

# Robert's Rules

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- Council's Rules of Procedure, the County Charter, and state statutes govern Council meeting
  - Robert's Rules of Order may also be referred to, but strict adherence to Robert's Rules is not required
  - The Chair presides, making reasonable rulings to conduct the county's business in an orderly and professional manner.



# How Council Can Take Another Look at a Decision

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# Motion for Reconsideration

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- Must be made at the same meeting where vote was taken on a question
- Movant must have voted with the side that prevailed on prior vote, and should say so when moving to reconsider
- Must be seconded
- Must clearly identify matter proposed for reconsideration



# Motion for Reconsideration

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- Is debatable, and debate can extend to the merits of the question proposed to be reconsidered
- Requires a majority (or supermajority if required for main motion)
- If reconsideration of an amendment is sought, and the proposal on the main question has been acted upon, the motion would be to reconsider both the amendment and the main question



# Motion for Reconsideration

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- After approval of a motion to reconsider, the matter is reopened as if it had not been decided
- If motion to reconsider fails, another motion cannot be made to reconsider the question
- Notice and hearing – same process as for initial adoption – if GMA, for example, must schedule on calendar, must provide public notice and opportunity to be heard



# Motion for Renewal

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- Renewal allows a proposal that was disposed of without being adopted to come before Council again
- The justification for renewal is that because of the passage of time, or changed circumstances, the motion would have different effects
- Must be made at a later meeting
- Can be made by any Councilor
- Requires a second



# Motion for Renewal

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Renewal is not applied to the following:

- A prior renewal motion that has been rejected in the meeting
- Motion to reconsider
- Motion that has died for lack of a second
- Resolution of a point or order that has been rejected by the chair





# Motion for Amend or Repeal (rescind)

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Motion to Amend or Repeal (rescind)

Both must satisfy the normal procedural requirements for adopting new provision of code or comprehensive plan



# Thank you!

## Comments and questions

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