

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

Monday, February 28, 2022 12:00 PM

Via Video Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Rules Committee of the City of Lee's Summit will meet on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 12:00 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 Friday, February 25, 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.

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Felker called the meeting of the City Council Rules Committee to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance: Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Present: 3 - Chairperson Andrew Felker

Vice Chair Fred DeMoro Councilmember Diane Forte

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Trish Carlyle

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Forte made a motion to approve the Agenda for the February 28, 2022 City Council Rules Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilmember DeMoro. Motion passed with vote: 3-0.

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Felker
Vice Chair DeMoro
Councilmember Forte

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Carlyle

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Items for Discussion

A. 2022-4719 Approval of the Action Letter for the January 19, 2022 City Council Rules Committee meeting.

Councilmember DeMoro made a motion to approve the Action Letter for the January 19, 2022 City Council Rules Committee meeting. Councilmember Forte seconded the motion. Motion passed with vote 3-0.

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Felker
Vice Chair DeMoro
Councilmember Forte

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Carlyle

B. 2022-4715 An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by enacting a new "Section 2-253. Members to be qualified voters - exceptions." of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri providing generally for the qualifications for members of city boards, committees, and commissions.

Before Brian Head gave a brief review of item 2022-4715, he informed the Committee regarding an irregularity with posting the February 28, 2022 Agenda. He mentioned the Agenda and packet details were not in their regular location on the web calendar, however, since it was available in another location as well as the Agenda being posted at City Hall - we were in compliance with the Sunshine Law posting requirements. He further stated his opinion regarding how important it is to stay consistent with the posting of agendas and packets.

Once he explained about the Agenda posting, he gave a brief overview of item 2022-4715 and the incorporation of the Committee's suggested changes from the last meeting.

Specific discussion points were:

1. How to ensure that current members on Committees are qualified voters and residents of Lee's Summit, and how it can be required to be reported if a member's status changes, and how often should this information be checked and confirmed by the Committee Liaison and how long would a member have to excuse themselves from the Committee (if making it a requirement).

Consensus of the Committee was to have Staff draft language for a separate ordinance that would require each Board/Committee member having to report their current address and also report if at anytime they are no longer a qualified voter of the City.

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2. The Committee would like the Council to have more information about individuals being appointed to Committees prior to making a decision about the appointment (i.e. what are their specific qualifications, why were they selected, are they currently serving on another Board and if so - when does their current term end, etc.)

Regarding serving on other Committees: A suggestion was made to add a place on the Committee Interest form that would ask the question regarding if they were currently serving on another Committee and if so -which one and their term expiration.

Staff will make minor changes to the current ordinance and also draft a new ordinance as directed.

This Discussion Item was continued to the City Council Rules Committee due back on 3/14/2022.

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6. Roundtable

The next meeting of the City Council Rules Committee will be held via Zoom on March 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Felker adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

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