



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 05/26/2016
Agenda Item: 5A7

ACTION: Approve an amendment to the Tempe City Council Rules of Procedure, relating to Rule 2, Conflict of Interest. (Note, amending the Tempe City Council Rules of Procedure requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the City Council; therefore, a Council vote of 5 of 7 is required for approval.)

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the amendment to the Tempe City Council Rules of Procedure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Tempe City Council Rules of Procedure (Rules) were initially adopted in 1967 and have been revised on several occasions, with the current Rules approved on March 20, 2014. At the January 21, 2016, Work Study Session, the City Council created a City Manager's Working Group to explore the posting of City Council Conflict of Interest disclosure forms online.

At its May 5, 2016, Work Study Session, Working Group members Councilmembers Navarro and Schapira presented their recommendations to the City Council regarding on-line accessibility to City Council Conflicts of Interest. Councilmembers concurred with the Working Group's recommendations and directed staff to proceed with implementation, to include amending Rule 2, relating to Conflict of Interest, to require members of the City Council to make known any substantial interest by filing a form with the City Clerk to disclose such substantial interest, and that the forms be posted online.

Pursuant to Rule 23, amending the Rules requires a 2/3 vote of all Councilmembers; therefore, in order to approve the amended Rules, at least five Councilmembers must vote in favor of the amendments. Should the City Council approve the amended Rules, the Rules will go into effect immediately, and all Conflict of Interest disclosure forms filed subsequent to the approval will be posted online.

ATTACHMENTS: Sample Conflict of Interest and/or Personal Involvement disclosure form; proposed amended Tempe City Council Rules of Procedure

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