

PROCEDURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA
(COUNCIL BY-LAWS)

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1. **MEETINGS:**

A. **OPEN MEETINGS:**

All Council and Council committee meetings, including special and adjourned meetings, with the exception of closed meetings as defined, shall be open to the public. All meetings and notices of meetings are subject to MN. STAT. 471.705 Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

B. **QUORUM:**

A simple majority (3) of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the valid transaction of any scheduled business to come before the Council.

C. **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

1. **REGULAR MEETINGS:** The City Council shall meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m., except in December when the meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday.
 - a. Meetings falling on a holiday will be scheduled for Tuesday of that week.
 - b. All meetings, including special, recessed, and continued meetings, shall be held in the City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise designated.
2. **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Mayor or by any two Council members by written request filed with the City Administrator at least three days before the meeting. The City Clerk shall notify each member of the time, place and purpose of the meeting by written notice, at least one day before the special meeting.
 - a. Special meetings may be held without prior written notice to Council members when:
 - 1) All Council members are present at the meeting that the date and time are set for the special meeting or;
 - 2) Consent in writing or by phone to the City Clerk (consent shall be filed with the Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting).
3. **COUNCIL WORKSESSION:** A Council Worksession will be a special meeting regularly scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise scheduled.

4. **CLOSED MEETINGS:** The state open meeting law allows certain matters to be discussed by the Council in a closed meeting.
- a. **RESOLUTION:** The meeting shall be closed by motion of the Council at a public meeting. The motion shall include the time, place and the nature of the subject to be discussed.
 - b. **NOTICE:** The City Clerk shall give advance notice of a closed meeting in the same manner as advance notice of other Council meetings.
 - 1. If the closed meeting is held during other meetings of the Council, the notice will state the approximate time that the closed meeting is scheduled.
 - 2. If a meeting must be held under urgent or emergency circumstances which make it impractical to give the customary advance notice, the City Clerk shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to give advance notice to the local news media by other means.
 - c. **SCHEDULE:** If the meeting is held on the same day as a regular Council meeting, it shall be scheduled prior to or immediately following the regular worksession or meeting, whichever is suitable at time of scheduling.
 - d. **ATTENDANCE:** Shall be limited to Council members, the City Attorney (s), City Administrator, and other resource persons designated by the Council, Administrator and/or City Attorney and approved by the Council. A written roll of all persons present at the closed meeting shall be made available to the public after the closed meeting.
 - e. **CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION:** The City Attorney shall make a reasonable effort to informally convey information to the news media regarding the subject matter of the meeting.
 - f. **CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS:** The proceedings at the closed meetings shall be recorded at the expense of the governing body and shall be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and shall be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the governing body.
 - g. **MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETINGS:**
 - 1. Minutes for Litigation Matters. Minutes will be prepared, listing persons attending the meeting and the discussion during the meeting. The minutes shall be

retained by the attorney for the City and available for Council member review until:

- a) The earliest date when the City Attorney determines that public disclosure would no longer impair the public interest;
 - b) All matters discussed have become part of public record;
 - c) The matter in controversy is concluded; or
 - d) When a majority of the entire City Council approves release of the minutes.
2. Minutes to discuss strategy for labor negotiations. A closed meeting for labor negotiations can also be recorded, and be considered as private data until one of the above (a-d) has been determined. The recording will be kept on file by the Clerk.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** The Council shall conduct an Organizational Meeting concurrent with the first Regular Council Meeting in January of each year, to:

- a. Adopt Council By-Laws. When there are proposed changes to By-Laws during the calendar year, such proposed changes shall be identified in a request for council action at the meeting prior to the meeting it is discussed and considered for approval.
- b. Appoint the Mayor Pro-Tem.
- c. Designate the depositories of City funds.
- d. Designate the official newspaper.
- e. Mayoral Appointment and Council approval (Appendix D)
 - Economic Development Authority
 - Civic Center/Park & Recreation Advisory Board
 - Housing and Redevelopment Authority
 - Council appointments (Appendix C)
 - Public Utilities Commission
 - Grand Rapids Cable Commission
- f. Appoint Special Council representatives.
 - Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
 - City/County Committee
 - Western Mesabi Mine Pit Board
 - Range Association of Municipalities & Schools
 - League of Minnesota Cities
 - Natural Gas Joint Powers Board
 - Greenway Joint Recreation Association
 - Arts and Culture Commission – Shall be advisory only.

