

**HASTINGS CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION AGENDA**

**Council Chambers – City Hall
220 North Hastings Avenue
March 21, 2022
5:30 PM**

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA for March 21, 2022 Worksession.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, March 18, 2022. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation of Financial Audit for the City of Hastings and Utility Department ending September 30, 2021 - Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C.
2. Discussion of meeting and public conduct rules.
3. Quiet Crossing update.
4. Discussion of proposed Water Department City Code changes.

ADJOURN:

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to enter into an executive session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the agenda.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Mayor and City Council reserve the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedules of the city council members, person having items on the agenda, and the public.

Sec. 2-108. - Meeting; rules of conduct.

The business and proceedings of the meeting of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

- (1) No electronic communication with, among, or between council members and staff or any other person shall be permitted during the Council meeting.
- (2) The presiding officer may refer back to any order of business after passing it, if there is no objection from any Council Member.
- (3) The presiding officer shall preserve order at all meetings. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to appeal to the Council. In such appeal, a Council Member shall state briefly what in their opinion the ruling should have been and upon this appeal being seconded, the question of the appeal shall be called by the presiding officer.
- (4) When a question is being called by the presiding officer, no Council Member shall leave the Council Chambers.
- (5) Upon request of any Council Member, any motion or resolution shall be reduced to writing before being acted upon.
- (6) The minutes of the meeting shall show the Council Member who offered or introduced a motion, resolution, or ordinance and the Council Member seconding the same.
- (7) The individual votes cast by Council Members upon any question shall be taken and recorded in the minutes.
- (8) The Council may reprimand or censure any of its members for improper behavior as Council Members. Any resolution, ordinance, or motion may be withdrawn by its introducer or mover with consent of the Council Member seconding same, before same is voted upon.
- (9) Motions to reconsider may only be made by a Council Member who voted with the majority, but such motion to reconsider must be made before the expiration of the third (3rd) regular meeting after the consideration of the same question.
- (10) The presiding officer may reasonably limit the time during which any person not a member of the Council may address a Council meeting.
- (11) The presiding officer may express their opinion on any subject being discussed or debated by the Council.
- (12) When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times are proposed, the question shall be called on the largest sum and longest time first.
- (13) When a question is under debate by the Council, no motion shall be made, entertained or seconded, except the following privileged motions: First, the previous question; second, to table; third, to adjourn. Each of the privileged motions shall be decided without any debate.
- (14) During general debate or debate on a particular agenda item, no Council Member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any particular agenda item until every other Council Member desiring to do so shall have spoken. No Council Member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon any particular agenda item.
- (15) During discussion, general debate, or debate on any particular agenda item, each Council Member shall

confine his or her remarks to a total of five (5) minutes.

- (16) Debate and discussion for any particular agenda item shall not exceed forty (40) minutes. Once forty (40) minutes have elapsed, the particular agenda item shall either be voted upon or continued by Motion of any Council Member.
- (17) Any rule of the Council may be suspended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the members present.
- (18) Rules of Council numbers 14, 15, and 16 may be suspended by a vote of simple majority of the members present.

(Ord. No. 5530, § 1, 5-12-20)

Sec. 2-109. - Audience/participant; rules of conduct.

The following rules are established for audience members and participants at a Council meeting:

- (1) At the discretion of the presiding officer, any person may address the Council, on any agenda item; however, questions to City officials or staff, other speakers, or members of the audience are not permitted and will not be answered.
- (2) Any person wishing to address the Council shall first state their name and address.
- (3) Remarks shall be limited to five minutes unless extended or limited by the Presiding Officer or majority vote of the Council.
- (4) No person will be permitted to address the Council more than once during discussion of a particular agenda item. Rebuttal comments are not permitted.
- (5) Repetitive or cumulative remarks may be limited or excluded by the presiding officer or majority vote of the Council.
- (6) Profanity or raised voice is not permitted.
- (7) Applause, booing, or other indications of support or displeasure with a speaker are not permitted.
- (8) Any person violating these rules may be removed from the Council Chambers.

The following additional rules are established and applicable for public participants at an open public comment period or study session meeting:

- (9) At the direction of the presiding officer, open public comment period speaker topics will be limited to those not covered by a published agenda for any study session, or any regular City Council meeting.
- (10) A priority to speak at open public comment periods and study sessions shall be given to those speakers who reside within the City limits, or within the ETJ (Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction - a two (2) mile radius of the City limits) of Fremont, and then, as time allows, to those who do not.
- (11) Members of the public wishing to speak at a Study Session will be required to limit their comments to those that are directly related to the publically noticed study session agenda topic(s).
- (12) Written letters addressed to the Council will be accepted, as will comment cards that will be made available and collected from those who attend open public comment period and study session meetings who do not wish to speak publically, but have an issue or concern that they believe the Council should be made aware of.

(Ord. No. 5493, § III, 2-26-19)