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[MPC Comment] Agenda Item No 60

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Dear MPC Commissioner,

I am troubled by the agenda item No 60 as it represents something not true. The by-laws of the MPC only revert to Roberts (and thus the meetings would not require operation under RRO except) when the by-laws of the commission are not clear or do not cover the situation. Normally, all of the commission business is conducted under the current by-laws. However to follow Item No 60, the commission could be guilty of:

"A clear error of judgment; an action not based upon consideration of relevant factors and so is arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion or otherwise not in accordance with law or if it was taken without observance of procedure required by law."

Since there can be no circumstance that would allow the commission to operate without proper procedures, Item 60 must be voted down since it is highly likely that there will be a situation requiring consideration not covered by the current commission by-laws and lacking a definitive alternative such as Roberts would meet the definition of arbitrary and capricious.

Vote NO on Item No 60.

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MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #:60

Thursday, May 04, 2017

Metropolitan Planning Commission

Dan Kelly, Deputy Director/Development Service Manager

APPROVE the amendment to Article IX of the MPC By-Laws as presented by staff . After hearing two different presentations regarding Roberts Rules of Order, it was determined that the Commission was not strictly following the rules contained in that document. At present the MPC by-Laws dictate that "Roberts" must be followed. It was the consensus of the Commission that conducting a meeting strictly per Roberts Rules of Order would be a departure from current practice. In order to bring the By-Laws and current practice into congruity, staff is **recommending a change which does not specifically mandate the meetings be conducted as required by "Roberts"**.

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