

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council Sep 23 1991

C. Sullivan - moved adoption of Unfinished Business
 #3 Re: Amendment To Rule #25

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr	✓				
Mr. Francis H. Duehay				✓	
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers				✓	
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves	✓				
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓				
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓				
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓				
Mayor Alice K. Wolf				✓	

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CR # 1
IN CITY COUNCIL

~~January 7, 1991~~
January 28, 1991

MAYOR WOLF

WHEREAS: The addition of a consent agenda process would streamline City Council meetings and permit more time for substantive discussion; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council amend the Rules of the City Council as follows:

Rule 7: All petitions, memorials, communications, or any matter before the City Council may be referred as follows:

1. To a standing committee of the City Council
2. To a consent agenda
3. (continues as before)

Rule 23: At every regular meeting of this City Council, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the record, if requested, by the City Council.
2. Motions for reconsideration.
3. Unfinished business from preceding meetings.
4. Consent agendas:
 - a. City Manager's consent agenda
 - b. Communications consent agenda
 - c. Resolutions consent agenda
5. Communications from the City Manager . . .
(continues on)

Rule 23A: Each of the three consent agendas is voted on in its entirety, with no discussion of individual items. If any item in a consent agenda requires a roll call vote, that consent agenda shall be voted upon by roll call. Any item can be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate vote by request of a single City Councillor. Upon such request, the item would be moved to the appropriate section of the agenda.

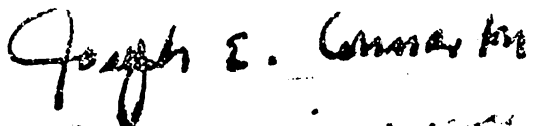
Placement of items on the City Manager's Consent Agenda shall be determined by the City Manager. Placement of items on the Communications Consent Agenda shall be at the discretion of the City Clerk. Upon submitting resolutions to the City Clerk, City Councillors shall specify whether the resolutions should be placed on the Consent Agenda of Motions, Orders, or Resolutions.

In City Council January 28, 1991.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



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TO: The Honorable, The City Council

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton *JEC*
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DATE: August 7, 1991

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Cal 13 8-1008
Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City
Clerk, regarding Rule Number Twenty-Five.

In City Council,

September 16, 1991

9/23/91

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Rule Change

adopted 6-0-0-3