



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Kerry Berger, Acting City Attorney

Date: October 25, 2019

Subject: O-37-19 City Council Meetings – Order and Decorum

O-37-19 authorizes the Mayor or the presiding officer of the City Council to preserve order and decorum during each meeting or session of the City Council and to have general supervision of the City Council Chambers and over each corridor adjacent to the City Council Chambers.

O-37-19 also prohibits visual demonstrations such as the waving of placards, signs, or banners in Council Chambers. If any person makes personal, defamatory, or profane remarks or willfully utters loud, threatening, or abusive language that disturbs the orderly conduct of a session of the City Council, the Mayor or the presiding officer shall call the meeting to order. In addition, the Mayor or the presiding officer may seek removal of any individual who refuses to abide by the provisions of O-37-19, and, in the case of a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the City Council Chambers, the Mayor or the presiding officer may order Council Chambers to be cleared.