

Motion Sheet
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan
4/26/2018 Regular Council Meeting
Item 11

I move that this Code amendment be changed to:

- (1) Increase the membership of Council Committees from three to a maximum of five Council Members (excluding Austin Energy which will be left to a Committee of the Whole).
- (2) Change the language from an “appointment” from the Mayor to a “nomination” from the Mayor.
- (3) Retain the Mayor’s responsibility for consolidating and developing a nomination list for the committee membership that is presented to the full Council for consideration and final approval.
- (4) Change the process from a straight up or down vote of the Mayor’s nomination list to also allow the City Council to make any individual or collective change to the Mayor’s nomination list before approving the committee council membership; and
- (5) Clarify that the quorum of the committee is based on the total number of members for the committee. So if, for example, a committee has four or five members the quorum is three members.

This amendment would substitute the attached ordinance for the ordinance proposed by city staff.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-5-102 MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES) AND 2-5-105 (COMMITTEE MEETINGS) RELATING TO SELECTION PROCESS AND MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 2-5-102 (*Membership of Council Committees*) is amended to read:

§ 2-5-102 MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

- (A) Except as otherwise provided, each committee of the council ~~[consists]~~ shall consist of ~~[four]~~ three to five council members ~~[appointed]~~ nominated by the mayor, in consultation with the council, and approved by the council.
- (B) For each council committee the mayor, in consultation with the council, shall designate a chair and a vice chair.
- (C) The term of a committee member is ~~[two]~~ one year[s] beginning on the date the council committee appointments are ~~[ratified]~~ approved by the council.
- (D) Council committee membership shall be discussed at the first council work session of each calendar year. Council members will indicate the council committees on which they desire to serve, and the mayor will use this information to develop a nomination list for the membership of each council committee.
- ~~[(D)]~~(E) The mayor's ~~[appointment]~~ nomination of the membership of a committee, including the mayor's designation of a chair and vice chair, is not effective until it is ~~[ratified]~~ approved by the council as provided by this subsection. The council may:
- (1) ~~[The council may only ratify the appointments]~~ approve the entirety of the mayor's nominations of all council committee members, including the designations of officers, [made to all of] for the council committees [as a whole.]; or

(2) ~~[The council may not]~~ individually ~~[ratify]~~ approve or ~~[object to]~~ change:

- (a) the ~~[appointment]~~ nomination of an individual council member to a council committee;
- (b) the designation of an individual council member as a council committee officer; or
- (c) the membership of a particular council committee.

~~[(2) If a motion to ratify the mayor's appointment of the membership of all the council committees fails, the mayor must appoint a new set of members and officers for the committees and submit the new appointments to the council for ratification. The new set of members need not be completely different from the set that council did not ratify.]~~

~~[(E)]~~(F) If a vacancy occurs on a committee, the mayor shall ~~[appoint]~~ nominate a council member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. An appointment under this subsection ~~[does not]~~ requires council ~~[ratification]~~ approval.

~~[(F)]~~(G) ~~[Each appointment under this section must be in writing and filed with the city clerk. If an appointment requires council ratification, council must ratify the appointment in a written resolution.]~~ Immediately following the council's approval of committee membership or when the council makes changes to council committee membership, the mayor shall file a list of the membership of each council committee with the city clerk.

PART 2. Subsection (B) of Section 2-5-105 (*Committee Meetings*) is amended to read in part:

- (B) Except as otherwise provided, ~~[three]~~ a majority of the total number of members of a council committee ~~[are]~~ is a quorum. The favorable votes of a majority of the council committee quorum present at the meeting are required for a council committee to take action.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2018

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED:

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City Attorney

ATTEST:

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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