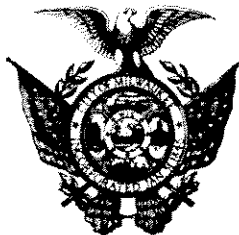


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Honorable Members  
Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to explain a minor change in procedure to be followed at Thursday's budget amendment meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee. There has been some misunderstanding in the past of the Council rules regarding amendments submitted by non-members of the committee.

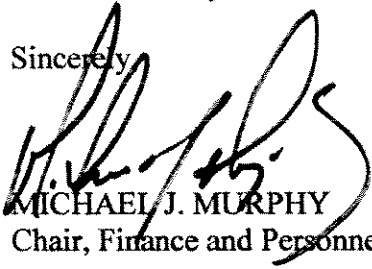
The rules provide that any amendment which is submitted to the committee for its consideration, but which is not recommended for adoption by the committee, may subsequently be presented to the Council on budget adoption day under the "24-hour" rule (which requires that the amendment be submitted to the City Clerk 24 hours before the Council meeting). In prior years, a member of the committee has moved adoption of such amendments, believing this necessary to allow submittal under the 24-hour rule.

City Clerk Ron Leonhardt, however, has advised me that such a motion is not required. As long as the amendment is "submitted" to the committee, the right to later submit it to the Council under the 24-hour rule is preserved.

This clarification can potentially save the time of all Council members on budget amendment day and make the committee's process more efficient. Therefore, after all committee amendments have been offered, I will read the title of each amendment being submitted by a non-member of the committee and ask if any member of the committee wishes to move for its adoption. If it is moved for adoption and approved, it will become part of the committee's report. If it fails, it may be offered again to the Council under the 24-hour rule. If no member of the committee moves for its adoption, it may still be offered to the Council under the 24-hour rule. If no committee member moves adoption, no discussion on the amendment will be permitted.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please feel free to contact Mr. Leonhardt or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Murphy". The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name below it.

MICHAEL J. MURPHY  
Chair, Finance and Personnel Committee

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