

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM**

**Inter-Office Memorandum**

**SUBJECT:** Amending Rules of Council – Rule 8  
**TO:** Council President J. William Reynolds  
Members of Council  
**FROM:** Eric R. Evans, Member of Council  
**DATE:** January 18, 2017

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At the January 17, 2016 Parks and Public Property Committee, the Committee voted to recommend changing the title and duties of Parks and Public Property Committee and add duties to the Public Works Committee as follows:

Parks and Public Property Committee

The title of the Committee would be Parks and Recreation Committee and handle all matters relating to City parks and recreation.

Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee will handle all matters pertaining to streets, water and sewer systems, water and sewer treatment plants, engineering, electrical, and mechanical maintenance, City property and buildings.

I would ask the Members of Council to consider amending Rule 8 of the Rules of Council. The Resolution to amend the Rules of Council, with the changes underlined and in bold, is attached for Council's consideration.

 Eric R. Evans sic

Eric R. Evans, Member of Council  
Chair, Parks and Public Property Committee

Attachment

cc: J. Spirk, Jr. Esq.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the following amendment is hereby made to Rule 8 of the Rules of Council:

That the following in Rule which reads as follows:

RULE 8. The President of Council shall appoint the following standing committees and designate the chairpersons, with duties as indicated:

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - All matters relating to health, code violations, recycling, Planning, Zoning, Housing Rehabilitation, Inspections, Economic Development, landmarks and property of historical interest, and Redevelopment Authority issues.

FINANCE - All matters relating to finance, taxes, indebtedness, bond issues, penalties, the operating and capital budgets, water and sewer rates, and fees.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT - All matters relating to personnel and quality of life in the city, with particular attention to environmental matters and human and social concerns, plus Housing Authority issues.

PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY - All matters relating to City ~~property~~, recreation, parks ~~and buildings~~.

PUBLIC SAFETY - All matters pertaining to Police, Firefighters, ambulance service, and Parking Authority.

PUBLIC WORKS - All matters pertaining to streets, sewer and water systems, water and sewage treatment plants, engineering, electrical, and mechanical maintenance.

No committee shall consider any matter which has not been referred by the Council except for matters which historically have been considered by the specific committee. Council may establish special committees, as needed. The President of Council shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees, except in the case of a tie.

shall be amended to read as follows:

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