



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting October 3, 2024**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 27, 2024
From: Mayor Alto & Councillor Thompson
Subject: Council Procedures Bylaw Update

BACKGROUND

As staff prepare updates to the *Council Procedures Bylaw*, additional changes have been identified to confirm Council procedures align with current practices, clarify clausal ambiguity, and ensure that efficient, effective, and transparent decision-making is a part of Council's procedures in conducting their business.

These proposed changes and their rationale are found in Appendix 1, with changes from current and/or new language noted in **bold** type.

Appendix 1 offers language that would:

- add a consent agenda to Council
- set Council members' questions and comments to 12 minutes per agenda item
- require an imminent deadline for an item's same day consideration
- clarify that Notices of Motion are to be identified as forthcoming when the agenda is adopted, and cannot be debated
- allow Committee of the Whole to run until 4pm without needing to extend.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct Staff to prepare necessary amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw as outlined in Appendix 1 and the necessary public notice requirements.

Respectfully submitted.

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Mayor Alto.

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Councillor Thompson

List of Attachments

Appendix 1_Council Procedures Bylaw Update