

Sec. 2-60.4. - Duties of Committee Chair; Committee organization.

- A. It is the duty of the Chair to preside at all sessions of the committee. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair of the committee shall preside, and in his/her absence a member appointed by the Chair.
- B. The Chair, while the committee is in session, shall preserve order and decorum in and adjacent to the committee or meeting room and shall conduct all hearings in accordance with the Rules of the Council.
- C. The Chair shall have custody of all bills, proposed ordinances, papers and other documents referred to the committee and shall make reports authorized by the committee and submit the same to the Council without delay.
- D. An affirmative vote of a majority of committee members shall be required to recommend an item to City Council for approval. Whenever a motion that a bill or proposed ordinance be "recommended to the City Council for approval" shall fail, or if there is an even division on the question, the Chair shall report on said bill or proposed ordinance with respective committee voting results to the full Council.
- E. When a motion has been decided by a committee, any member voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote provided that: (1) the Chair still has possession of the bill or proposed ordinance; and (2) the motion to reconsider is made on the same day on which the motion was decided or at the next day on which the committee convenes with a quorum present at a properly scheduled meeting at which the original motion would be in order. A majority of the members appointed to the committee is required to sustain any motion to reconsider.

(Ord. No. 8789, § 2, 12-17-2019)

STAFF COMMENT: The operative provision is subsection D above. It seems that we have two questions that we need to answer:

1. Does this mean that a majority of the entire committee is required to recommend approval or does it mean that a majority of those present and voting a quorum being found is required to recommend approval? We should clarify this to cure any questions
2. The provision only states that the Chair shall report on the results, it does not say that the bill goes to the full City Council. We should clarify this as well.