D. PRESIDING OFFICER:

1. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council.
2. In the absence of the Mayor the Mayor Pro-Tem shall preside.
3. In the absence of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem the Clerk shall call the meeting to order. The first order of business shall be to select a presiding officer. The Clerk shall preside until the Council members present choose a member to act as presiding officer.
4. The presiding officer shall preserve order, enforce the rules of procedure and determine without debate all questions of procedure and order, subject to the final decision of the Council on an appeal.
5. The presiding officer may make motions, second motions or speak on any questions, except that on demand of any Council member he/she shall vacate the chair and designate a Council member to preside temporarily.
6. Any member may appeal to the full Council a ruling of the presiding officer.
 - a. If the appeal is seconded, the member may speak once solely on the question involved and the presiding officer may explain his/her ruling, but no other Council member shall participate in the discussion.
 - b. The appeal shall be sustained if it is approved by a majority of the members present exclusive of the presiding officer.

E. VOTING:

1. The votes of the Council will be taken by voice vote.
2. Votes will be considered unanimous unless otherwise noted.
3. Council members may ask for a roll call vote by the Clerk on any motion or resolution.
4. The Clerk shall ask for a verification roll call if the vote of a Council member is not clear on a voice vote.
5. A majority vote of all Council members shall be necessary for approval of any ordinance unless a larger majority is required by Minnesota State Statute. Except, as otherwise provided by Statutes, a majority vote of a quorum shall prevail in all other cases.

F. RULES OF ORDER: The proceedings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with Appendix A – Simplified Rules and Section 1 D-6.

G. MINUTES:

1. Minutes are the official record of the City Council once approved.
 - a. The Clerk shall keep permanent electronic minute files to record at length all Ordinances passed by the Council.
 - b. Ordinances, resolutions, and claims need not be recorded in full in the minutes if they appear in other permanent records and can be accurately identified from the description given in the minutes.
 - c. The minutes of each Council meeting shall be kept by a recorder designated by the City Administrator or by the City Clerk in the absence of the City Administrator.
2. The minute recorder shall not participate in Council discussions except when called upon by the presiding officer.
3. The minutes of each meeting shall be typed, signed by the Clerk, and copies delivered to each Council member via Council agenda packet when the minutes are placed on the agenda for approval.
 - a. The proceedings of all Regular Council meetings may be recorded. The recording of each meeting shall be clearly marked denoting type of meeting (regular, special, joint for example), date and time. The recording shall be kept in a secure storage area in chronological order and maintained for the length of time required for data storage and maintenance. Access to recordings shall be open to the public but shall be under the supervision of the Administrator's Office and may not be played back on a machine with an erasure feature. Copies of recordings may be made available for a fee as set by the Administrator's Office. (This does not apply to tapes of closed meetings until they are made public as provided in Section I-C 3 subsections 1 & 2).
 - b. At the next regular meeting, following delivery, approval of the minutes shall be considered by the Council.
 - 1) The minutes need not be read aloud.
 - 2) The presiding officer shall call for any additions or corrections.
 - 3) If there is no objection to an addition or correction, it will be made without a vote of the Council.
 - 4) If there is an objection, the Council shall vote upon the addition or correction by roll call vote.

- 5) Council shall take formal action to approve the minutes as distributed and/or amended.
4. Publishing of Minutes. The City Clerk shall publish Council meeting minutes to the City of Grand Rapids Website after the official minutes are approved by Council with the exception of minutes of closed meetings. The minutes shall include formal actions of the Council and at the City Clerk's discretion, Council discussion and department head reports.

H. MEETING SCHEDULE:

3. Each meeting of the Council shall convene at the time and place appointed.
2. Council business shall be conducted in the order of the prepared agenda, unless Council members agree to change the order to accommodate the public.
3. The first regular meeting of the month will typically be scheduled the second Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
4. If all business has not been completed the meeting may be continued to another date and time to complete the scheduled agenda without further notice being required.
5. The second regular meeting of the month will typically be scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
6. Working sessions of the Council will generally be scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on the day of Regular Council Meetings or as deemed necessary by the Council.
7. Public hearings will normally be scheduled at 5:00 p.m. at the Council's discretion.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order.
2. Call of Roll.
3. Presentations/Proclamations
4. Positive Happenings in the City
5. Public Forum and Correspondence
6. Council Reports
7. Approval of Minutes.
8. Approval of Verified Claims
9. Acknowledge Board & Commission Minutes
10. Consent Agenda
11. Setting of Regular Agenda
12. Administration
13. Arena, Parks & Recreation

