An Amendment to the City of Lowell Rules of Procedure

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Unfinished business
New business
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Council reports
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Adopted this the 9th day of May 2014.

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