

## **Recap of Council rules discussion**

### **Rule 3. Ex parte**

Sentence 1--Ex parte also applies to several land use decisions not mentioned here—ie conditional use, historic preservation permits. Expand to say “other land use entitlements.” Staff should inform Council when ex parte rules apply. Include reference to “quasi-judicial” role rather than “legislative”

### **Rule 4 Decorum**

Consider: “strive to be professional in tone and conduct.”

Remove “indulge in personalities.” Council members are held to higher standards when it comes to criticism.

Caution: Take care to not infringe on free speech.

Consider replacing “Impugn motives” and “indulge in personalities” with alternate language like “refrain from personal attacks and avoid name calling.”

How can the body deal with inaccuracies and misinformation?

Is there a point for cumulative and repetitive offences against decorum?

### **Rule 13 Consent agenda**

Votes on consent agenda should be unanimous, there should be a separate time to vote on separated questions.

Consider returning to having a preview of public hearings in LUP committee.

The process to approve bylaw amendments is clunky. Council is often the last review.

Noise waivers have nuance between if the project is public or private. Clarify to include public projects but require private projects to go to committee because they may tend to impact neighborhoods.

### **Rule 25—Mayor’s absence Council President role**

The last sentence doesn’t belong in this rule. Relocate to a place that makes more sense.

### **Grievance with City Council**

If a council person has a grievance when/where is the appropriate time to address it?

Consider Committee Realignment

Committee chairs are looking if there are ways to rebalance committees to spread committee work more evenly.