14. Community Development/Economic Development.
15. Engineer/Public Works.
16. Finance Department
17. Fire Department
18. Golf Course
19. Information Technology
20. Library
21. Police
22. Council
23. Public Hearings when scheduled.
24. Adjourn (or Recess)

Notes:

- a. The order of business may be varied by the presiding officer with the consent of the Council.
- b. All public hearings will be conducted at the times scheduled and advertised in the notice of the hearing or immediately following the regular meeting.
- c. Only by majority approval, and when necessary, will business be acted upon by the Council unless scheduled on the agenda.
- d. Care will be taken to place items of general public concern on the evening agenda.

J. AGENDA:

1. An agenda will be prepared for all Council meetings and Council committee meetings in accordance with provisions of Minnesota Statute 471.705.
2. The agenda for special meetings will be set by the presiding officer, or by the Council members calling that meeting three days prior to the meeting at the time of notice and call or at the time of call for an emergency meeting of the Council.
3. The agenda will clearly describe the subject matter under consideration by the Council and any action required.
4. The City Clerk, City Administrator and/or Mayor shall prepare the agenda for all Council meetings.
5. Requests for action or consideration of an item must be presented to the City Administrator and/or Mayor, no later than noon of the business day Wednesday, prior to the Regular Council meeting.
- 6.. City Council members may place an item (items) on the agenda prior to any meeting, by following step five above.

7. The agenda, along with information material, will be delivered to each Council member, City Attorney and given to all media formally requesting such notice as provided by Minnesota Statute 471.705, three (3) days prior to the Regular Council meeting.

K. CONSENT AGENDAS:

1. A consent agenda allows the Council to consider several items at one time.
2. Only one motion is needed to approve all of the items at one time.
3. An item on the consent agenda shall be removed for consideration by the request of any one Council member, City staff, or the public and put on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration. This statement shall precede the consent agenda on all printed agendas and shall be announced by the presiding officer prior to consideration of the consent agenda.
4. Consent Agendas may be used for approval of the following; except that the City Administrator has the discretion to place other items on the consent agenda if deemed appropriate.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Resolutions supporting projects from other communities when requested by municipal bodies.
- Resolutions to authorize Clerk to publish ordinances in summary.
- Appointment of election judges.
- Approve budgeted equipment purchases.
- Establish Public Hearings

FINANCE:

- Issuance of duplicate checks that have been lost; and waive bond requirements.
- Fund Transfers, as authorized through Budget process.
- Establish Public Hearings.

LICENSES/PERMITS/CONTRACTS:

- Licenses and permits, including liquor licenses, temporary liquor and 3.2 beer license and special On-Sale liquor permits for events at the IRA Civic Center, Grand Rapids Sports Complex, and Central School.

- Gambling license applications requiring Council action
- Fire Contracts, recreation contracts, dog pound contracts, and miscellaneous yearly contracts.

PERSONNEL:

- Accept resignations and authorize advertisements for replacement of positions.
- Approval of job descriptions, except Department Heads, and authorize advertisement of positions when position has previously been approved by Council.
- Appointment (ratification) of part-time employees if these personnel costs have been included in the budget.

PROJECTS:

- Receive petitions and place on file.
- Establish dates for public hearings. (This includes, but not limited to: improvements, rezoning and vacation requests, bond issues, etc.)
- Approve plans and specifications.
- Authorize advertisement for bids/quotes.
- Award of bids and quotes when Council has previously approved solicitation.
- Receive and file project construction feasibility reports.
- Approve contract change orders.
- Accept projects and approve final estimate payments.

- L. **AGENDA MATERIALS:** The Clerk shall make available to the public the agenda material that is presented to the Council. At least one copy of this material shall be available to the public in the Council Chambers and copies provided to the media as requested. Agenda material shall be available to the public by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the regular scheduled meeting at no charge.

