

After brief general discussion it was decided to bring this item back to the next meeting and call it "Further Defining Council Roundtable."

This Discussion Item was continued to the City Council Rules Committee due back on 11/7/2017

7. ROUNDTABLE

8. ADJOURNMENT

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