

MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
Monday, May 15, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Council Chambers

Present: Ald. Peter Braithwaite, Ald. Judy Fiske, Ald. Cicely Fleming, Mayor Stephen Hagerty, Ald. Ann Rainey, Ald. Eleanor Revelle, Ald. Robin Rue Simmons, Ald. Tom Suffredin, Ald. Donald Wilson and Ald. Melissa Wynne

Presiding: Ald. Donald Wilson

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

Guest: City Clerk Devon Reid

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Ald. Wilson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

City Clerk Reid spoke on his hope to introduce a legislation tracker and thought it would be great if the Rules Committee would require a sponsor. He also asked if the committee could look at changing the day of Council meetings from Mondays to some other night to allow more public participation because the school board and other committee meetings meet on Monday nights.

SELECTION OF RULES COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Ald. Fiske moved to nominate Ald. Wilson as chair of the Rules Committee. Ald. Wynne seconded. Ald. Rainey asked if the order would then go by seniority. The response was yes. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL SENIORITY LIST AND MAYOR-PRO TEM LIST:

The committee agreed to proceed in accordance with the designated schedule and seniority list.

REVIEW OF ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP:

Ald. Wilson started with the Administration & Public Works Committee which presently has 5 Aldermen serving.

Ald. Braithwaite, Wynne, Rainey, Rue Simmons, Fleming and Suffredin showed an interest in serving. Ald. Wynne gracefully bowed out. Ald. Braithwaite moved to accept the lineup for the A&PW committee. Motion passed.

Ald. Rainey, Suffredin, Rue Simmons, Wynne, Revelle, Wilson and Fiske volunteered to serve on the 7 member Planning & Development Committee. Ald. Braithwaite moved for approval. Ald. Wynne seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Braithwaite, Fiske, Rue Simmons, Revelle, and Fleming volunteered to serve on the 6 member Human Services Committee. Ald. Wynne noted that the Human Services Committee previously was a 5 member committee. Ald. Fiske moved to return Human Services to a 5 member committee. Ald. Wynne seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson noted that the Rules Committee consists of the Mayor and 9 Alderman.

Ald. Wilson stated Economic Development presently is a 7 member committee. Ald. Fiske moved to reduce the membership to 6 members. Ald. Revelle seconded. Ald. Revelle stated there was discussion about the number of members when they were discussing their board consolidation and the feeling was it made sense to have a smaller committee. Ald. Rainey stated she was supportive of 5 members. Ald. Rainey, Rue Simmons, Wilson, Wynne and Braithwaite volunteered to serve on Economic Development. Ald. Braithwaite moved to reduce the membership from 7 to 5. Ald. Wynne seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Revelle and Fleming volunteered to serve on the Housing, Homelessness & Human Relations Commission which lists 1 Alderman serving. Ald. Wilson moved to increase the membership from 1 to 2 Aldermen. Ald. Braithwaite seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson stated the Housing & Community Development Act Committee has 5 Aldermen. Ald. Braithwaite, Wilson, Rue Simmons, Rainey, and Wynne all agreed to serve.

Ald. Revelle agreed to continue serving on the Lighthouse Landing Advisory Committee. .

Ald. Braithwaite and Rue Simmons agreed to serve on the M/W/EBE Committee.

Ald. Wilson stated that the 1st Ward Alderman has served on the NU/City Committee. Ald. Fiske pointed that this committee was created by a settlement of a lawsuit that NU filed and there has only been one Alderman, 2 city representatives and 2 Northwestern University representatives and anyone is invited to attend. Ald. Rue Simmons said she would like to serve on the NU/City Committee. Ald. Wilson said in light of the fact that the 1st and 5th wards are in close proximity he moved to increase the membership from 1 member to 2. Ald. Braithwaite seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wynne, Revelle and Fleming volunteered to serve on the 4 member Transportation and Parking Committee. Ald. Wynne moved to reduce Transportation & Parking Committee from 4 to 3 members. Ald. Braithwaite seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wynne and Suffredin agreed to serve on the 911-Emergency Telephone System Board. Motion passed.

Ald. Braithwaite and Fleming volunteered to serve on the 2 member City School Liaison Committee. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION OF SWANCC'S BOARD:

Ald. Wilson stated that membership on this board has traditionally been held by the Mayor of the City of Evanston. Ald. Wynne moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Mayor Hagerty to serve as Director on the SWANCC Board. Ald. Braithwaite seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES:

Ald. Wilson asked if anyone was interested in discussing anything in the rules or bring up anything that might need to be addressed before moving forward with the new Council.

Ald. Rainey noted that Rule 5.71 states "Committees consisting of all Aldermen shall have their initial chair appointed by the Rules Committee." She would like to start out by chairing the Planning & Development Committee first. Ald. Braithwaite said he would start chairing A&PW. Ald. Fiske will start

with Human Services, Ald. Wilson for Rules, Ald. Wynne for Economic Development, and Ald. Wynne for Transportation & Parking Committee. Ald. Wilson moved to accept the chair designation as discussed. Ald. Wynne seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson thanked Ald. Rainey for pointing out to appoint the chairs ahead of time. City Manager Bobkiewicz pointed out that Ms. Francellno will lay out a chair list and often there will be conflicts because there can be no two chairs at one time and especially with three new Aldermen coming on at the same time. The list will be brought back to the next Rules Committee for confirmation.

City Manager Bobkiewicz asked for direction on travel. Ald. Wilson suggested that item be brought back to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURMENT:

Meeting adjourned 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Francellno

A video of this meeting is available at www.cityofevanston.org/government/agendas-minutes/agendas-minutes--rules-committee.