M. **ATTENDANCE:**

1. Department Heads may leave the Council Meetings upon completion of their portions of the agenda.

2. Department Heads may not need to attend Council Meetings if they are not requested to do so or if they have no relevant items on the agenda.
3. The Council may, at its discretion, excuse any staff member from attendance at a meeting during their regular working day.

2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS ON IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS:**

A. **GENERAL PROCEDURE:**

1. Opening comments by Mayor.
2. Clerk's statement regarding notices.
3. Mayor opens hearing on proposed improvement or assessment.
4. Engineer describes improvement and/or assessment procedures.
5. General statement of financing.
6. Public comments.
 - a. Those favoring improvements are heard.
 - b. Those opposing improvements are heard.
 - c. If public wishes to be heard, but does not want to speak, paper is to be provided at the Clerk's table which may be used to write their position. These will be read aloud at the conclusion of comments from the floor. Letters received before the hearing will be read by the presiding officer at this time.
7. Formal action by declaration of the presiding officer to close the hearing.
8. Council takes action ordering or abandoning the proposed improvement or in the case of assessments, takes action in regard to the assessments.
9. The Council may continue the public hearing to receive more information and action may then be taken.

B. **RULES FOR PUBLIC PROCEDURE:**

It is the Council's intention that everyone be heard on proposed improvements or assessment hearings. The following procedure will be used for receiving public input.

1. Individual will raise hand, and when recognized by the presiding officer, stand and state their name and address, using the microphone.
2. The person will then state their position and reason for the position. A time limit may be set by Council. No one will be allowed to speak a second time until everyone has been heard once.
3. The person should address all statements and questions to the presiding officer. The presiding officer will then refer any questions that are to be answered by staff, or project proposer.

3. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENT PROCESS:**

Minnesota Statutes (various) authorize the City Council and Mayor to establish Boards and Commissions to advise the City Council and Mayor or to operate some programs and facilities. These Boards and Commissions are for the purpose of facilitating the orderly conduct of City business and to provide an opportunity to receive public input into the various functions and programs of the City.

The following Boards and Commissions created by the Council, require appointments to be approved by the Council according to Appendix C.

- A. Greater Grand Rapids Cable TV Commission, to provide oversight and review of the Cable TV franchise and to advise the City Council.
- B. Pokegama Golf Course Board, to operate Pokegama Golf Course and to advise the Council on the management of this municipal enterprise. (Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 4, Sec. 2.241-2.247).
- C. Human Rights Commission, purpose is to secure for all citizens freedom from discrimination. (added 1-24-05) Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 6, Sec. 2.301-2.304).
- D. Library Board, to provide library services to City residents. (Municipal Code Chapter 34, Mn. Statute Chapter 134.07).
- E. Planning Commission, to advise the Council on planning and zoning for the orderly development of Grand Rapids. (Municipal Code Chapter 30, Article II, Sec. 30.31-30.32, Mn. Statute 462.354).
- F. Police Community Advisory Board, to enhance communication between residents, Police Department and the City Council. (Municipal Code Chapter 2, Division 8, Sec. 2-351, Ordinance No. 15-02-02)
- G. Public Utilities Commission, to operate electric, water and sewer service enterprises and to operate certain public buildings. (MN Statute 412.341, and Minnesota Special Laws 1999, Chapter 195, Special Laws 2014, Chapter 224—S.F. No. 2609).

- H. Property Maintenance and Building Codes Board of Appeals to hear appeal's regarding a decision of the code official or notice or order issued under the Property Maintenance or Building Code (Ordinance No.'s 05-02-03 and 05-02-04).
- I. Arts & Culture Commission, to assist Grand Rapids in becoming a community in which arts and culture activities are recognized as vital components of community life; are valued and promoted for their economic benefits; represent an integral part of the communities' educational mission; and cooperate with other community organizations to enhance Grand Rapids' culture identity and quality of life in the community, the surrounding region and beyond.
- J. Joint Natural Gas Board, City Ordinance 12-08-10 authorized Gorhams' Incorporated to develop a natural gas distribution system within the City and a Rate Agreement dated August 13, 2012 formalized having rates regulated by the City under Mn Statutes 216B.02. A Joint Powers Agreement between the City, Blackberry Township, and Harris Township, established a joint City/Township board to regulated natural gas rates.
- K. Greenway Joint Recreation Association, established by Minnesota Statute provides for one council member to be a board member as a result of ISD 316 being located within the City limits of Grand Rapids.
- L. Civic Center (Yanmar) Advisory Board

