

Resolution amending Council Rules I and VI regarding meeting times of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and Common Council.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby amends Council Rule I and Council Rule VI regarding the meeting times of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and Common Council as follows:

RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

- I. Regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings shall be held at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

- VI. Meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be held the Tuesday immediately preceding the monthly Council meetings at 6:30 p.m., except for the committee of the whole meetings which fall on the same day as the spring election when Council members are elected in April and general election in November which committee of the whole meeting will be held on the Monday preceding the monthly Council meeting. The President of the Council shall call the meeting to order and the Chair of each standing committee shall report on all matters before their committee which may be voted on by one (1) vote as approval of the respective committee reports, except those matters that consist of items for which the public has requested to speak on, that require a public hearing, or are items the Mayor or a Common Council member wishes to speak on, which shall be voted on separately. The City Clerk and/or City Attorney shall provide an agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting to consist of the various items pending before the standing committees along with the recommendation of the standing committee and the vote of each respective standing committee.

The City Clerk and/or City Attorney shall provide such agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting by mail on the Friday preceding such Committee of the Whole Meeting as complete as possible. In the absence of the Council President the Chair of the Judiciary and Administration Committee shall call the meeting to order, in the absence of the Chair of the Judiciary and Administration Committee the Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, ~~and in the absence of the Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee the Chair of the Highways, Properties and Utilities Committee.~~ The Mayor may preside at special Committee of the Whole meetings.

The procedure for public hearings before the Committee of the Whole shall be as follows:

- (1) The proponents shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes of speaking time. After this allotted time, the Council may ask questions of the proponents and the proponents may respond, but not engage in further debate.
- (2) The opponents shall then be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes of speaking time. After this allotted time, the Council may ask questions of the opponents and the opponents may respond, but not engage in further debate.

- (3) Each side shall then be allowed an additional three (3) minutes for rebuttal.
- (4) After the proponents and opponents have used their speaking time, the Council may ask further questions of the speakers who may respond, but may not engage in further debate.
- (5) No speaker's time shall be extended except by a majority vote of the Council members present.
- (6) The floor will then be closed to public participation and open for Council discussion.
- (7) Any person who desires to submit written statements for forwarding to the Council prior to the Council meeting must submit nineteen (19) copies to the City Clerk by 4:00 P.M. preceding the Council meeting. (Amended by Council Resolution - 10/8/87)
- (8) All speakers at a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole shall speak no more than three (3) minutes unless waived by the Chair or a majority of the Committee. (Amended by Council Resolution – 7/12/01)