

## Rules Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
December 6, 2021

The Rules Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, December 6, 2021 with these members in attendance:

Jeremy Blake - Chair  
Doug Marmie – Vice Chair  
Jeff Harris

We wish to report

### 1. Change to Council Rule 11

#### **Council Rule 11.**

Under miscellaneous business, Council may, after debate, permit the introduction of legislation classified as emergency by a three-fourths (8) vote.

If a member introduces legislation and did not meet the time criteria to be numbered and placed on the agenda, then the clerk will assign it a number at the meeting the legislation is introduced. The President of Council will refer the legislation to the appropriate committee.

By agreement of the Minority and Majority Leader of Council, legislation may bypass committee review as long as it has been presented to the Clerk in conformity with the timetable established by Article 4.02 (C) of the City Charter and it is reflected on the Agenda that the Majority and Minority Leaders have agreed that committee review is not necessary.

IN THE EVENT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AND THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF A MINORITY LEADER, THEN BY AGREEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND THE MAJORITY LEADER OF COUNCIL, LEGISLATION MAY BYPASS COMMITTEE REVIEW AS LONG AS IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE CLERK IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TIMETABLE ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 4.02 (C) OF THE CITY CHARTER AND IT IS REFLECTED ON THE AGENDA THAT THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND THE MAJORITY LEADER HAVE AGREED THAT COMMITTEE REVIEW IS NOT NECESSARY.

**Tricia Moore, Law Director** – The change to Rule 11 is a necessity because council is now going to be all of the same party versus having a majority leader and a minority leader, so this is just an amendment to that rule, certainly if that were ever to change it would default back to the initial rule. But, in this case it allows the President and the Council as well as the Majority Leader to put forth legislation using Rule 11 if they both agree.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed 3-0**

Jeremy Blake, Chair