

RULES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Rules Committee was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by Chairman Favicchio.

Present: Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
Councilmember Christopher J. Hopkins
Councilmember Christopher Paplauskas
Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas
Councilmember John P. Donegan
Councilmember Edward J. Brady
Council President Michael J Farina, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, City Council Legal Counsel
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Ord. 6-20-07 in amendment of Rule 36 of the City Council Rules of the City of Cranston, 2019-2021 Term. Sponsored by Councilmember Vargas.

Councilmember Vargas stated that she has received calls from constituents in Ward 1 indicating that they would be able to attend Council meetings by pushing it one hour earlier and the ones who have kids can get their kids to bed early.

Councilmember Brady stated that six o'clock might be a little early for him. He is not opposed to starting a little earlier. He asked if 6:30 could be considered.

Councilmember Paplauskas stated that seven o'clock works very well for him, but he would be fine with 6:30. He questioned when the new time would start. Councilmember Vargas stated that she would love to start immediately. It would be great to start in January since we are still holding Zoom meetings.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that he is concerned about people that work out of State and try to get to the City Council meetings and possibly not being able to make it for 6 p.m. It would be difficult for the City Council and even for members of the public who work in Boston to get to the meetings on time.

Councilmember Vargas stated that other meetings are happening before seven. Also, we do not know what is going to happen with whether we do virtual meetings or not. She is open to 6:30 starting in January of 2021 and the City Council members in January can decide whether to keep it 6:30 or change it.

On motion by Councilmember Paplauskas, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend this Ordinance by adding language: start time to 6:30 p.m. starting January of 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilmember Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees