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Alright, this is the regular meetings committee on committees. Today is Tuesday 9 June 2026. The time is currently about four oh 5pM. This meeting is being held pursuant to KRS 61.826 and council rule 5Aa roll call madam Clerk.

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Council member to Hawkins council member Pi Argentini council member Chapel, council member Batchan. Yeah.

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All right, 1st item business is gonna be new business. The following legislation is being assigned to committees. Items one through eight will be assigned to appropriations. Items nine through 15 will be assigned to budget. Items 16 and 17 to the committee on committees. Items 18 through 29 to government oversight audit and appointments. Items 30 through 34 to labor and act.

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Economic development, item 3052 parks of sustainability. Items 36 through 38 to planning and zoning. Item 39 will be assigned to public safety and items 4344 will go to public works. Are there any questions or concerns or objections to those assignments?

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Nope. Mr. President, there was a request, there was a item on the budget committee. He had asked if 0 1601 item nine, it is the debt service.

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Adjustment, it, it include it's about MSD, but he had wanted to know if we could move it to GOA, but if he has not spoken to you, then I think that we just leave it.

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As it is for now. Let's do this. It is in budget right now, it's been heard in budget previously. I think it's because he's not a member and he wants to be available. I want to find out what he wants to do. Okay, one moment then.

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Prevention is always worth a pound of cure. Yeah, and can we move on to something else? We just would not officially adopt that until we hear from Jared and what they want to do. Let's see here pursuant to council

rule six point oh two. Council McCraney has an NDF that she's petitioned to be added to new business.

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Business.

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Any objection at without objection? If you don't mind. Perfect. O-17 01:26 in ordinance appropriating \$175000 from district seven neighborhood development funds through the office of management budget to the city of st. Matthews for costs associated with the installation of a babilion and.

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At Warwick Park and associated improvements and item 17226 an ordinance appropriating \$1000 from neighborhood development funds in the following manner, \$1000 from district 15 through the officer management budget to overview independent business Alliance aim for costs associated with the South Points by local fair to be held July the 12th 2026.

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Yeah, it said we we accept if you're asking for it, there's NO reason for you to to address that. We give you the courtesy of that any objection to add that late? No objection that's added late.

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Those items will be up assigned to the appropriation. Okay, agenda. The next one is again pursued to council rule six one oh two. Council has ordinance that she's petitioning to add late. Adam Clerker, a reading of that? Yep. Okay, we've actually done that one already. We're going with item 45.

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No, NO NO. Yes, but I'm waiting to. Perfect. Madam Clerk are reading item 45.

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Items properly forests, this is coming from the two of you want to. Okay things off. Yeah, kick it away. So thank you mr. President and and thank you to the majority caucus chair, councilmen Hawkins as well for partner.

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So.

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1st of all, what we're doing here is amending the rules related to when there's a virtual meeting and how the virtual meeting is conducted in chambers if the chair and then ultimately also the vice chair are virtual, ok? So.

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The rules already allow, hey councilmen Jabbel, the rules already allow a procedure for if the chair is absent and the vice chair is absent. So if the chair is actually totally absent, they're not here, they're not online, it goes to the vice chair. If the vice chair is totally absent and the chair is totally absent, then the committee votes on somebody to represent.

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What we're doing, we added language, 1st of all at under section four point oh six of conduct of committee meetings, we added a language that says accept is provided in rule 5A03 related to running the meetings and then we added the following language.

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It says I'm gonna read the language.

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Which basically means it defaults back to the.

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So let me run backwards through the scenarios. It's very simple. If we are 100 % virtual, then the regular leadership applies. The chair runs the meeting, the vice chair is back up, et cetera. If the chair is virtual, so they're still in the meeting, but they're virtual, and the vice chair is in chambers.

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The vice chair will automatically run the meeting. It does not mean that the chair is not recognized or the chair isn't, can control speakers or the or the chair has lost any of their authority. It simply means that in chambers the meeting will now be conducted by the vice chair. And then if both the chair and vice chair are virtual.

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But let's call it facilitate the meeting.

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The reason for this, I want to be super clear is not related to any one person or one meeting. This has actually happened multiple times over the last several years. It happened again recently. I thought it was already

a rule. So we have been doing this and we recently did it as a at a budget hearing, and a budget hearing.

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Chair Kramer was absent, vice chair Winkler was present but virtual, and they asked me to facilitate the meeting, right? So it's something we have done but not formalized in rules and we wanted to formalize that process to eliminate confusion, and the chief reason why this becomes an issue is kind of twofold.

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Number one, the if the, if the person.

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Running the meeting is virtual, they cannot see either the speaker's podium or the gallery very well. So it's hard to, what we ran into was hard to like who's speaking or who's up there or acknowledging people to speak and this type of thing. The other part which happened years ago was if there's a disturbance in the gallery, the chair.

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People in the room didn't have the authority to enforce the rule. So that is why this rule is being created eliminates the confusion on something we were largely already doing, and also makes sure that in chambers we have a clear person who is running the meeting and can maintain order and our normal problem.

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So I'd appreciate everybody's vote and then once we vote it out here, we will need a two thirds majority to pass this and to adopt it into the rules. Thank you mr. Pressnett.

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Council Hawkins anything to say? My colleague, you know, he just totally said it absolutely everything. I don't really have much to say other than that. I echo everything that he did say. I'm a firm believer that when you run meetings, you should be present. It's just more professional, you know, and it's just getting business done.

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So I want to say that I will be supporting this and thank you.

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One could say you said everything and the back of chips. Anybody else with any discussion on this? It's a resolution that requires a voice for I, any opposition. Any opposition that passes, it will go to two old

business because it will require two thirds of the council to approve.
All right, before.

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Before we get on to the last item being a discussion, we're gonna go back and as far as new business, we're gonna be amending what we discussed earlier. We're gonna be pulling item nine.

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Which initially we were gonna assign it to the government oversight and and appropriation audits and appointments committee. Any objection to that or new business? So assigned. Alright, the last item that we have today.

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Attorney's office.

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I'm gonna just set the table a little bit. You all may remember we were here a couple of months ago, three months ago to, to tell you about the comprehensive ordinance review project, tell you how we were gonna approach it, and, and which which sections we were gonna go through 1st, which is title three.

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Of the legislation. Amanda Baker, has taken the lead on doing this work to go through title three in accordance with the KRS statutory standard and review the provisions in accordance with that and has forwarded you all documents that outline.

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Those changes in a, in a great flow chart to explain them to you. I'm gonna turn this over to her now to go into a little more detail.

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Thank you Holly, and I, I would like to thank the county attorney's office because a lot of the lion's share of the work was done before I got to join, but this has been a, a wish list of mine for a while is to get into the code sections and, and clean up what needs to be cleaned up. Couple of just.

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High level things I want to point out is as you're looking at this proposed legislation, you'll see a lot of references to leaving sections as reserved, and you might be thinking, why would we leave these many

sections as reserved? Isn't this gonna look like a massive gap in the code? And, and for a short term yes, but it's actually.

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A less of a financial investment to do those updates when you have these codified. And the thought process being once you get through the entire code section, then you start working on your renumbering. So now would not be the time to necessarily renumber sections as our office recommends sections be repealed, whether it's because they're inconsistent with state law.

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Or some other reason, so you'll see a reference that large portions of certain chapters are, will be recommended to be repealed and replaced with reserved. Just a reminder on the standard that we have to meet, at least once every five years.

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Kentucky law under 803A oh six oh requires that you review your code of ordinances for consistency with state law consistency within the code itself and revise to eliminate items that are maybe redundant, obsolete or inconsistent. So in preparing the.

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Legislation it was helpful to do sort of a, a flow chart or like an excel spreadsheet with an itemization of what the changes are and a high level recommendation of what, what the changes that is proposed and that was attached to the correspondence that went to this committee.

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And I'm prepared to either walk through all those changes today with this group or answer questions if you have them, whichever is, is your preference.

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So people can review them. Most of them look, you know, very consistent with the goal of all of this. But I I and again you've probably already said this, but I just want to make sure I understand this is under, this is just the review of title three, which I was just looking it up is like the administrative section of LMCO. That's correct. Right.

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Yes, so the thought process is to do these in chunks, Nothing says that you have to do it all at once, and I think that that would be a large lift for anybody to review. So.

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Make sure I was a hundred percent clear that this is not like the whole comprehensive review. This is on title three though. That's correct. And every I mean I reviewed the changes, I didn't have any questions on those so. Okay, thank you for your work. I really appreciate this. You're welcome. I know this is not easy, because yeah, you're looking at the LMCO and looking at KRS and good luck figuring all of this out.

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Yes, you know.

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So if there's issues here, you know, maybe we need to take it up with the legal profession on how we keep this all together moving forward. But anyway, I appreciate I do want to say how much I appreciate your work because I know this is not. Thank you. Appreciate it.

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Sure, I was just gonna echo that thank you for providing this document and I think it's very thorough. I mean in one, there's a technical correction that a section is mistakenly called a, it refers to a section when it should refer to a chapter. I mean somebody has really gotten or a few people.

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Really gotten into the weeds into this, so, just appreciate this cleanup happening. And if you could remind us.

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There was a presentation you all gave and you're starting with the middle cause it's kind of low hanging fruit or like maybe the the foundation of the cleanup and then you expressed that over the next five years like every quarter we're going to be rolling out this. Can you remind me, was that in this meeting or?

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Yes, this was, we had a special discussion item. I think it was in January perhaps that we came and spoke in this committee. Okay. And we were just wondering, I don't think I wanna reference it, but in case anybody does and wants to kind of, You pretty clearly laid out the schedule, so I was just.

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Where they could find that information. Thank you. Anything else.

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I don't think so, other than I'm probably the only person in the universe who was like wildly excited about doing.

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The only thing that we're gonna do here real quickly is on the rule change, I was gonna send it to old business with the attitude of requiring two thirds of council. I'm gonna send it to consent calendar with the attitude being, if somebody has an objection to it, they can pull it off. If there's not objection, then the presumption is that it carries the day with everybody.

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And so, if one of our colleagues has an objection and wants to to log a NO vote on it, they can add the committee of the whole, have it withdrawn, and then at that point we'll do the vote, but for now we're gonna send it to consent calendar. Anything else for the good of the committee? If not Holly, just one quick comment. Thank you.

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For the subject matter next time.

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Fantastic. Anything else? If not, we stay in adjourned.