

**CITY OF GRANTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
AGENDA**

**December 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Glanton Municipal Complex
123 Lagrange Street, Grantville, GA**

Call to Order:

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

Discussion/Decision: Enterprise Fleet Management Program – Jabari Price

Discussion/Decision on Funding of the Removal of Sludge from the Land Application System Pond #1 Colley Street

Discussion/Decision on contract with WBI, Inc. and contracts with Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc. for the Sludge Removal from Pond #1 Colley Street;

Discussion/Decision on Letter of Intent to Participate in Natural Gas Connection; One-stop shopping for appliance sales, installation and service for retail customers

Discussion/Decision on MEAG Power Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity to the City of Grantville on Behalf of the City of Thomasville

Discussion/Decision on contract with Russell Masonry for repair of the Cemetery Retaining Wall;

Discussion/Decision on Lease Agreement with Swift Link Wireless for the telephone pole on Classic Road;

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-12 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to Amend the Rules for Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings

First Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-13 to Amend Section 38-1(b) of the Code of Ordinances to employ the services of a rating specialist not less than every five years to study and review the rates then in effect and suggest changes. (no action required)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-14 to Amend Section 3.03 of the Charter.

(no action required)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-15 to Add a New Paragraph to Charter section 3.04.

(no action required)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-16 to Amend Section 3.08 of the Charter.

(no action required)

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Discussion/Decision on 2019 LMIG Project

- 1) Griffin Street Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing from Highway 29 to Main Street:
cost \$310,000 Or**
- 2) Charles Patterson Road Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing from Allen Road to the
CSX railroad crossing: cost \$303,000**

Discussion/Decision on appointments to the Planning Commission:

Tyree Raptis: reappointment to term expiring December 31, 2021

Brenda Maddox: reappointment to term expiring December 31, 2021

Joe Ward: reappointment to term expiring December 31, 2021

Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order: Call for the Question

Citizens Comments:

City Council Comments

Councilmember Alan Wacaser:

Councilmember Mark King:

Councilmember Ruby Hines:

Councilmember Jim Sells:

Mayor Doug Jewell:

City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr.:

City Attorney Mark Mitchell:

Adjournment:



**MUNICIPAL GAS
AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA**

November 18, 2019

Mr. Al Grieshaber
City Manager
City of Grantville
P.O. Box 160
Grantville, GA 30220-0160

Re: Letter of Intent to Participate in Natural Gas Connection (NGC) | **Action Item**

Dear Mr. Grieshaber,

We are excited to report that we are nearing completion of the development phase of Natural Gas Connection (NGC). One-stop shopping for appliance sales, installation and service will soon be possible for retail customers served by some of our Members. As we reported during the Fall Regional Meetings last month, we are holding an open season among our Members to prioritize full implementation of NGC. It is somewhat of "the chicken or the egg" process, but responses to this letter of intent (LOI) will drive our planning efforts.

Ideally, we could flip a switch and implement NGC throughout the membership (79 Members in five states) simultaneously; however, it requires a considerable amount of work to establish each regional group. The NGC model relies on a "hub & spoke" structure, where a group of Members in proximity provide the critical mass to implement NGC in their geographic region. We refer to these units of participating Members as PODs. Each POD, depending on size and geographic expanse will require one or more employees. Our general parameters for a POD are six to eight Members, collectively serving about 10,000 customers, all within an approximate 35-mile radius. I emphasize the word *general* because we have some situations where a Member could stand on its own, and we have other scenarios where it may take more than ten Members to support a POD.

A draft Supplemental Agreement is being finalized for interested Members to participate in Natural Gas Connection. The key terms and provisions are outlined herein:

Term of Supplemental Agreement

- Initial term of three years, with annual evergreen thereafter
- Notice period of one year to cancel

Duties of Gas Authority

- Hire and train NGC employees
- Design, develop and implement online business platform (Amazon-like environment)
- Design, construct and equip showrooms and merchandising displays
- Manage customer service call center
- Determine and manage product offerings
- Vet and contract with installers and service companies
- Manage NGC business, track and report performance
- Maintain strong working relationship with Member personnel

Duties of Member

- Participate in Gas Authority Main Street On-Bill Financing Program
- Provide electronic access to non-sensitive customer information
- Provide space for appliance showroom and/or merchandising display
- Provide secure space for limited inventory and make employees available for check-in/check-out of appliances
- Make customer service employees available for basic sales training
- Maintain strong working relationship with NGC personnel

When we started work to develop the SRCS in 2012-13 we went through a similar process. Following a non-binding polling of Members' interest, we had 25 charter Subscribers commit to a three-year agreement to underwrite the startup of the new service. Today we have 69 municipal Subscribers, and the service is considered a success. Based on the feedback we've received from Members regarding NGC the interest level is even greater.

