

Standing orders

(1) All notices of motion for submission to the council shall be given in writing to the secretary so that they are in his hands at least six clear days before the ordinary meeting of the council. An amendment to any such motion may be moved without notice.

(2) No motion to rescind any resolution which has been passed by the council within the preceding three months nor any motion to the same effect as any motion which has been negatived within the preceding three months shall be in order unless notice of motion thereof shall have been given and specified in the summons.

(3) The preceding paragraph shall not apply to motions which are moved by the chairman or other member of a committee acting on his behalf on the presentation of the minutes of that committee.

(4) Motions of which notice shall have been given shall have precedence over other motions.

(5) The secretary shall insert in the summonses of any meeting of the council, in addition to such matters as may be ordered by the president, all subjects for which notice of motion shall have been received six clear days before the council meeting.

(6) On the minutes of a committee being presented to the council, a copy being before each member, the course to be adopted shall be as follows. a] The chairman of the committee (or if he is absent or refrain from doing so, some other member) shall move "that the minutes be received".

b] The chairman shall present the minutes page by page and shall move any recommendation of the committee on policy matters, on prosecutions or reference to the statutory committee, and relating to submissions to be sent to other bodies. If the council agree with such recommendation the same shall forthwith become a resolution of the council. Any member may move an amendment to any such recommendation when the paragraph is called. c] The chairman of the committee or other member presenting minutes may withdraw or correct any paragraph with the consent of the council.

7: The above procedure, so far as it may be applicable, shall be followed in the presentation of the minutes verbally by a chairman.

8: Whenever amendments are made upon original motions, no second amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first amendment be disposed of.

9: If a first amendment be carried, it displaces the original question and becomes itself the question, whereupon any further amendment may be moved.

10: If the first amendment be negatived, then a second may be moved to the original question under consideration; but only one amendment shall be submitted to the council for discussion at one time.

11: The mover of every original motion, but not of any amendment, shall have a right to reply, immediately after which the question shall be put from the chair; but no other member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question, unless permission be given to

12: Any standing order may be suspended on case of urgency by resolution of the council carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

13: If during a debate upon a motion it is moved -"that the question be now put" that the chairman shall decide whether the debate has proceeded long enough to justify his accepting the motion. If the motion is accepted and seconded it takes precedence over all other business and must be put to the meeting immediately without discussion. If the motion is carried the motion under debate shall be put to the meeting immediately without further discussion, subject to the mover being permitted to reply to the debate. If the motion under debate is an amendment and it is defeated the main question is not affected by the above procedure and the debate upon it may continue.

14: The president, as chairman (or his deputy) shall have a second or casting vote in any case of an equality of votes.