

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

February 8, 2021

THAT the City Council of the City of Newburyport hereby orders that Rule 7 entitled “Committees and Committee Business” and Rule 10B entitled “Gaining the Floor” of the Newburyport City Council Rules (2021) be amended to read as follows, with deletions ~~stricken-through and in bold~~, and additions double-underlined and in bold.

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Rule 7. The President, **no later than its next Inaugural Meeting,** shall appoint all members to all City Council Committees, both standing and ad hoc, designate the Chair of each such Committee, who shall serve as its presiding officer, and fill any vacancies thereon as they arise. Likewise, the President may establish, dissolve, and/or reconfigure ad hoc Committees in ~~his or her~~ **their** discretion, provided that such ad hoc Committees shall be re-established, **as needed,** each two-year legislative session. Ad hoc committees may include members other than members of the Council for purposes of deliberation, but they may not vote. Except as otherwise provided in Rule 12, the Council shall, by a majority vote, refer each matter newly introduced through the Council agenda (Agenda) to a single Committee, either standing or ad hoc, for review at a public meeting of such Committee, before such matter may be acted upon again by the Council. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Councillor may make all parliamentary motions, including a motion to receive and file the newly introduced matter.

GAINING THE FLOOR

Rule 10B. No Councillor shall speak a second time on any motion until each Councillor has the opportunity to speak once, however the President may permit a Councillor to speak out of turn to respond to questions directed to ~~him or her~~ **them** by another Councillor. **A Councillor shall be allowed to speak no more than three (3) times on any one subject for a period not**

to exceed fifteen (15) minutes. For matters coming before the Council in the first instance not being referred to committee and/or requiring a question-and-answer period, the foregoing limitations shall not apply. A Councillor shall be allowed an additional five (5) minutes to speak after every other Councillor choosing to speak has spoken.

Councillor Afroz Khan

In City Council February 8, 2021:

Motion to refer to Rules by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote. 11 yes, motion passes.

In City Council December 13, 2021:

Motion to waive the rules and invoke Rule 7H to move to the next City Council Session by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Khan. So Voted.