



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

Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Rules Committee for the City of Lee's Summit will meet on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:30 pm via video conference as provided by Section 610.015 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, City Hall will be physically closed and therefore, the public is invited to attend by viewing the meeting 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. In the event that the meeting cannot be broadcast via www.WatchLS.net and the cable channels noted above, this agenda will be amended to include directions for the public to attend via the Zoom software platform at www.Zoom.com; such amendment will include a specific link to attend the committee meeting. Additionally, persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda may do so in writing prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, either by e-mail to: clerk@cityofls.net, by leaving a voicemail at 816-969-1005 or by leaving written printed comments in the utility payments drop boxes located in the alley behind City Hall or inside the foyer at the north end of City Hall, both located at 220 SE Green Street, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. Written comments submitted by these methods will be presented at the meeting.

Preliminaries

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order

Councilmember Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff present:

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Cheryl Nash

Present: 4 - Chairperson Trish Carlyle
Vice Chair Bob Johnson
Councilmember Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Rob Binney

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember DeMoro made a motion to approve the Agenda of the May 7, 2020 Rules Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote 4-0.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Business

- A. [2020-3329](#) Approval of the City Council Rules Committee Action Letter for February 6, 2020.

Councilmember DeMoro made a motion to approve the Action Letter for February 6, 2020. Motion was Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was 4-0.

- B. [2020-3330](#) Discussion regarding Sec. 2-60.6 - Other Duties. of the Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances (Committee Authority regarding Contracts).

Brian introduced this item explaining the suggested changes to Section 2-57. Rule 1.7 -"Other Duties" as it relates to committee authority to review and recommend contracts.

The discussion was regarding if Committee's should have authority to approve contracts that fall under their subject matter and if so, does that need to be spelled out specifically in each of the Committee's definitions under Section 2-60.3 "Duties of the regular Standing Committees".

After extensive discussion, there was Consensus of the Committee to:

1. Keep the suggested changes to Section 2-57. Rule 1.7 as presented.
2. Bring the definitions of each Committee's duties to a future meeting (providing space for suggested changes) to be:
 - a. reviewed and changed if needed providing clarification of their role as it pertains to authority of contracts, and,
 - b. being specific regarding what the term "subject matter" includes, and,
 - c. updating any other part of the definition that might need to be changed.

Once both are completed, they would go before the full Council for approval.

This discussion item was continued to the City Council Rules Committee on 6/4/2020.

- C. [BILL NO. 20-92](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article III. Officers and Employees, Division 1. Ethics, Financial reporting and Code of Conduct, Subdivision III. Code of Conduct of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, by enacting a new section 2-82 Social Media., for the purpose of establishing rules related to the use and archiving of social media by elected officials. (Rules 5/7/20)

Brian Head gave a recap of the previous discussions involving archiving social media for Councilmembers and presented the updated draft policy that came out of those discussions.

Discussion involved:

1. Clarification on what constitutes an Elected Officials "Official Account" vs their Personal Account and Campaign Account and the process for designating the account to be archived.

Mr. Head mentioned that for the safety of the elected officials, the City is going to be archiving the accounts designated as their "Elected Official" accounts where City business is discussed. He mentioned there needs to be a clear line distinguishing the Councilmembers elected official accounts as those will be archived once the policy is in effect.

Ms. Cheryl Nash informed the Council that the City currently has the capability to search for elected officials accounts and if they find one that isn't being archived, they send an email requesting permission to archive. She also mentioned that they don't read through all the information on an account unless there is a sunshine law request or another need, and if that occurs, they are able to search by key words.

Mr. Head further suggested that the Councilmember's not identify themselves as a councilmember on their personal accounts and to redirect conversations of a city nature to their official account.

After the discussion, Brian mentioned that he would change the date on the document to June 23, 2020 instead of the original date of Sine Die.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to have TMP-1512 entitled "An Ordinance amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article III. Officers and Employees, Division 1. Ethics, Financial reporting and Code of Conduct, Subdivision III. Code of Conduct of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, by enacting a new section 2-82 Social Media, for the purpose of establishing rules related to the use and archiving of social media by elected officials be approved and moved to the full Council for approval and discussion. Vote 4-0.

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

6. Roundtable

Brian Head explained that he received a request from the Mayor to create a new rule related to appointments made by the Mayor to the Park Board.

The Mayor requested to have appointments made prior to the first meeting in April. This had previously been done in May.

Mr. Head will draft language with input from the Park Board, regarding this request and bring it to the Rules Committee at their June meeting.

Councilmember Binney will inform the Park Board of this request.

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Carlyle adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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