Minute No. 502
Report - Governance Committee of Council – June 17, 2020

Item No. 5 **Amendment to the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 – Governance Committee of Council Alternate Members**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

1. That the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 be amended so that each member of a Community Committee may act as an alternate member of the Governance Committee of Council and take the place of the appointed member from their Community Committee, in their absence, and the member who is to be absent work with the City Clerk to find a replacement.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 15, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

On June 17, 2020, the Governance Committee of Council passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City Organization By-law No.7100/97 requires Council to establish and appoint a Governance Committee of Council, comprised of the Speaker and four other members of Council, each a representative of the remaining four Community Committees not represented by the Speaker;

AND WHEREAS many of the tasks and duties of the Governance Committee of Council, as listed in the City Organization By-law, deal with issues related to the operation of City Council itself;

AND WHEREAS the intent of having one member of each of the five Community Committees appointed to the Governance Committee of Council is to ensure that each Community has equal representation, and it becomes the responsibility of each attending member to keep their respective Community Committee informed of the matters considered by the Governance Committee of Council;

AND WHEREAS when an appointed member is unable to attend a meeting, it has been the practice to allow an alternate Councillor from that Community Committee to replace the absent member, to ensure that all Community Committees are represented and kept informed of the matters considered by the Governance Committee of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Governance Committee of Council wishes to formalize the practice of allowing for alternate Councillors to replace absent Committee members;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 be amended so that each member of a Community Committee may act as an alternate member of the Governance Committee of Council and take the place of the appointed member from their Community Committee, in their absence, and the member who is to be absent work with the City Clerk to find a replacement.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.