



Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

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Date August 17, 2020

AMENDING THE PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe in and wish to support thorough and robust public participation at City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, criticisms and community feedback are supported and desired by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, orderly and efficient conduct of meetings, including germane citizen input is essential to good and efficient government; and

WHEREAS, non-germane and disruptive conduct and behavior can actually limit or deny the free speech rights of other community members by preventing or delaying their opportunities to speak; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 372.13(5) provides the City Council shall determine its own rules of its proceedings and Iowa Code Section 21.7 authorizes the City Council to make and enforce reasonable rules for the conduct of its meetings to assure those meetings are orderly, and free from interference or interruption from spectators; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to encourage citizen input while also conducting orderly and efficient meetings and amending the Procedural Rules of the Des Moines City Council is necessary to accomplish such objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

That the PROCEDURAL RULES OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL are hereby amended to reflect the attached changes in the conduct of City Council meetings commencing with the Council meeting of August 17, 2020.

Moved by Boesen to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
VOSS	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED				

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

P. Kay Cmelik
City Clerk