

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NOS. 12567, 13031, 13304, AND 14656 WHICH ESTABLISHED RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING THE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ADOPTING NEW RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alameda desires to have all citizens fully participate in the proceedings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Art. I Sec. 2(D), Alameda Municipal Code Secs. 2-1.7 and 2-1.8, and Government Code Sec. 54954.3 gives the City Council discretion to adopt reasonable regulations concerning the proceedings and order of business of City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2674, adopted at the August 16, 1994 City Council meeting, states that Rules of Order of City Council meetings shall be set by City Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Open Government Commission and a City Council Subcommittee conducted a review of the current Rules of Order and propose establishing new Rules of Order, which follow Rosenberg's Rules of Order with exceptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alameda that City of Alameda Resolution Nos. 12567, 13031, 13304 and 14656 are hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council adopts Rosenberg's Rules of Order to govern the proceedings of City Council meetings, with the following exceptions:

1. Suspension of the Rules. A supermajority of the City Council (4 members) may suspend the rules for a specific purpose. When rules are suspended, the vote to do so should state the purpose for suspending the rules.

2. Special Order of the Day. Ceremonial presentations, announcements and proclamations under Special Orders of the Day shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes. Recipient groups can speak for a maximum of two (2) minutes and will be timed.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters. Anyone wishing to speak on matters not on the agenda may do so under "Oral Communication, Non-Agenda." Speakers shall limit comments to three (3) minutes or less. Speakers may comment only once on the same topic even where multiple meetings are held on the same day. No speaker may cede time to another.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items. Public comment will be allowed on all

agenda items at the time each item is called. All speakers, regardless of elected or appointed status, shall limit comments to three (3) minutes or less. Comments shall be limited to two (2) minutes for items with seven (7) or more speakers and limited to one (1) minutes for items with thirteen (13) or more speakers. No speaker may cede time to another. Public comment is not permitted on motions. Presentations and Council questions precede public comment. Public comment shall not be used to elicit a debate and speakers shall avoid personal attacks of members of the Council, staff or public.

5. Consent Items. Agenda items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted, approved, or adopted by one motion without discussion. Any Council member or member of the public or Council may request removal of a specific item for discussion or explanation. The removed/“pulled” item will be voted on separately.

6. Council Comments. Each Councilmember may speak up to nine (9) minutes per agenda item.

7. Counting Votes. The vote count on a motion will be determined by the majority of the membership unless a greater threshold is required by law. A supermajority is two-thirds of the City Council (4 members).

8. Latest Time a New Agenda Item May Be Called. No new regular agenda items or council referrals will be heard after 11:00 p.m.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 15th day of May 2018, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 16th day of May 2018.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janet C. Kern, City Attorney
City of Alameda