

Rules Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 26, 2016

There was a meeting of the Rules Committee in Council Chambers on Monday April 25, 2016 after the Service Committee with these members present:

Alex Rolletta, Chair
Curtis Johnson
Mark Fraizer for Doug Marmie

We wish to Report:

Mr. Blake requested this meeting to discuss appointments. The definition and the way they occur. What is a City appointment, what is a Mayor's appointment and understanding the different roles that Council has?

Director Sassen explained that there were three different appointments that the city makes. The rules and regulations of the appointments are governed by the agency in which the appointment is being made. Sometimes they are statutory and other times they are the by-laws of the organization.

The first category is appointments made by the legislative body.

The second category is appointments made by the City which normally says by the Municipal Corporation. Historically and consistently across various municipalities that is interpreted to mean a recommendation from the administration with consent of Council.

The third category of appointments are those made by the Mayor. That means specifically that the Mayor appoints whomever he or she wants and Council has no power to confirm or not the appointment.

He stated a change to Council Rules regarding the procedure for those appointments would be restricted to those appointments made by the legislative authority. Council can't pass a rule that impacts a third party or the administrative function. Any other change would have to be done through a Charter amendment. You could mandate the procedure where an appointment is handled in the form of resolution that has committee action, motion, second, debate vote. In order for that to impact appointments that are made by the municipal corporation or by the Mayor it would have to be through an amendment to the Charter by the Charter Review Commission.

Alex Rolletta, Chair