



Request for Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Clerk

Date: September 23, 2010

To: The Honorable Council Member John Quincy
Chair, Rules Committee

Subject: Council Rules Amendments

Recommendation: Amend Council Rules to delete references to the Audit Committee as a Standing Committee of the City Council, consistent with the provisions of Title 2, Chapter 17, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

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Background Information

On December 18, 2009, City Council adopted Ordinance 2009-Or-190, thereby creating the Office of Internal Auditor and an Audit Committee to oversee the internal audit function, codified as Chapter 17 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances. The enabling ordinance envisioned the Audit Committee as an independent agency within City Government. As part of its organizational proceedings in January 2010, the Audit Committee was defined as a Standing Committee of the City Council. Subsequent to that action, the Audit Committee has taken under consideration whether or not that classification compromises the essential independence of the Audit Committee, which was a central and critical element of the enabling ordinance.

Having explored various options with the Internal Auditor and staff, the Audit Committee now requests the Rules Committee authorize amendments to the Council's Standing Rules as follows:

- Amend Rule 11. Standing Committees – to remove reference to the Audit Committee as a Standing Committee of the City Council.
- Amend Rule 12. Order of Business – to insert a new order (category) of business designated as
 7. Reports from the Audit Committeeand renumbering the remaining orders consecutively, as provided in the rules.

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- None

Supporting Information

See attached draft of amended Standing Rules of City Council