

Rules of Order in City Council Meetings

(With a little help from our Friends)



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Procedural Mistakes That ‘They don’t know that we know they know we know,’ You May Be Making



They don't know that we know they know we know.

Roadmap

1. The Idea Behind the Rules
2. The Motion and the Second
3. Motion to ~~Table~~ Postpone



Why?

Efficient: Don't waste time

Effective: All voices are heard



The Motion and the Second

M — — D — V

Motion

Second

Discussion

Vote



True or False

The member that seconded the Motion must vote in favor of the motion.

FALSE



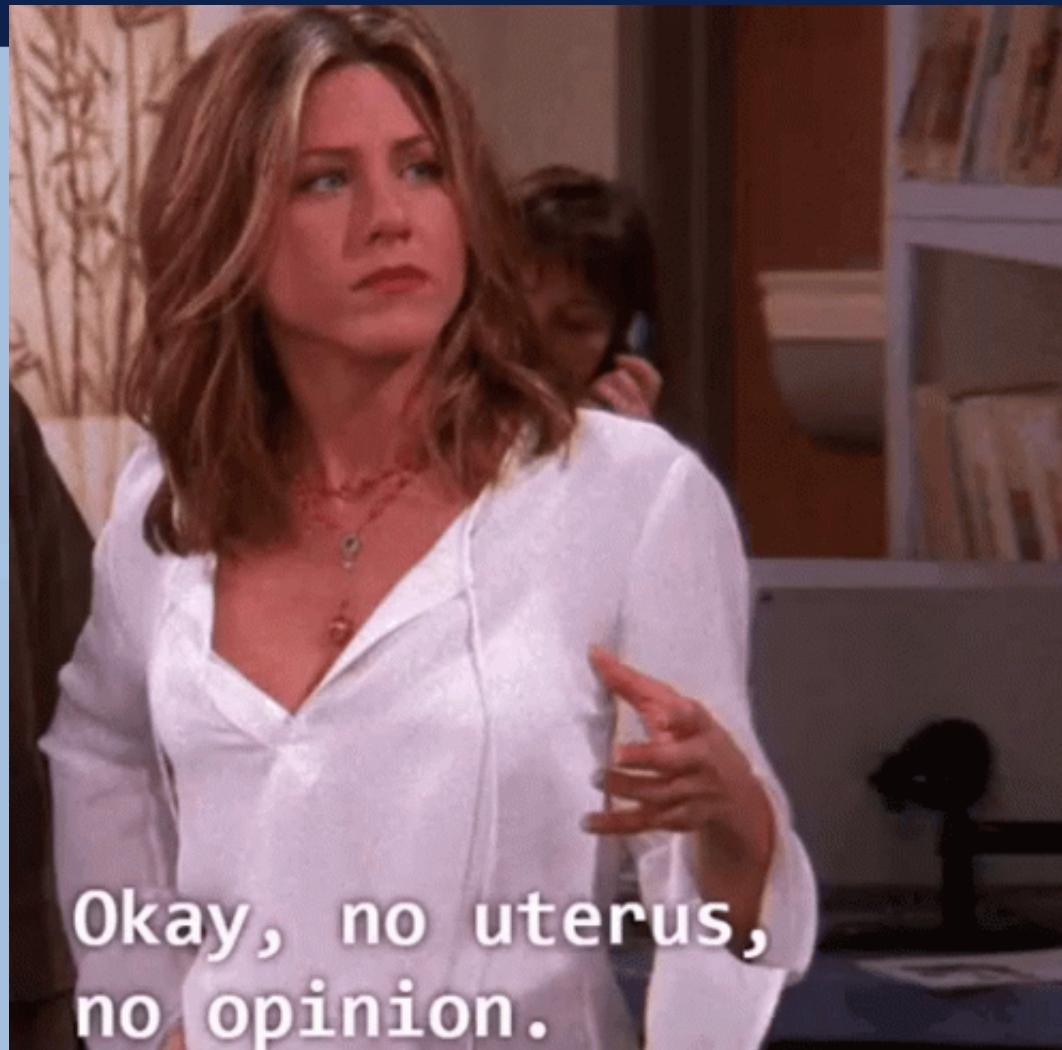
True or False

The member that made the initial Motion must now vote in favor of the motion when the vote is called.

FALSE! But they must not speak against it.



No second, no discussion!





No second, but discussed...





Table v. Postpone

TABLE	POSTPONE
Indefinitely	Definitely
M __ - D - V	M __ - D - V
M __ - D - V to pick up	D - V to resume





Table v. Postpone

TABLE	POSTPONE
The Ross	The Rachel
It's over	It's paused
Single man	Still in relationship
Requires re-asking the question	Requires reconvening conversation



Table



We were on a break!



Postpone





Overall

- Efficient; Time!
- Effective; Order and all voices heard



Questions?



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