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Subject: Rotating chairs

Hello,

I am opposed to the captioned Members Motion by Mr. Perrelli where there be only one sitting chair for the Council of the Whole meetings for the remainder of this term.

Rotating chairs were implemented for a good reasons. There is nothing worse than sitting through meetings where the chairs style is irritating or inconsistent with efficient procedures. I am not suggesting that this is the case now but rather that is a safeguard against it happening.

Rotating chairs does ensure that this doesn't happen. It also encourages each committee member to become more engaged and participate more. Chairs have to prepare the agenda. This is very important and enables the members and their constituents to have more input into the government of Council. I personally was in a situation where rotating chairs did prevent problems and did stimulate more participation.

Understandably, if one member is definite and has a good reason for not chairing, then that person could be by-passed. However, if it has been the practice to rotate, then each new committee members should be aware of this when they come on board.

Thank you,

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