**Charter and Rules Committee**

January 26, 2021

Votes and video timestamps

Video of meeting can be found at https://youtu.be/SgUhEsUeKDo

Narrative to follow

Members present: Chairman Jose Maldonado Velez, Vice Chairwoman Tessa Murphy-Romboletti, Todd McGee

Other councilors present: Will Puello, Kevin Jourdain, Linda Vacon, Israel Rivera

Chairman Maldonado Velez called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti suggested taking the orders from Anderson-Burgos out of order, noting he was recovering from surgery and should be able to address his orders and be able to leave early. She then made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from the table out of order.

Councilor McGee clarified that 6 could be taken up on its own, followed by 8 and 9 together as a package, as well as 10 and 11 together as a package.

Motion passed.

Item 6: 12-21-21 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered, that Rule 32 be amended to add “and Marijuana Establishments” after “except for Home Occupation” to the description of the D&GR Committee. This needs to be updated to reflect that the Ordinance Committee handles those petitions.

Councilor McGee made a motion to approve. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion.

---> Approved 3-0.

(4:50)

Councilor McGee made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 8 and 9 from the table as a package out of order. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 8: 1-18-22 MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the City Council amend or clarify enforcement of Rule 61 so that a committee must act on an order within 30 days of City Council referral.  Any order not acted on within 30 days shall be deemed tabled

Councilor McGee made a motion to amend 30 days to 45 days. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilor McGee made a motion to approve item 8, as amended. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

---> Approved 3-0.

Item 9: 12-21-21 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered, that Rule 61 be amended by inserting “or at the next meeting of the committee, whichever comes later,” after the words “30 days.” Also amend this Rule by adding a new section: “Orders laid on the table in a committee shall be acted on with a vote with or without recommendation within six months of the committee receiving them. If not acted on, they shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular City Council meeting for action, referral, or disposal. Orders may be acted on up to the end of the term following the one in which they are filed. Such orders that remain in committee following the end of the term after the one in which they were filed shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting for disposal.”
This is to make sure that orders are handled in a timely manner when councilors file them for consideration and to establish a step to be taken if they are not taken up. It also clarifies a time period before orders go stale and can no longer be acted on.

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay on the table. Councilor McGee seconded the motion.

---> Laid on the table 3-0.

(35:40)

Councilor McGee made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 10 and 11 from the table as a package out of order. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 10: 12-21-21 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered, that a new rule be created stating that “For the purposes of determining voting majorities and super majorities at full City Council meetings, eligible voting members shall mean the full body of the City Council except any members that may have properly abstained from participating in debate for a vote.”
In addition, in any rules referring to the full membership of the City Council for determining a voting majority or super majority, amend them to state “eligible members of the City Council.” These locations are in Rule 35 and Rule 66.

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay on the table, and refer a request to the Law Department to review.

---> Laid on the table, with a request that the Law Department review definitions and state law. 3-0

Item 11: 12-21-21 ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Ordered, that Rule 38 be amended by striking out “a 2/3 super majority” and replacing it with “a majority of all eligible members”

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay on the table, and refer a request to the Law Department to review.

---> Laid on the table, with a request that the Law Department review definitions and state law. 3-0

(1:04:35)

Councilor McGee made a motion to remove item 1 from the table. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 1: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that the City Council Rules are reviewed, reorganized, and that titles are added for accessibility.

Councilor McGee made a motion to lay on the table. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion.

---> Laid on the table. 3-0.

(1:08:55)

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 2, 3, 4, and 5 from the tale as a package. Councilor McGee seconded the motion.

Item 2: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we degender the language of rule 2

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to amend to instruct that all City Council rules be degenderd. Councilor McGee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

---> Approved, as amended 3-0.

Item 3: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we degender the language of rule 4

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to amend to instruct that all City Council rules be degenderd. Councilor McGee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

---> Approved, as amended 3-0.

Item 4: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we degender the language of rule 37

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to amend to instruct that all City Council rules be degenderd. Councilor McGee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

---> Approved, as amended 3-0.

Item 5: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we degender the language of rule 62

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to amend to instruct that all City Council rules be degenderd. Councilor McGee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

---> Approved, as amended 3-0.

(1:13:05)

Councilor McGee made a motion to remove item 7 from the table. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 7: 1-18-22 VACON -- Amend city council rules by adding: Legal form for Ordinance changes shall be provided 48 hours prior to a City Council meeting.
If legal form is not provided 48 hours prior to the meeting, upon objection of any member of the City Council, the matter will be tabled until the next meeting.  The purpose of this rule is to ensure that each Councilor has time to read proposed changes prior to voting on the matter.

Councilor McGee made a motion to approve as an amendment to Rule 58. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

---> Approved 3-0.

(1:28:45)

Councilor McGee made a motion to remove item 12 from the table. Chairman Maldonado Velez seconded the motion.

Item 12: 1-18-22 MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we create a Technology Advisory Board to advise the council on the impact and implications of technological innovations on financial services, human services, infrastructure, politics, taxing of tech companies. The board will give recommendations on policy change in order to bring our systems up to date.

Chairman Maldonado Velez made a motion to lay on the table. Councilor McGee seconded the motion.

---> Laid on the table 3-0.

Adjourned at 8:04 PM