



**AGENDA/COMMITTEE REPORT**

**RULES, CONFIRMATIONS, AND PUBLIC ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Committee Room 2**

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| Members (8) | P   | A   |                  | P   | A   |
| Quorum (4)  | ( ) | ( ) | Sepulveda, Chair | ( ) | ( ) |
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to Section 8-44-112 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, time is reserved for public comment on legislative items appearing on this agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak may sign-up on the Council Committee sign-up sheet posted outside the room where the committee is scheduled to meet. Public Comment sign-up for Council Committee meetings will end immediately before the meeting begins. Public Comment is limited to eight minutes total at Council Committee meetings and each speaker is allowed up to two minutes to speak.

Requests for interpretation services and/or accessibility accommodations should be directed to the Council Office at 615-862-6780. Las solicitudes de servicios de interpretación y/o adaptaciones de accesibilidad deben dirigirse a la Oficina del Consejo al 615-862-6780.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1. [RS2024-352](#) (Styles, Cortese, Nash & Others)**

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

A resolution expressing support to the Tennessee General Assembly for House Bill 2814/Senate Bill 2710 regarding drag racing.

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**2. [RS2024-353](#) (Porterfield, Huffman, Suara, & others)**

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

A resolution opposing legislation vacating the state university board of Tennessee State University and allowing the management, governance, powers, and duties to be transferred to the Tennessee higher education commission.

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**3. [RS2024-354](#) (Suara, Vo, Spain & Others)**

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

A resolution recognizing Molly Tuttle on her second consecutive Grammy Award.

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**4. [RS2024-355](#) (Gadd, Evans Segall, Benedict & Others)**

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

A resolution recognizing April 7 through 13, 2024, as National Library Week and celebrating the Nashville Public Library and its staff.

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**LATE RESOLUTION**

**5. Late Filed Resolution (Porterfield)**

Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee (Porterfield)

Referred to the Public Health & Safety Committee (Evans)

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission (“MHRC”) to approve Melody Fowler-Green as appropriate counsel, on an hourly fee basis, for additional representation of the MHRC in connection with a Title VI complaint against the Metropolitan Arts Commission.

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| <i>*Rule 13 vote only: emergency filing*</i> |          |         |    |

## BILL ON SECOND READING

### 6. [BL2024-290](#) (Evans)

Referred to the Rules, Confirmations, & Public Elections Committee (Sepulveda)

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2.196 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regarding lobbying.

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| <b>AMENDMENT-Evans</b> |          |         |    |
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## ELECTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

### 7. [24-100](#)

Arts Commission Appointment of Atmanand Jaikarran for a term expiring on March 14, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 19, 2024

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### 8. [24-082](#)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Appointment of Mr. Harold Martin for a term expiring on February 12, 2028.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: February 16, 2024

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### 9. [24-084](#)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Appointment of Mr. Nathaniel McDowell for a term expiring on February 8, 2027.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: February 9, 2024

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**10. [24-097](#)**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Appointment of Ms. Liz Riggs for a term expiring on February 16, 2028.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: February 29, 2024

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**11. [24-101](#)**

Equalization Board Appointment of Melba Jackson for a term expiring on April 14, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**12. [24-102](#)**

Equalization Board Appointment of Roger Farmer for a term expiring on April 14, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**13. [24-103](#)**

Equalization Board Appointment of Alexa Coulton for a term expiring on April 14, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**14. [24-104](#)**

Equalization Board Appointment of John Green as an alternate for a term expiring on June 6, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**15. [24-105](#)**

Equalization Board Appointment of Michael Milliner as an alternate for a term expiring on June 6, 2026.

- Mayoral appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**16. [24-106](#)**

Metropolitan Action Commission Appointment of Jeffrey W. Sheehan for a term expiring on April 2, 2027.

- Vice Mayor appointment letter date: March 19, 2024

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**17. [24-107](#)**

Metropolitan Action Commission Appointment of Justin Singleton for a term expiring on April 2, 2027.

