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CITY OF LA CROSSE COUNCIL LEGISLATION

CAPTION:

Resolution amending Council Rules pertaining to start times of the standing committees, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Common Council Meetings.

REFERRAL ROUTE:

Question Divided

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COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Crosse:

Your Judiciary and Administrative Committee having under consideration the annexed Resolution amending Council Rules pertaining to start times of the standing committees, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Common Council Meetings, recommends the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Becker, Chairman
Andrea Richmond, Vice Chair
Douglas Farmer
Francis Formanek
Bob Seaquist

Typed: 11-9-11

Approved:

COW Vote: No - #1, 2,3, 5,6, 7,11, 12 & 17

A. Resolution amending Council Rules pertaining to start times of the standing committees, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Common Council Meetings.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the Rules of the Common Council are hereby amended to read as follows:

RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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- V. Following each organization meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April and no later than within ten (10) days thereof, the President of the Common Council shall appoint the standing committees of the Council and each committee shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Council President shall further be responsible for appointing six (6) members to two of the standing committees and five (5) members to one of the standing committees. Once Council Members have been appointed to a standing committee during the regular two-year session, a Council Member may voluntarily agree to be reappointed to another standing committee if the Council President approves of said reappointment. The committees to be appointed in accordance with this rule shall include the following standing committees to consist of six (6) Council Members each except that one of the standing committees shall have five (5) Council Members: Finance and Personnel; Highways, Properties and Utilities; Judiciary and Administration. Unless there is a vacancy on the Council, the Council Member who is elected President of the Council shall appoint himself/herself a member of one of the three standing committees and shall vote thereon. The Council President may, should there be a vacancy on the Council, appoint himself/herself to a standing committee to fill a vacancy on such committee or delay his or her appointment to a standing committee until the vacancy is filled. Immediately after appointment of the committees, the members of each committee shall meet and elect its officers. The Chair shall preside at all subsequent meetings of the committee and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside. The Secretary shall record all votes taken by the committee on matters referred to it on forms provided therefor, and shall keep a permanent record of such votes and shall perform such additional duties as are necessary to carry out the functions of the committee.**

Matters concerning ordinances, judiciary, annexations, re-zonings, conditional uses and policy matters concerning police, fire, licenses, health, contracts, La Crosse Centers, airport or other departments, agencies, boards or commissions, congressional or state legislative matters, quiet zones, waiver of 2,500-foot rule shall be referred to the Judiciary and Administration Committee. Matters concerning bonds, sinking funds, TIF, salaries, insurance, special claims, current bills, purchase of supplies and equipment, printing, personnel matters, residency, and all other expenditures or budgetary matters shall be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Matters concerning grounds, buildings, parks, playgrounds, assessments, CDBG, Plans and Specs, schools, lighting, parking and water utilities, telephone, power, plats, railroads,

streets and alleys, easements, leases, ISTEAs, property acquisition and sales, and sewers shall be referred to the Highways, Properties and Utilities Committee. All matters pending before the Council and undisposed of at any meeting shall be referred to the appropriate committee unless otherwise directed by the Council.

Meetings of the Judiciary and Administration Committee shall be held on Tuesday of the week immediately preceding each regular meeting of the Council. The meeting shall be held at ~~6:30~~ 7:30 p.m. ~~except that the regular April 2011 Meeting which shall be held on Wednesday, April 6 2011 at 7:30 p.m.~~

Meetings of the Highways, Properties and Utilities Committee shall be held at ~~6:30~~ 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday of the week immediately preceding each regular meeting of the Council, ~~except the regular April 2011 Meeting shall be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.~~

Meetings of the Finance and Personnel Committee shall be held at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 p.m. on Thursday of the week immediately preceding each regular meeting of the Council ~~except for the regular October 2010 Meeting which shall be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 6:30.~~

All public hearings pertaining to matters in each respective committee's hands shall be held at the time of their scheduled meeting. Public hearings before the respective standing committees shall be limited to 15 minutes for the proponents, 15 minutes for the opponents and 3 minute rebuttal for each side unless such time is extended by a majority vote of the committee. With respect to those matters that require a public hearing per state law, federal law or ordinance, those matters shall not be subject to the same time limitations and shall be subject to reasonable limitations as approved on a case-by-case basis by a majority of the standing committee before which such required public hearing is held. All speakers at a public hearing of the standing committees shall speak no more than three (3) minutes unless waived by the Chair or a majority of the Committee. The Mayor, Chair or majority of a Committee may call special meetings of a standing committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said changes to the Council Rules will not take effect until January 1, 2012 to allow for adjustments to personal calendars for scheduling purposes.