

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25

INTRODUCED BY: VICE MAYOR SUSAN PARDEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 220.01 ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS," 220.07 ENTITLED "PRESIDING OFFICER," AND 220.11 ENTITLED "ORDER OF BUSINESS," FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING ANY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ADD AGENDA ITEMS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.

WHEREAS, Council wishes to codify a right of any Council Member to add agenda items to the City Council meeting agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Codified Ordinance Section 220.01(d) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(d) Timing for distribution of agendas.

(1) Any member of Council may add an agenda item to the Council meeting agenda by providing written notice along with any supporting documentation to the Mayor and the Clerk of Council at least three (3) days prior to the date on which the agenda is to be posted and/or distributed to the general public. Upon receipt of such written notice, the item shall be included on the Council meeting agenda.

(2) The Mayor shall deliver the completed agenda for forthcoming meetings, along with supporting documentation to the Clerk of Council by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday that precedes a Council meeting on the subsequent Monday.

(3) The Clerk of Council shall distribute the completed agenda to the general public and the members of Council by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday that precedes a Council meeting on the subsequent Monday.

(4) The Clerk of Council shall complete and distribute the meeting minutes from the preceding meeting within 48 hours of the distribution of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting.

Section 2. Existing Codified Ordinance Section 220.01(d) is hereby repealed. The remainder of Codified Ordinance Section 220.01 shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

Section 3. Codified Ordinance Section 220.07 is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

220.07 PRESIDING OFFICER

The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of Council and shall have the right to introduce ordinances and resolutions and to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before Council, but shall have no vote thereon. Any member of Council may add an agenda item to the Council meeting agenda upon providing the Mayor and the Clerk of Council with adequate notice as set forth in Codified Ordinance Section 220.01(d). The Mayor shall preserve order and decorum, prevent personal reflection, and confine members in debate to the question. He or she may, in common with any member of Council, call to order any member who violates any of the rules of Council, and he or she shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to Council upon the demand of two members. On such appeal there shall be no debate, but each member making the appeal may briefly state his or her reason for the same, and the Mayor shall have the same right to a similar brief statement.

Section 4. Existing Codified Ordinance Section 220.07 is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Codified Ordinance Section 220.11 is hereby amended by amending the concluding paragraph of that ordinance, so that the concluding paragraph reads in its entirety as follows:

The foregoing order of business may be varied from time to time by the presiding officer only in the interest of expediting the business of Council. Any member of Council may add an agenda item to the Council meeting agenda upon providing the Mayor and the Clerk of Council with adequate notice as set forth in Codified Ordinance Section 220.01(d).

Section 6. The existing concluding paragraph of Codified Ordinance Section 220.11 is hereby repealed. The remainder of Codified Ordinance Section 220.11, including, but not limited to, subsections (a) through (j) shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO



SUSAN K. INFELD, MAYOR

FIRST READING: 09/05/2017


PASSED: 09/18/2017

ATTEST:



KELLY M. THOMAS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LUKE F. MCCONVILLE, LAW DIRECTOR