Your response to this LOI is non-binding but it will drive how we establish potential PODs and prioritize implementation of each. By signing this LOI you are simply asking that your gas system be considered for inclusion in a POD to be established in your geographic area. Upon receipt, the Gas Authority will begin its planning efforts. We will then schedule meetings to follow-up with interested Members during which we will review the Supplemental Agreement, a proposed budget and fee structure, and a timeline for implementation. Our goal, in addition to officially commissioning the Northwest Georgia POD³¹ on January 1, 2020 is to establish one to two more PODs by the end of 2020.

Yes, our natural gas system is interested in pursuing participation in Natural Gas Connection through the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. I understand this is a non-binding letter of intent.

Member:

Signature:

Date:

Please sign and return to Becky Fuller at bfuller@gasauthority.com by December 6, 2019. Only one signed letter per Member is required. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact me at mmihalick@gasauthority.com or (404) 379-6792.

Thank you,



Mike Mihalick
Manager, Business Development

³¹ Adairsville, LaFayette, Summerville and Trion have graciously served as our development lab, allowing us to take a concept and turn it into reality over the last year+.



November 1, 2019

City of Thomasville, Georgia
Attn: The Honorable Greg Hobbs, Mayor
111 Victoria Place
Thomasville, Georgia 31792

City of Grantville, Georgia
Attn: The Honorable Doug Jewell, Mayor
123 LaGrange Street
Grantville, GA 30220

**Re: MEAG Power Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity to the City of Grantville
on Behalf of the City of Thomasville**

Dear Mayor Hobbs and Mayor Jewell:

This Letter Agreement sets forth the agreement between the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG Power"), City of Thomasville, Georgia ("Thomasville"), and the City of Grantville, Georgia ("Grantville") for MEAG Power's sale on behalf of Thomasville of certain excess reserve capacity to Grantville pursuant to Section 312 of the Power Sales Contract between MEAG Power and Thomasville. MEAG Power is willing to facilitate and execute this transaction pursuant to Section 312, subject to this Letter Agreement.

The capitalized words or terms that are used in this Letter Agreement, but are not defined herein, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Power Sales Contract.

In consideration of the mutual agreements set forth herein, the sufficiency and adequacy of which are acknowledged by MEAG Power, Thomasville and Grantville, it is understood and agreed that:

**(1) Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity by MEAG Power on Behalf of
Thomasville.**

(a) Pursuant to Section 312 of the Power Sales Contract between MEAG Power and Thomasville, Thomasville has declared capacity in the amount of 293 kW, as measured at B1, of the total kW of its Project One Entitlement Share (the "Sales Amount") to be excess to its needs. Thomasville has requested MEAG Power to sell, and MEAG Power shall, in accordance with this Letter Agreement, sell this capacity, but no energy associated therewith, to Grantville.

(b) This Sale Amount shall not reduce Thomasville's cost obligations under the Power Sales Contract and Thomasville shall remain liable to MEAG Power for its entire Entitlement Share. All payments received by MEAG Power from Grantville for the Sale Amount pursuant to this Letter Agreement shall be credited to Thomasville's obligation to MEAG Power to pay for its Entitlement Share.

Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
1470 Riveredge Parkway NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30328-4640

1-800-333-MEAG 770-563-0300



(2) **Purchase of Excess Reserve Capacity by Grantville.** Grantville agrees to purchase the Sale Amount for a price of \$2.00 per kW-year (the "Contract Price"). MEAG Power shall bill Grantville for such amount and Grantville shall pay all amounts due in the same manner as other payments under the Power Sales Contract between MEAG Power and Grantville.

(3) **Costs.** Thomasville shall be obligated for all costs incurred by MEAG Power as a direct result of the transaction identified in this Letter Agreement. MEAG Power agrees to provide sufficient documentation to Thomasville to enable it to verify any such costs.

(4) **Indemnification.** Thomasville hereby indemnifies and holds MEAG Power and the remaining MEAG Power Participants harmless from and against any and all losses, costs, liabilities, damages, expenses (including without limitation attorneys' fees and expenses) of any kind and incurred or suffered by MEAG Power or its Participants as a result of, or in connection with, Thomasville's sale of excess reserve capacity pursuant to this Letter Agreement.

(5) **Term.** The initial term of the sale of Thomasville's excess reserve capacity to Grantville pursuant to this Letter Agreement shall begin at 0000 hours on January 1, 2020 and end at 2400 hours on December 31, 2020. Other than as to the sales transaction, all other provisions of the agreement shall remain in effect until all other obligations under this Letter Agreement are satisfied, including, but not limited to, Thomasville's obligation to indemnify MEAG Power and the Participants. All times referenced herein are Central Prevailing Time.

(6) **Termination and Unwind.** If MEAG Power changes its policy concerning the computation of necessary reserve capacity from a "budgeted coincident peaks" standard to an "actual peaks" standard and such policy change goes into effect during the Term of this Letter Agreement, Thomasville and Grantville shall be returned to their respective positions as if this Letter Agreement had not been entered into (e.g., Grantville shall receive a credit for amounts it paid pursuant to this Letter Agreement and Thomasville shall be billed for all such amounts). Subsequently, this Letter Agreement shall terminate, except that Sections (3) and (4) shall remain effective.

If you are in agreement with the foregoing and after this Letter Agreement has been duly authorized by the respective governing bodies of Thomasville and Grantville, please execute this Letter Agreement in the space provided below.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF
GEORGIA**

ATTEST:

By: _____
James E. Fuller
President and Chief Executive Officer

[SIGNATURES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE]

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Atlanta, Georgia 30328-4640

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Agreed to and accepted, this ____ day
of _____, _____
Month Year

Agreed to and accepted, this ____ day
of _____, _____
Month Year

CITY OF THOMASVILLE

CITY OF GRANTVILLE

By: [Signature]

By: _____

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

[Signature]

City Clerk

City Clerk

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 12

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA
TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE
RULES FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Charter of the City of Grantville the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grantville are authorized to adopt by ordinance rules to govern the conduct of council business; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted certain rules by ordinance that are designed to promote a fair and open process for city government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to amend those previously adopted rules;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grantville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that Section 2-24 of the City of Grantville Code of Ordinances is amended by adding paragraph (10) as follows:

SECTION ONE

Section 2-24. Rules for regularly scheduled council meetings.

(10) Unless otherwise provided in this Code, procedures for meetings of the city council shall follow the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION TWO

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE

If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

First Reading: October 28, 2019

SO ORDAINED in lawfully assembled open session this _____ day of _____, 2019.

MAYOR

Attest: *Roberta Higgins*
Clerk

Ordinance Number 20A-14

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the home rule power of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Grantville, Georgia, finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to amend the Charter of the City of Grantville by amending Section 3.03;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Section 3.03 of the Charter of the City of Grantville, Georgia is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3.03 Administrative duties of mayor.

The Mayor shall be the executive head of the city government responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the city's affairs. He shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations, ordinances, and for franchises in the city and the city attorney shall take such legal actions as the Mayor may direct for such purposes. Should the post of City Manager not be filled, he shall have the authority to control the work of all offices and employees of the city and shall further have the authority to relieve any employee of his duties without pay for up to seven (7) days for failure to properly perform those duties or for failure to follow lawful instructions. The Mayor shall submit to the Council annual budgets, reports and such other information as he may deem necessary or the Council may require. He shall have authority to make allotments of funds within the limits of appropriations and no expenditures shall be made without his approval. If no other employee or official is designated as purchasing agent, he shall act as purchasing agent for the city. He may conduct inquiries and investigations into conduct of the city's affairs and shall have such other powers and duties as may be provided by Ordinance not inconsistent with this act.

SO ORDAINED in lawfully assembled open session this ____ day of _____, 20__.

MAYOR

Attest: _____
Clerk

Ordinance Number 2019-15

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.04 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the home rule power of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Grantville, Georgia, finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to amend the Charter of the City of Grantville by amending Section 3.04;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Section 3.04 of the Charter of the City of Grantville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding the following to section 3.04:

The city manager shall notify the mayor and city council, as soon as feasible, of all work being performed on city property save for ordinary repair and maintenance activities, identifying who is performing the work and the funding source for such work.

SO ORDAINED in lawfully assembled open session this ____ day of _____, 20__.

MAYOR

Attest: _____
Clerk

Ordinance Number 2019-16

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.08 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the home rule power of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Grantville, Georgia, finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to amend the Charter of the City of Grantville by amending Section 3.08;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that Section 3.08 of the Charter of the City of Grantville, Georgia is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3.08 Personnel policies.

All employees serve at will and may be removed from office at any time by the City Manager, if the post is filled, or otherwise by the Mayor and city council unless otherwise provided by ordinance. The council shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with this charter concerning:

- (1) The method of employee selection and probationary periods of employment;
- (2) The administration of any position classification and pay plan, methods of promotion and application of service ratings thereto, and transfer of employees within the classification plan;
- (3) Hours of work, vacation, sick leave, and other leaves of absence, overtime pay, and the order and manner in which layoff shall be effected; and
- (4) Such other personnel policies as may be necessary to provide for adequate and systematic handling of the personnel affairs of the City of Grantville.

SO ORDAINED in lawfully assembled open session this ____ day of _____, 20__.

