Consent Calendar

A consent calendar quickly processes a lot of noncontroversial items that can be disposed of quickly by placing them on a list (the Consent Calendar) of items to be adopted all at once. The list can also contain special preference items to be considered in order at the appropriate time. The Consent Calendar is usually placed in an order of business by a special rule of order, and its placement is generally of relatively high rank.

O-53-15 proposes to amend the City Council rules of procedure to add a Consent Calendar agenda category, which is an efficient procedure in order to save meeting time. The Consent Calendar will allow the City Council to approve a single group of items under one motion and one roll call vote.

This legislation will allow items to be placed on a Consent Calendar subject to unanimous City Council agreement. Should a member of the City Council object to any item being placed on the Consent Calendar, that item will be removed and heard in its regular order on the agenda. Furthermore, if a member of the public wishes to speak on an item that is on the Consent Calendar, that item must be removed and heard in its regular order on the agenda.

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