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Amendment C

to

RES 32029 – General Rules and Procedures

Sponsor: CM Strauss

Time Limits for Debate at Council Meetings

Beginning on p. 13 of Attachment 1 to Resolution 32029, make the following changes:

IV. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

If these General Rules and Procedures are silent on a matter of parliamentary procedure, the 12th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Council in all cases to which it is applicable.

A. Rules of Debate.

When any CM wishes to speak, the CM shall address the Chair.

1. When recognized, the CM shall, in a courteous manner, confine comments to the question under debate.
2. The CM who sponsors a Bill, Resolution, Clerk File, Appointment, or motion has the privilege of speaking first and last upon it.
3. No CM shall impugn the motives of any other CM, or speak more than twice except for explanation during the consideration of any one question.
4. No CM, having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending at a meeting of the Council, shall speak for longer than ten minutes unless all CMs present agree by ~~voice~~ unanimous consent to extend the limits of debate or two-thirds of CMs present and voting pass a motion to extend the limits of debate.

B. Consideration of Motions.

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Effect: This amendment would set time limits for debate at Council meetings that are consistent with existing time limits included in Robert's Rules.

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