

## **22. ABSENCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- A. Council members who are unable to attend a Council meeting and desire an excused absence shall notify the **Mayor**, City Manager, City Attorney or City Clerk of their absence in writing prior to the meeting and indicate the reason for the absence. The reason shall be entered in the proceedings of the Council at the time of each absence.
- B. In the event of an absence of a Council member at a meeting, the City Manager is directed to supply such absent Council member with information about any special meetings that may have been scheduled.

## **23. SUSPEND RULES**

The Rules of Procedure may be waived by a simple majority.

## **24. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

No member of Council shall speak a second time on any item under discussion until all other members desiring to speak on that item have been heard. No member of Council shall be allowed to speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time.

## **25. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor and Council Members submitting an agenda item that calls for a vote shall send the item to the City Manager in a timely manner in writing. Staff professional opinion may be written to accompany the item. Rule 17 would govern, limiting any presentations to 15 minutes.

## **26. VIDEO AND AUDIO PRESENTATIONS**

Video and Audio Presentations may not be submitted for presentation at a Council meeting unless submitted to the Troy City Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting. Inappropriate material will be prohibited.

## **27. CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS NOT CONSIDERED BEFORE 12:00 AM**

Any item on the Council agenda that has not been discussed by 12:00 AM of the morning following the beginning of the meeting shall be continued to the next regular meeting as a Carryover Item, unless City Council takes action to the contrary.

## **28. VIOLATIONS**

The City Clerk shall be responsible for reporting violations of time limitations or speaking sequence to the Chair.

## **29. WIRE COMMUNICATIONS BY AND TO COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING ANY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

All communications are subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, therefore members of the City Council shall not engage in any form of wire communication, as defined by U.S. Code Title 18, Part I, Chapter 119, Section 2510, during any meeting of the Council.