

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2018

The Special and Contact Committee met Thursday, May 31, 2018. At 6:45 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Special and Contact Committee Members, Chairman Mr. Dan Lanzer, Mrs. Aimee May, Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, and Alternate John Zucal.

Guests were Mayor Joel Day, President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Law Director Marvin Fete, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Safety Director Greg Popham, Councilperson Dean Holland, Councilperson Rob Maurer, Councilperson Kelly Ricklic.

The Special & Contact Committee meeting at 6:45 PM in Council Chambers in regard to:
A Liquor License variance for Buehler's, and Council Procedures.

Chairman Lanzer made the following comment:

I'll take a motion that we voice vote during my Committee comments for approval of this.

MRS. RAMOS MADE A MOTION FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE DURING FULL COUNCIL

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS

THERE WILL BE A ROLL CALL VOTE FOR THE LIQUOR LICENCE VARIANCE DURING TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Chairman Lanzer made the following comment:

We're here tonight to talk about Council Procedures and this is a request from Council President Hitchcock. We worked on it a little bit when I was in Council last time. We cleared up a few words.

President Hitchcock made the following statement:

I've got something printed out for the Committee and I'll also give a copy to the Law Director. This is a result of a discussion that I had with the Law Director regarding whether the Ambulance Committee would be able to sponsor legislation. Of course I yielded to the Law Director's decision at that time that it would have to come through one of the committees that was appointed by the President of Council. This is why this last time we had an issue with the Ambulance Committee, the Ambulance Committee passed it on to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee and it was brought to the floor of Council. The Law Director also mentioned that in order to rectify that situation if something was changed in our rules of procedure, specifically Rule 14 that could clean that up and make it so that the Ambulance Committee would be able to sponsor legislation. My feeling is they should be able to do that because the three members, the Chair of the Safety, Health, and Service Committee, the Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Salary Committee have been appointed by the President. The 3 Council Members make up the majority of the Ambulance Committee so they should be able to sponsor legislation. We just basically shortcut an extra step of getting it to the floor of Council.

Chairman Lanzer made the following comment:

My concern is that since there are members that are not Councilmembers, would it be opening up that the Airport Committee and other Committees with non council members be able to vote on legislation?

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

The Ambulance Committee is not a standing committee. It was clear that the standing committee can adopt legislation. I would change “city council committee” to “standing committee”, but then you’ll probably have to limit that to council members.

President of Council Hitchcock had the following comment:

Robert’s Rules allow a committee to bring in additional members to a committee for the purpose of decision making.

Committee Member Ramos made the following comment:

I would be concerned that people who are not elected officials would be able to propose legislation. We do have three councilmembers on that committee. The Ambulance Committee should be limited to those three councilmembers and they could receive input from the other people on the committee.

President of Council Hitchcock had the following comment:

A solution if a committee contains members that are not elected to council is to simply change the ordinance omitting those two members and they would be basically guests at the Ambulance Committee meeting.

Committee Member May had the following comment:

I don’t understand the purpose of this if it already goes through Committee and the Fire Chief and the Safety Director already have input.

President of Council Hitchcock had the following response:

It’s because the Ambulance Committee is established by ordinance and they meet if there’s something that requires legislation.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

If it was the will of Council or the will of this Committee to move it forward you could potentially look at the fact that 3/5 of the members are council. It would take a unanimous vote with those three members to bring legislation forward.

President of Council Hitchcock had the following comment:

The sponsorship of legislation is simply to put it on the floor of Council. It still has to be passed before it comes in active it has to be passed through the vote of 7 people.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I think this is a solution looking for a problem. I don’t think we need to create a standing committee just for raising our ambulance rates. If we make the ambulance committee a standing committee we would be doing it for one thing, to lower or raise ambulance rates.

Mayor Day had the following comment:

You could rename the Ambulance Committee the Ambulance Board.

Chairman Lanzer had the following comment:

I’ll be having a couple more meetings concerning council procedures. Think about Chapter 121 Rule 14. We’ll just work through the summer on this basically. There’s no hurry. At the next meeting we can work on Rule 2.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

So we just email you with our suggestions?

Chairman Lanzer had the following comment:

Yes, email me.

Mrs. May made a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Lanzer, Committee Chairman
Special and Contact Committee