

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022

4:00 PM

via video conferencing

Notice is hereby given that the Rules Committee of the City of Lee's Summit will meet on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of the City of Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2021, Ordinance No. 9172.

Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofls.net to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The City Clerk will provide instructions regarding how to attend by this method.

The meeting may be viewed on the City website at www.WatchLS.net, and various cable providers (Spectrum channel 2, Google TV channel 143, AT&T U-Verse channel 99 and Comcast channel 7) for those whose cable providers carry the City of Lee's Summit meetings.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Felker called the meeting of the City Council Rules Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Present: 4 - Chairperson Andrew Felker
Vice Chair Faith Hodges
Councilmember Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Phyllis Edson

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember DeMoro made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 City Council Rules Committee Agenda. Motion was Seconded by Councilmember Edson. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Felker
Vice Chair Hodges
Councilmember DeMoro
Councilmember Edson

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Items for Discussion

- A. [2022-5013](#) Approval of the Action Letter for March 14, 2022 City Council Rules Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Edson made a motion to approve the Action Letter from the March 14, 2022 City Council Rules Committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember DeMoro. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Felker
Vice Chair Hodges
Councilmember DeMoro
Councilmember Edson

- B. **TMP-2357** An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Rule 6. Voting of Section 2-49. - Rules of Order of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri providing generally for the method of voting for the City Council and Council Committees.

Brian Head explained the suggested change to the previously approved Ordinance regarding Rule 6. Voting Section 2-49 Rules of Order of the Code of Ordinances relating to "physical" and "virtual" attendance requirements for Councilmembers at City Council meetings.

After brief discussion regarding some concerns posed by Councilmember Edson relative to resident requirements as it relates to virtual attendance. For example: if Councilmember (s) own two homes and spend 6 months out of the City limits, or if a Councilmember(s) wanted to avoid contentious agenda items, they could take advantage of the virtual attendance option. She wondered how that would effect the residency requirements to hold office as a Councilmember for the City of Lee's Summit.

Staff reminded the Committee that the City Council can always change the rules in the future if abuse of the virtual option was noted.

Consensus of the Committee was to update the suggested changes to the ordinance (see motion below) and leave it up to the future Council(s) when or if they believe it needs to change again.

Councilmember DeMoro made a motion regarding the Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Rule 6. Voting of Section 2-49 - Rules of Order of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri providing generally for the method of voting for the City Council and Council Committees to send to the full Council for approval. Councilmember Edson seconded the motion. Motion passed with vote 4-0.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Felker
Vice Chair Hodges
Councilmember DeMoro
Councilmember Edson

- C. **2022-5048** Reappointments to Boards and Commissions - Continued Discussion

Brian Head introduced Item number 2022-5048 regarding Ordinance 9375

providing rules related to the appointment of Board and Commission members. Mr. Head mentioned that Sec. 2-254 provides for the information required of new applicants but is ambiguous as to whether that applies to those being reappointed.

Mr. Head mentioned that after discussion with the Council, Staff has requested that those individuals reappointed to Boards and Commissions also update their information on file. Mr. Head proposed adding the word "reappointment" to the language clarifying it's intent.

After some discussion, the Consensus from the Committee was to have Mr. Head revise the Ordinance by adding the word reappointment where appropriate and bringing it back to a future Rules Committee meeting for further review.

6. Roundtable

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Brian Head will draft an amendment to the "reconsidering" rule and bring it to the next Rules Committee meeting for discussion.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Felker adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.