

RESOLUTION NO. 190903

Amending the Standing Rules of the City Council by repealing and replacing Rules 8.05 and 9.01 to decrease individual Councilmember debate time and record voting abstentions.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Standing Rules of the City Council is amended by repealing Rule 8.05 and Rule 9.01 and enacting in lieu thereof new rules of like number and subject matter, to read as follows:

Rule 8.05 Debate

- (a) The presiding officer shall attempt to recognize Councilmembers in the order they seek recognition.
- (b) Every Councilmember desiring to question the administrative staff shall address questions to the City Manager, who shall be entitled either to answer the inquiries personally or to designate some member of the staff for that purpose.
- (c) A Councilmember, once recognized, shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the presiding officer, a point of order is raised by another Councilmember, or the speaker chooses to yield to another Councilmember. If a Councilmember is called to order while speaking, the Councilmember shall cease speaking immediately until the question of order is determined. If ruled to be in order, the Councilmember shall be permitted to proceed.
- (d) No Councilmember shall speak to any ordinance or resolution in excess of five minutes consecutively, and not in excess of ten minutes in total; thereafter, under extraordinary circumstances, the Presiding Officer may grant a Councilmember one additional period, not to exceed three minutes, in which to speak to that ordinance or resolution.
- (e) Councilmembers shall confine their questions to the particular matters before the assembly and, in debate, shall confine their remarks to the issue before the Council.

Rule 9.01 Voting

- (a) On the passage of every ordinance and resolution, and on the appointment of every officer, the vote shall be taken by roll call and entered in full upon the record.

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- (b) On any other question, a voice vote shall be sufficient unless at the request of a Councilmember, the vote shall be taken by roll call and entered in full upon the record.
 - (c) The vote on a pending ordinance or resolution shall be for or against the item and not on the report of the committee.
 - (d) A Councilmember who is present may vote "Abstain" and his or her vote shall be registered as "Present, but choosing to abstain from voting."
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