

ORDINANCE NO. 3839

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE, SECTION 5-4, MEETINGS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, SUBSECTION B - AGENDA AND SUBSECTION F - STANDING COMMITTEES.

SUMMARY

An Ordinance amending the agenda formats for Township Council Work Sessions, Regular Meetings and Combined Worksession/Regular Meetings by changing "Council Comments" to "Council Comments/Reports" and adding "Old Business". This Ordinance also amends the Standing Committees by decreasing the number of committees to four: Administration and Financial Oversight; Public Safety; Land Use, Open Space, Parks & Recreation; and Public Works.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Township of Franklin be and it is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 5, Administration of Government, Article II, Section 5-4 - Meetings of Township Council, Subsection B - Agenda and Subsection F - Standing Committees are hereby amended as follows:

§ 5-4. Meetings of Township Council. [Amended 3-14-2000 by Ord. No. 3115; Amended 11-12-2002 by Ord. No. 3333]

B. Agenda.

- (1) The proposed agenda for each meeting shall be compiled by the Township Clerk and the Township Manager who shall consult with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor as the presiding officers of the Township Council. The Township Clerk shall make the proposed agenda available to the public and press upon request after same has been made available to Council. All ordinances and resolutions shall be distributed to the Council no later than the third business day preceding the meeting of Council.
- (2) The Council may amend the agenda as the first item of business at the meeting upon the determination that a need to amend the agenda exists. A majority of Council members present must agree that a need exists to add an item for discussion.

- (3) A member of Council, the Manager, and Attorney may cause matters to be listed on the proposed agenda to be reviewed at the work session meeting. If a majority of members of Council do not agree the items should be included in the agenda for the regular meeting, the items shall be deleted.
- (4) The agenda for the work session meetings shall be as follows:
- (a) Call to Order.
 - (b) Public Discussion (two minutes per speaker).
 - (c) Council's subcommittee report.
 - (d) Council Discussion Items.
 - (e) Council Comments/**Reports**.
 - (f) Executive Session.
 - (g) Adjournment.
- (5) The agenda for regular meetings of the Council shall be as follows:
- (a) Call to Order.
 - (b) Pledge of Allegiance.
 - (c) Invocation.
 - (d) Roll Call.
 - (e) Commendations and Proclamations.
 - (f) Mayor's Report
 - (g) Deputy Mayor's Report
 - (h) Public Discussion (5 minutes per speaker)
 - (i) Council Comments/**Reports**
 - (j) Approval of Minutes
 - (k) Approval of Warrants
 - (l) Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinances on Second Hearing.
 - (m) Introduction of Ordinances on First Reading.
 - (n) Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions.
 - (o) Resolutions
 - ~~(p)~~ **Old Business**
 - ~~(q)~~ Executive Session
 - ~~(r)~~ Adjournment.
- (6) The agenda for combined worksession/regular meetings of the Council shall be as follows:
- (a) Call to Order.
 - (b) Pledge of Allegiance.
 - (c) Invocation.
 - (d) Roll Call.
 - (e) Commendations and Proclamations.
 - (f) Mayor's Report.
 - (g) Deputy Mayor's Report.

- (h) Public discussion (five minutes per speaker)
- (i) Council Comments/**Reports.**
- (j) Council Discussion Items.
- (k) Approval of Minutes.
- (l) Approval of Warrants.
- (m) Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinances on Second Reading.
- (n) Introduction of Ordinances on First Reading.
- (o) Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions.
- (p) Resolutions
- (q) Old Business**
- ~~(q)~~ Executive Session
- ~~(r)~~ Adjournment.

(7) All ordinances shall be read by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Township Clerk, by title only, before introduction and adoption.

(8) All consent agenda resolutions shown on the regular meeting agenda shall be considered in the form of one motion by the Township Council. If any member of the Township Council requests that a consent agenda resolution be considered and voted upon independently of all other consent agenda resolutions, then that item will be read by title by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Township Clerk and a separate vote shall be taken. All other consent agenda items not affected by the requests shall be considered in the form of one motion by the Township Council. All resolutions not on the consent agenda shall be voted on separately and shall be read by title only by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Township Clerk.

F. Standing committees. [Added 2-8-2005 by Ord. No. 3525; amended 6-14-2005 by Ord. No. 3549]

(1) There shall be ~~seven~~ **four** standing committees of the Township Council as follows:

- (a) Administration **and Financial Oversight.**
- ~~(b) Financial Oversight.~~
- ~~(c)~~ Public Safety.
- ~~(d)~~ Land Use, and Open Space, **Parks and Recreation .**
- ~~(e) Senior Services, Parks and Recreation.~~
- ~~(f)~~ Public Works.
- ~~(g) Public Relations and Cable Television.~~

(2) The standing committees shall consist of ~~three~~ **four** members of the Township Council appointed by the Township Council in January of each year.

SECTION II

Each clause, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey.

Introduced: August 11, 2009
Public Hearing: September 8, 2009
Public Hearing:
Adoption:
Notice of Adoption:
Effective Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk