

Rule Number	Title	Change
1.3	Special Meetings	Allows requests for special meetings to be done electornically
1.4	Worksessions	Allows for worksessions to be called by Presidnet or 3 members of council to discuss issues. Minutes to be taken
1.5	Holiday Scheduling	Has council pick its summer recess during the organziational meeting
1.8	Quorum	Any member who is absent has to give written notice to the clerk and council may vote on excusing it. If it's not voted on, it's excsued
1.9	Order of Business	Adds prayer by member or designee on rotating basis
2.4	Presiding officer	If President and Vice President aren't here, clerk calls meeting and majority of members attending pick a presiding officer for that meeting only
2.6	Duties of the President	Makes it clear that President has signing authority over council budget and limited powers outside the meetings
3.3	Number of members on Committees	Adds two more members to finance
3.4	Committee Appointments	President can't be chair of a committee too and says finance chair can't chair another committee.
3.6	Committee Chair and Vice Chair	Allows for finance chair to appoint subcommittees Clarifies that the Vice Chair oversees the committee in chair's absence
3.9	Quorum for committees	Clarifies that a majority of members present is necessary to take action
4.10	Withdrawal	Says that primary sponsors of legislation may move to withdraw their legislation, and that motion shall be granted unless 3/4 of council opposes the motion
5.1	Preservation of Decorum	Bans use of electornic devices during meetings
5.2	Speaking by Council Members	If any member speaks longer than 5 minutes, any other member can invoke the 5-minute rule and the next member may speak.
6.5	Motions	States that any member who makes or seconds a motion to approve legislation has to vote for the legislation
6.7	Motions-Procedures During Debate	Adds withdrawal as one of the motions that may be entertained during debate
6.9	Introduction of legislation	Says any legislation must have a primary sponsor and at least two other sponsors

Reason

Updates to include 21st Century communications

Allows for council to receive citizen input without having to go through several long meetings

Better long-term planning

This is to address the issues happening in New Franklin

Adds necessary solemnity to proceedings

In the unlikely even that both President and VP aren't there, this allows meetings to go forward that still have a quorum. Modeled on Ohio Revised Code

Gives clarity to president and members about scope of duties

Finance is the heavy lifting committee and needs to have more members with the potential for subcommittees as issues arise
This allows members appointed to the two biggest council positions to focus on those positions, better serving the community, and allows for subcommittees on finance where necessary

This is what we do anyway, but it's not in our rules

Right now, it's just all members of a committee. This clarifies that the votes taken are to be counted among members present

Follows our past practice of granting withdrawal motions as a courtesy to members

This is standard practice in many communities and establishes more professional council meetings

We kind of ignore the five-minute rule (me especially). This might remind us.

This removes any tactical motions to make fellow members look bad or score points.

Keeping in line with the introduction of a withdrawal motion in our rules

This ensures sufficient support for legislation, though this has not been past practice