

ETHICS POLICY & MEETING RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
Battle Creek City Hall, Room 302A
10 N. Division Drive,
Battle Creek, MI 49014
October 7, 2022
9:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Commissioners Lance, Reynolds, Sofia and Szenda Wilson (9:07)

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jill Steele, City Attorney; Victoria Houser, City Clerk

Call to Order: Comm. Sofia called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Comm. Lance, supported by Comm. Reynolds, to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes. All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Discussion

A. Committee Recommendation of Ordinance Changes

- a. 212.02 (1)(f): Public comment time for applicants, appellants, or an attorney retained to represent them

Comm. Lance asked if the amendment would still require the Mayor or presiding official to determine the length of comment time for applicants, appellants, or their attorneys.

Attorney Steele stated she did not specify a time limit for applicants, noting it is difficult as the application or topic varies, stating she referenced that all the other rules, such as not being repetitive, still apply.

- b. 212.02 (5): Passing the commission chambers bar

Attorney Steele stated this amendment was added to the agenda as a safety issue, noting she has addressed this with the Assistant City Manager, who agreed this could easily be remedied with a soft barrier.

- c. 212.05(b)(16)C: Ethics Policy and Rules of Procedure Review Committee meetings once every two-year City Commission cycle

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Reynolds, supported by Comm. Szenda Wilson, to have the City Attorney prepare an Introduction for an ordinance amendment for the October 18, 2022 City Commission meeting to recommend amendments to City Ordinance, Section 212.02 (1)(f): Public comment time for applicants, appellants, or an attorney retained to represent them, Section 212.02 (5): Passing the commission chambers bar, and Section 212.05(b)(16)C: Ethics Policy and Rules of Procedure Review Committee meetings once every two-year City Commission cycle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Commission Comment: There were no commission comments.

Adjournment: Commissioner Sofia adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am.