- Vice Mayor appointment letter date: March 19, 2024

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**18. [24-108](#)**

Public Records Commission Reappointment of Judge Steve Dozier for a term expiring on August 31, 2027.

- Vice Mayor appointment letter date: March 19, 2024

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**19. [24-109](#)**

Social Services Commission Reappointment of William Harris for a term expiring on April 3, 2029.

- Mayor appointment letter date: March 11, 2024

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**2023-2027 METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

**20. Proposed Amendment to [Rule 2](#) (Styles, Welsch, )**

Proposed amendment to Rule 2 of the Metro Council Rules of Procedure.

**2. Standing committees**

The standing committees of the Council shall be as follows:

- 1. Budget and Finance
- 2. Government Operations and Regulations
- 3. ~~Public Facilities, Arts, and Culture~~ Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Entertainment
- 4. Public Health and Safety
- 5. Transportation and Infrastructure
- 6. Planning and Zoning
- 7. Rules, Confirmations, and Public Elections (“Rules Committee”)
- 8. Charter Revision

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**21. Proposed Amendment to Rule 23 (Sepulveda)**

Proposed amendment to Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

**23. Confirmations and questionnaires**

23.1 All appointees to be confirmed by the Council shall be required to complete a questionnaire adopted by the Rules Committee. Each completed questionnaire shall be filed with the Clerk and a copy shall be sent by the Clerk to all members. No action may be taken upon such appointee until and unless such completed questionnaires have been sent to the Clerk by noon and members by 4:00 p.m. five days preceding an appointee appearance before the Rules Committee any vote for confirmation.

23.2 The Mayor may withdraw from consideration ~~any~~ their appointee submitted to the Council for confirmation and such withdrawal shall relate back to the original date of appointment the same as if such person had not been appointed; however, such withdrawal shall not act to enlarge upon the time permitted by the Mayor, under the relevant provisions of the Charter, to submit an appointee for confirmation.

23.3 Those persons appointed by the Mayor shall be referred to the Rules Committee for recommendation. The Committee shall meet and determine the relative qualifications of the various appointees and report to the Council its recommendation at the next regular Council meeting at least two weeks following the Committee meeting wherein the appointees were considered.

23.4 Unless otherwise specified, all appointments subject to election or confirmation by the Council shall be elected or confirmed by a majority of the entire membership of the Council (21 votes), except where other requirements are established by the Charter or state law. Any appointee failing to receive the required vote of the Council shall be deemed to have been rejected.

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**22. Proposed Amendment to [Rule 28](#) (Porterfield)**

Proposed amendment to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

**28. Public addressing Council**

28.1 The public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Council ~~regarding matters that are germane to items on the agenda~~ during a public comment period at the beginning of each regular and special meeting of the Council and of a Council committee. The public comment period for regular and special meetings of the of the Council shall not be limited to items on the agenda. The public comment period for regular and special meetings of the Council shall be limited to 20 minutes. The public comment period for regular and special meetings of Council Committees shall be limited to mat ters that are relevant to legislative items on the Committee agenda. The public comment period for regular and special meetings of Council Committees shall be limited to eight minutes. Individuals shall be allowed to speak for up to two minutes each. Public comment periods will not be held at any meeting where there are no actionable items on the agenda. The Council Office shall make policies and procedures necessary to facilitate the public comment period, including access to language interpretation and other related accessibility needs.

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**23. Proposed Amendment to [Rule 50](#) (Sepulveda)**

Proposed amendment to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

**50. Election to boards and commissions**

2. Those persons nominated shall be referred to the Rules Committee for recommendation. The Committee shall meet and determine the relative qualifications of the various candidates and report to the Council its recommendation at the next regularly ~~scheduled~~ Council meeting at least two weeks following the Rules Committee meeting wherein the candidates were considered nominated. No action may be taken upon such nominee until and unless such completed questionnaires have been sent to the Clerk by noon and Council members by 4:00 p.m. five days preceding a nominee appearance before the Rules Committee. ~~any vote to fill the vacancy.~~ Any nominee who does not submit their questionnaire in time to meet this deadline shall be deemed to have withdrawn their name for nomination.

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