

Rules Committee Meeting  
November 7, 2018

Chairman Hyder called the meeting to order at 4:20.

Committee Members present: Commissioners Norris, Hyder, Stone, J. Davis, Wilson, Cooper, Blalock

Members Absent: Commissioners Seiber and Patterson

Others present: Commissioners K. Davis, Threet, Baldwin, and Holbrook, and Mayor Foster

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

Chairman Hyder informed committee members that over time the Commission Rules had been fine tuned to follow any changes in the law. At the last meeting it was discussed whether to add to the Rules the understanding that committee memberships would flip after two years. After discussion, the group decision was not to add this to the Rules at this time but to leave it as an understanding that committee membership automatically changes. Not making it a Rule allows flexibility in the event that both Commissioners in a district prefer to not make a change and indicate their wish to the Commission Chairman.

Commissioner Blaylock stated that while he did not want to add anything to the Rules, he did not think Committee meetings should occur on the same night. It was discussed that this is not usually the case except in the event of meetings for organizational purpose. He also mentioned that he thought we should stagger elections to avoid the possibility of an entirely new Commission and new Mayor. He proposed that at the next election cycle, the candidate receiving the most votes would serve 4 years and the person receiving the second most votes would serve 2 to initiate staggered terms of 4 years from that point on. Other ideas were discussed on how to make this change. The process for this change would be for the Rules Committee to make a recommendation to the full Commission for a Private Act by the State. This process will be studied and discussed further at the spring meeting. Chairman Hyder will confirm the process from our Lawyer and CTAS.

Commissioner Stone will check with our County Archivist on the specific records required by law in TCA: Open Public Records and report back to the committee at next meeting.

Commissioner Wilson will check with our CTAS representative, Ben Rodgers on CTAS recommendations and TCA requirements.

Mayor Foster discussed two things he would like the committee to consider: 1) Adding: **Approval of the Agenda** to the Rules, in the section on our Commission agenda and 2) Considering if we would like to have a consent agenda. During the approval of the agenda, any Commissioner could request that any item from the consent agenda could be removed and treated as a separate agenda item in order to have discussion on the matter.

It was questioned whether the Budget Committee could, during their regular meeting, vote to bundle agenda items that are expected to be routine votes. This would save repetitive voting on routine budget matters and this type bundling already take place during the Budget Process. During the approval of the agenda, any Commissioner could request to remove an item from a bundled group (or from a consent agenda or from the annual budget) and it would become a regular agenda item with time allowed for discussion. Commissioner Stone will check with CTAS and report back to the Budget Committee as well as the Rules Committee if the committee can make a motion to bundle approved items. Chairman Hyder asked Stone to also ask CTAS whether agenda items that involve money have to be a roll call vote.

***Commissioner Blaylock made a motion to add:***

***Approval of the Agenda after 3.4 Roll Call. Approval of the Agenda will be numbered 3.5 and subsequent agenda items will be renumbered.***


***Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously supported. The Mayor's office will prepare the Resolution for the Commission.***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

In the absence of the recording secretary, Commissioner Stone recorded minutes for the meeting.

Minutes approved:

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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chair