APPOINTMENT POLICY: It will be the policy of the City Council to:

- 1. Offer appointment to the best-qualified citizens to our Boards and Commission who will enhance the diversity of the Board and Commission. When candidates are viewed as equal in strength, preference should be given to resident, property owners, or business owners, prior to a non-resident.
- 2. Advertise all vacancies to Boards and Commissions: (This ad should include a brief description of the Board or Commission, time and days of meetings, how often meetings are held, the number of vacancies and any special requirements.) In addition, staff will notify organizations and association in the community, such as the Downtown Business Association, The Grand Rapids Chamber Association, etc., of such vacancies.
- 3. Consider all appointments by the process presented in Appendix C. Board/Commission members who have completed their term are encouraged and eligible to reapply for appointment to their current Board or Commission or to apply for appointment on another Board or Commission to a vacancy on another Board or Commission.
- 4. For residency requirements see Appendix B.
- 5. Provide training and encouragement for active participation in all Board/Commission business through the employment of high quality

staff or consultants to support them and to facilitate open communication.

6. Keep all applications active during the year for appointment to vacancies should they occur. The Council reserves the right to appoint any qualified candidates even though they did not apply as a result of an advertisement. There is no implied guarantee of appointment or re-appointment to any Board or Commission.

4. **MAYOR BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT AND COUNCIL APPROVAL PROCESS:**

Minnesota Statutes (various) authorizes the Mayor to appoint and the Council to approve memberships on various Boards and Commissions created by the Mayor and Council. The following Boards and Commissions, created by the Mayor and Council, require a Mayoral appointment with approval of the Council according to Appendix D.

- A. Economic Development Authority (EDA), to provide a tool for economic stimulation in Grand Rapids. (GR Res. No. 93-130 Mn. Statute 469.090-469.108).
- B. Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to provide affordable housing for all residents. (Mn. Statute Chapter 469).

Appendix D provides the process by which these appointments will take place.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- A. The Council may at any time appoint a special or standing committee consisting of no more than two Council members and support staff.
- B. Committee members, excluding staff, will be chosen by consensus of the Mayor and Council based upon interest expressed by individual members. Staff appointments will be made by the Mayor in consultation with the City Administrator.
- C. Council committees may be special (limited) or standing (on-going). Standing committees will be appointed at the annual/organizational meetings.
- D. Council committees are formed to provide Council review, oversight, clarification and information to staff members.
- E. Council committees provide a forum for staff and Council members to share information or new ideas.
- F. Council committees may carry out staff supervision as directed by Council.
- G. Council committees may be established to conduct specific tasks as directed by Council.

- H. Council committees are not to set policy but may make recommendations for policy or procedures to full Council.
- I. Council committee meetings may be called by the Council, committee members, the Mayor, the City Administrator, or at the request of a Department Head, commission, or board chairperson to discuss specific topics.
- J. Council committees shall have a prepared agenda and follow rules of public notification. Each committee will designate a presiding officer and have an agenda prepared at least three (3) days before the meeting.
- K. Council committees shall keep minutes of all meetings. The original shall be filed with the City Clerk. A copy is to be given to the City Administrator and distributed to all Council members. These minutes should include committee name, date, time, location, person calling the meeting, persons present, and a brief summary of topics discussed. City staff will be assigned to record minutes.

6. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

- A. Council representation on various City Boards and Commissions will be determined by consensus of the Mayor and Council based upon interest expressed by individual members.
- B. Council representatives will be determined at the organizational meeting of the Council or when a vacancy occurs.
- C. Council representatives will act as liaison between the Boards and Commissions and the Council.
- D. Council representatives may help interpret previous Council action or policy to the various Boards and Commissions.
- E. Council representatives should bring back to the Council concerns or issues as requested by the Board or Commission and are encouraged to bring issues to the Council's attention, which may be of interest to the Council as a whole.
- F. Council representatives shall be voting members of City Boards and Commissions.

7. **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:**

From time to time Councilmembers may be designated to serve as the official representative of the Council on community, regional or statewide boards. These will be determined by consensus of the Council and Mayor based upon interest expressed by individual members. Each appointee is expected to regularly inform the Council of activities and issues of concern to the City.

8. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:**

With certain exceptions, Minnesota laws forbid any Mayor or Councilmember to have a personal financial interest in or to benefit from the making of any sale, lease or contract with the City.

Exceptions are:

- A. The designation of a bank in which the Mayor or Council member is interested as the official depository for city funds if the official discloses interest;
- B. The designation of an official newspaper in which a City official is interested when it is the only newspaper complying with statutory or charter requirements relating to official publications;
- C. A contract with a cooperative association in which a City official is a shareholder, but not an officer or manager;
- D. A contract for which competitive bids are not required.
- E. A contract with a volunteer fire department for the payment of compensation or retirement benefits to its members.

If however, a Mayor or Council member is simply an employee of a firm and receives no commission, bonuses, or other remuneration directly from its contracts, and is not a stockholder, the Council may enter into a contract with the organization for which the officer works regardless of the amount of the contract.

9. SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF THESE RULES:

These rules, or any of them, may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote of all the Council members, (unless governed by Minnesota State Statute) and shall not be repealed or amended except by a majority vote of the whole Council after notice has been given at a preceding Council meeting.

10. CITY COUNCIL SALARY INCREASES:

In an even calendar year, prior to the general election, the City Council shall establish the salary of the Mayor and Councilmembers to be effective January 1st of the following odd calendar year. The method to determine the salary will be to take the existing salaries and increase them based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published on the Federal Reserve Band of Minneapolis website. Typically, this will require the CPI for the two previous years. If pay increases are missed, the salaries shall be increased according to the CPI index in all years of no increases.

Appendix A – Simplified Rules

Motions (In Precedence Order)	Motion Maker Needs Recognition?	Motion Needs A Second	Motion Is Debatable	Motion Is Amendable	Vote Required To Pass	Applies To What Other Motion?	Special Notes And Comments
10. Adjourn	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority	None	Highest Precedence
9. Recess	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	None	
8. Appeal (1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Decisions of Chair	Members can challenge decision by the chair
8. Point of Order	No	No	No	No	Chair Decides	None	To point out an error
8. Parliamentary Inquiry (1)	No Yes	No Yes	No No	No No	Chair Decides 2/3 rds	None None	To ask a question Cannot apply to minority rights
8. Division (1)	No	No	No	No	Chair Decides	All Votes	A second vote on votes that are close
7. Lay On Table	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority	Main, amend, appeal	Also called postpone temporarily
6. Close Debate (1)	Yes	Yes	No	No	2/3 rds	All Debatable Motions	Also called previous questions & vote immediately
5. Limit Debate (1)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (3)	2/3 rds	All Debatable Motions	To limit debate to a set period
4. Postpone Definitely	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes (3)	Majority	Main Motions	To set aside to next meeting
3. Refer to Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes (3)	Majority	Main Motions	To allow a small group to study
2. Amend (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	All amendable Motions	You may amend an amendment
1. Main	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	None	Lowest Precedence

(1) Indicates possible to precedence order.
exception

(2) Limited to the sense that debate is only on the merits of that specific motion.

(3) Restricted to the variable part of the motion.

APPENDIX A (Continued)
A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF COMMONLY USED MOTIONS AND TERMS

1. Main Motion – to bring business before the organization. “I move that the Student Government pay D.E. Sikkink \$100 for his speech.”
2. Amend – to change motions so they more closely express the will of the group. “I move to amend the motion by striking out the word \$100 and inserting \$10.”
3. Vote Immediately – to stop discussion and to get a vote. “I move to vote immediately on the amendments.” (Also called Close Debate and Previous questions.)
4. Parliamentary Inquiry – to let a member ask questions. “Mr. Or Ms. Chairperson, can we have a secret ballot on this amendment?”
5. Point of Order – to call attention to a mistake in procedure. “Mr. Or Ms. Chairperson, there was no second for that motion to amend.”
6. Division – a request for the chairperson to use a more accurate method of voting. “Mr. Or Ms. Chairperson, I call for a division on that last vote.”
7. Appeal – to get a vote by the group on some procedural decision made by the chairperson. “I appeal your decision on not allowing a secret ballot.”
8. Refer to Committee – to allow for study and investigation by a smaller group. “I move to refer the main motion to a committee of three appointed by the chair.”
9. Postpone Definitely – to consider at a definite future time. (No later than the next meeting.) “I move to postpone this main motion definitely to our next regular meeting.”
10. Postpone Temporarily – to consider at an unspecified time. “I move to postpone this main motion temporarily.”
11. A quorum is the minimum number of members who must be present in order to transact legal business.
12. Precedence refers to the rank of motions. When a motion has been made, any motion of higher order may be proposed but no motion of lower order may be proposed (there are a few exceptions).
Motions are discussed and acted upon in inverse order to their proposal (the last motion made will be acted on first, etc.) See Appendix A-1

