

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
RULES COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
February 21, 2006 - Tuesday

Present: Kevin Whitaker, Chairperson
Gregory Shanahan
Arthur Mathews
Michael Smart

Absent: T. J. Lacey, Vice-Chairperson

Also Present Paul J. Leary, Councilor
Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Mary Briggs

Chairman Kevin Whitaker called the Rules Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Councilor Shanahan arrived at 6:45 PM.

06 012- Review of Town Council Rules and Proposals for Changes

Councilor Whitaker stated that the committee would review each of the proposed changes. Unless a vote was noted, each item was discussed with a consensus decision to either table for further discussion or recommend favorable action to bring to full Council:

- Rule Three – no objections
- Rule Four- MOTION to strike the last sentence; seconded by President Smart, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED
- Rule Seven – strike change
- Rule Eight – no objections
- Rule Nine – strike change
- Rule Thirteen – change the word “excuse” in first sentence, paragraph (3) to “recuse”
- Rule Eighteen – revisit in future- Strike change - table for further discussion
- Rule Twenty – no change
- Rule Twenty Six – no objection
- Rule Twenty Six (2) – change (3) hours in line two of the first paragraph to (90) minutes; change the word “may” in line three to “must”
- Rule Twenty Eight – withdrawn
- Rule Twenty Eight (2) – withdrawn

- Rule Twenty Eight (3) – no objection
- Rule Twenty Nine – no objection
- Rule Thirty One – withdrawn
- Rule Thirty Two – no objection
- Rule Thirty Four – no objection
- Rule Thirty Five – withdrawn
- Rule Thirty Six – no objection
- Rule Thirty Seven – no objection (change typo - “pressing” in the first sentence under the new wording to “presiding”)
- Rule Forty One – no objection
- Rule Forty Two – withdrawn
- Rule Forty Two (2) – withdrawn
- Rule Forty Three – no objection
- Rule Forty Four – strike change
- Rule Forty Four (2) – strike change
- Rule Forty Five – strike change
- Rule Forty Six – change last sentence: **SPEAKERS SHALL LIMIT THE TIME FOR REMARKS TO FIVE (5) MINUTES AND SUCH REMARKS SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THAT MEETING**.– table for further discussion

Recess

At 7:30 PM, President Smart made a MOTION to recess the meeting, and to reconvene after the Town Council Meeting adjourns. This was seconded by Councilor Mathews, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Reconvene

At 9:50 the meeting was reconvened.

- Rule Forty Seven – no objection
- Forty Seven (2) – strike change
- Rule Forty Nine – withdrawn
- Rule Fifty One
- Rule Fifty One (2)
- Rule Fifty Five – no objection
- Suggested Addition to Rule Fifty Five – table for further discussion
- Suggested Additional Rules – table for further discussion

There was a brief discussion of each item. Councilor Whitaker stated that a further review would be needed before bringing rule changes to the full committee for vote. Some items which were authored by T. J. Lacey and Diane Hachey and brought to the committee in their absence were tabled to allow for their input.

Adjournment

At 10:00 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilor Mathews, and seconded by Councilor Shanahan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Kevin Whitaker, Chairman