

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033."**

The City Council Committee of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber on December 8, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

December 5, 2022 at 2:40 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: C. Dominguez and C. Watson-Felt

SUBJECT(S)

#633 Discussing updates to Rules and Orders

C. Morsillo explains that since we are changing to Robert's Rules of Orders, the suggestion from the City Clerk is to keep the current wording for section 32 and sections 23 and 18.

For section 30A, the City Clerk suggested adding "The police department's recommendation should be voiced by the Ward Councilor on the floor." This used to be the norm, and it formalizes the recommendation from the PD to support or not support the traffic change. Sections 23 and 18 also should revert to the original rules since it would take some research to understand what the meaning was here from Cushings. Since we are moving to Robert's Rules of Order, the Committee of the Whole should meet again next year to further edit these rules and delete those that are no longer pertinent.

C. McCarthy moves to approve the edits presented from the last meeting and to keep section 32 as written originally, seconded by C. Cohen.

C. Cohen moves to add the edit for 30A explained above.

C. McClain moves to revert to the original wording for Section 23. Sections 18 and 32 were never amended by the COW.

On C. McCarthy's motion to adopt the amendments to the Council Rules, as amended by C. Cohen and C. McClain, the motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of C. McCarthy the meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Morsillo".

(Chairperson)