Board/Commission	Independent	Advisory	Appointing Body	Number of Members	Term Length	Meeting Date/Time	Meeting Place	State Statute	Staff Rep.	City Ordinance	Residency Requirement
Arts & Culture Commission	X		Council	9	3 year 2 term rule	1 st Tuesday 3:15 p.m.	City Hall		Asst. Library Director	13-02-04	No
Economic Development Authority	X		Council	7 (2 Council Reps.)	6 years	2 nd & 4 th Thursday 4:00 p.m.	City Hall	358c	Community Development Director	Res. 93-130, 86-82 and 94-164	4 residents or City property owners & up to 3 non-residents
Golf Course Board	X		Council	5	3 years 2 term/6 year rule	3 rd Tuesday noon	City Hall	471.15-71.19	Director of Golf	Chapter 2 of Municipal Code	4 City Res. & 1 may be non-res. - Ordinance 09-01-01
Civic Center Advisory Board		X	Council	5	3 years	3 rd Wednesday 4:30 p.m.	Civic Center		Park & Rec/Civic Center Manager	5	See Ordinance xx
Cable Commission	X		1 Council		Council appointment	1 st Monday (every three months)	ICTV		None	Resolution Joint Powers	Yes
Library Board	X		Council	9	3 years 3 term rule	2 nd Wednesday 4:00 p.m.	Library	134	Library Director	2.02	4 non-res and 5 residents § 134.09
Planning Commission		X	Council	7	4 years	1 st Thursday 4:00 p.m.	City Hall		Community Development Director	23.18	Yes Planning Comm. By-Laws
International Property Maintenance and Building Codes Board of Appeals	X		Council	3 plus 2 alternates	4 years		City Hall	MN Rules 1300.0230 Building Code	Rob Mattei	05-02-03 and 05-02-04	No
Police Community Advisory Board		X	Council	9	3 years	1st Friday on even months 7:30 a.m.	City Hall		Police Chief	15-02-02	5 residents & 4 non-residents This was changed on 4/11/2016.
Public Utilities Commission	X		Council	5	4 years	2 nd Wednesday 4:00 p.m.	PUC Service Center	412.341	Public Utilities Manager		No
Human Rights Commission	X		Council	9	3 years	Last Wednesday Feb. – May-Aug. – Nov.	City Hall		Human Resources Director	Ordinance 04-05-09	No

APPENDIX D

MAYORAL BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINT AND COUNCIL APPROVAL PROCESS

DATE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
By November 1	The Administrator's office shall present in writing to the Mayor and Council a prepared list of Board and Commission members whose terms expire in December of the current year and the following March and shall identify whether the member has been notified of the expiration of their term. This list shall identify Board, name, date first appointed and eligibility for reappointment (as defined in Council By-Laws)	Staff & Mayor/Council
In Mid-November	An informal Council review by council members who sit on the various boards and commissions to consider offering reappointment to eligible Board/Commission members.	Mayor/Council
In Late November	Notice to eligible and in-eligible Board/Commission member(s) will be prepared and sent for members whose terms expire at the end of December of the current year.	Staff/Mayor
In Late January	Notice to eligible and in-eligible Board/Commission member(s) will be prepared and send for members whose terms expire March 1 st of current year.	
In Mid-December	The Administrator's office will prepare a Respondent's List for reappointment to help determine vacancies and present to Mayor and Council for approval to prepare a vacancy list and authorize position vacancy advertisement.	Staff/Mayor/Council
In Mid-January early February	Mayor and Council will review responses to position vacancy advertisement.	Mayor/Council
First Meeting in February	Mayor and Council discuss candidates for Board and Commission appointments and through consensus designate a candidate for consideration by the Mayor	Mayor/Council

for appointment. Mayor may appoint or reject the designated candidate. The Council shall then vote upon approval of the candidate appointed by the Mayor.