



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

Monday, August 22, 2016

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Seif called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chairperson Seif Diane
Vice Chair Mosby Dave
Councilmember Binney Rob
Councilmember Carlyle Trish

Guests in attendance:

Jina Bellamy

Steve Arbo

Brian Head

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

4. APPROVAL OF ACTION LETTER

A. [2016-0457](#) Approval of Action Letter - March 9, 2016

On motion of Councilmember Binney and Seconded by Councilmember Carlyle, the Action Letter for March 9, 2016 was unanimously approved by the Committee.

5. Discussion: Develop procedures and policy for City Council to procure and use outside, independent legal or miscellaneous resources.

Councilmember Seif gave a brief background on this item. She mentioned that \$50,000.00 had been set aside in the Budget Program to allow for outside Counsel to be hired when needed.

There was general discussion regarding the intent of hiring outside counsel and if there were times when it was needed.

City Manager Steve Arbo reminded the Committee that the City Council

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already has the right to request a second opinion in rare instances where a majority of the Council requests it.

The Committee decided to report to the full Council that the Rules Committee was not going to take action regarding how to handle the \$50,000.00 budgeted.

Councilmember Binney moved to table this item with a report to the full Council that we had lengthy discussion with regard to the use of that funding and at this time we are not willing to take action. Councilmember Carlyle Seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. All were in favor except Councilmember Mosby. Motion passed 3-1

6. ROUNDTABLE:

There was general discussion regarding future agenda topics. Those items slated for the next agenda are:

1. The Council being informed in advance about guests attending Closed Sessions.
2. Start times for Committee meetings not being held before 5:00 p.m.
3. Adopting a formal ethic's policy for the City Council (City Attorney will research what other Cities have done in relation to their ethics policies.)
4. Process of bringing something to a Committee. The Rules Committee would like to review the ordinance.

The Committee also discussed setting up a standard date and time to hold future Rules Committee meetings. The Committee decided on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. directly following the Council's Communications Task Force meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Seif adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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