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Thanks, Justin.

[Here](#) is a link to the Ann Arbor City Council Rules. If you could include it as part of the packet, I would appreciate it. I don't have a detailed memo to introduce it except to say that I briefly reviewed it and thought that parts of it might be adopted into our own document (see specific excerpts below). I can bring more ideas to the meeting, whenever we have it.

The City Administrator shall submit the draft agenda and supporting materials to all Councilmembers at least 10 days prior to the regular meeting to which the agenda pertains

Communications from Council This place on the agenda is reserved for Councilmembers to make announcements, request reports and speak on subjects, which they deem important, report out on committees and give notice of future proposed business. The time limit shall be two minutes, one time at the beginning of the meeting and two minutes, one time at the end.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda shall consist of ordinances and resolutions considered routine. Items on the Consent Agenda may be approved by a single motion. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda shall not require the reading of the titles of items on that agenda other than ordinances. If any member of the Council objects to consideration of an item as part of the Consent Agenda, that item shall be moved to the end of the appropriate portion of the regular agenda.

RULE 8- Voting In all cases where a vote is taken, the Chair shall decide that result. A roll call vote shall be called upon the request of any member of the Council. The roll call voting order shall rotate around the council table with the Mayor voting in the rotation.

A motion to call the previous question (call for cloture) is in order after thirty (30) minutes of discussion on the question. Upon a motion to call the previous question, all discussion is ended, provided that each member who has not yet held the floor will have an opportunity to do so. A motion to call the previous question shall require a concurring vote of 3/4 of the members present.

Personal Privilege and Character Attacks If a specific member's integrity, character, or motives are characterized, assailed, questioned, or impugned by another member during a Council meeting, the member may request permission from the Presiding Officer to address the Council on a question of personal privilege. The member shall be granted permission to address Council for up to two minutes, but the Presiding Officer may call that member out of order if the Presiding Officer determines no grounds exist for the question of personal privilege.

RULE 15 - Ordinances, How Introduced Proposed ordinances shall be introduced by one or more individual members of Council. Ordinances may be referred to any or all of the following: the City Attorney, the City Administrator, appropriate agencies, and Council committees, for study and recommendation.

COUNCIL ETHICS RULE 4 -- CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – OTHER REASONS FOR EXCUSAL FROM VOTING It is required that all Councilmembers vote on all matters, unless excused after a vote of

the Council. Other than conflicts governed by the state conflicts statute, conflicts involving financial interest (but not governed by the contracts statute), and matters involving the Councilmember's own conduct, other requests for excusal shall generally be weighed against the policy expressed in the City Charter in favor of voting on all matters. A Councilmember may be excused if the Councilmember asserts that he or she has a personal relationship with the matter at issue that 1) impairs his or her exercise of independence of judgment on the matter, or 2) creates a situation with conflicting fiduciary duties. Rationale: This provision provides the reasons for which a Councilmember may ask for excusal from voting on a matter not governed by Rules 1 through 3. Source: Charter, Section 4.4(f) Example: A Councilmember is the chairperson for a non-profit organization's fundraising committee for a new building. If the site-plan is before the Council for approval and the Councilmember asserts conflicting fiduciary duties, the Council could excuse the Councilmember from voting on the site- plan.

There are surely other external resources that would be helpful here. Given the time constraints, this is what I am able to share at this time.

Thanks!

Jamie

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