MAYOR

Attest: _____
Clerk

7 unexecuted part of the order remains in effect. Any question affected by an order modifying limits of debate that in any way go over to the next session—or that are referred to a committee and reported back, even in the same session, which is committed—become open to debate under the regular rules. An order limiting or extending limits of debate applies to reconsiderations of the affected questions before, but not after, exhaustion of the order.

10 **Form and Example**

The forms in which this motion may be made depend on the desired object, as follows:

- 15 a) To fix the hour for closing debate and putting the question: "I move that at 9 P.M. debate be closed and the question on the resolution be put to a vote."
- b) To limit time spent in debate: "... that debate on the pending amendment be limited to twenty minutes."
- 20 c) To reduce or increase the number or length of speeches "... that debate be limited to one speech of five minutes for each member"; or "... that Mr. Lee's time be extended three minutes"; or "I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Lee's time ... " (see pp. 54-56).
- 25 d) To combine several of the above objects: "I move that _____ and _____ [the leaders on the two sides] each be allowed twenty minutes, which may be divided between two speeches, and that other members be limited to one speech of two minutes each, provided that all pending questions shall be put to a vote at 4 P.M." (see also example on p. 639).
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The form of *stating* the question on this amendable but undebatable motion is:

PREVIOUS QUESTION

1 **FORM:** It is moved and seconded that no later than 9 P.M. debate be closed and the question on the resolution be put. The motion to limit extends limits of debate is not debatable, but it can be amended. **FORM:** or, "Are you ready for the question on ...?"; or, "Are there any amendments to ...?" [the motion to limit debate]

5 The words at the end of the last sentence, "... the motion to ... can be varied depending on the particular form in which the motion was made.

10 Unless the motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate* is adopted by unanimous consent (pp. 54-56), the chair puts it to a vote taken by rising, as in the example shown for a motion to postpone a question and make it a special order, on page 190. In announcing the result, the chair states the particular situation as it then exists:

15 CHAIR (after taking a rising vote): There are two thirds in the affirmative and the motion is adopted. The resolution will therefore be put to a vote no later than 9 P.M. and debate cannot continue beyond that hour. The question is on [stating the immediately pending question].

§16. PREVIOUS QUESTION

(Immediately to close debate and the making of subsidiary motions except the motion to Lay on the Table)

25 The *Previous Question* is the motion used to bring the assembly to an immediate vote on one or more pending questions; its adoption does this with certain exceptions. Adopting or "ordering" the *Previous Question*:

- 1) immediately closes debate on, and stops amendment of, the immediately pending question and such other pending questions as the motion may specify (in consecutive series; see Standard Characteristic 2); and

1 5. Is not debatable.

5 6. Is not amendable. However, it has a special character

10 that permits an effect similar to amendment when the motion is applied while a series of questions is pending. When a motion for the *Previous Question* is immediately pending in such a case, it can be made again with more or fewer pending questions included (subject to the restriction shown in Standard Characteristic 2, above), before the motion for the *Previous Question* is voted on. The procedure resembles filling blanks (see pp. 162-67) except that each of the motions must be made by a member who has obtained the floor, and each must be seconded. * For a qualified form when a series of questions is pending (and that it would apply only to the question immediately pending at that time), another member can move it on part of the series and still another can move it on the remaining questions. The vote is taken first on the motion that would order the *Previous Question* on the largest number of motions; if this fails, then on the next smaller number, and so on, until one is adopted (by a two-thirds vote) or until all of the motions for the *Previous Question* are rejected.

15 7. Requires a two-thirds vote. (If a motion for the *Previous Question* fails to gain the necessary two-thirds vote, debate continues as if this motion had not been made.) In ordinary bodies, the requirement of a two-thirds vote in ordering the *Previous Question* is important in protecting the democratic process. If this rule were not observed, a temporary majority of only one vote could deny the re-

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*For the form to be followed by the chair in granting limited recognition to a member who seeks the floor at such a time, see pages 208-9.

1 meaning members all opportunity to discuss any measure that such a majority wished to adopt or kill. *

5 An affirmative vote on the motion for the *Previous Question* can be reconsidered before any vote has been taken under the order for the *Previous Question*, but (in contrast to the motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate*) it cannot be reconsidered after the order has been partly executed.** see also pages 205-6. A negative vote on the motion for the *Previous Question* can be reconsidered only until such time as progress in business or debate has been sufficient to make it essentially a new question—that is, only until such time as it is reasonable to assume that debate or action on any of the motions involved may have made more members desire to vote immediately on some or all of the questions still pending. Thereafter, it can be renewed (see pp. 339-40).

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*Although the rules of the United States House of Representatives permit the *Previous Question* to be ordered by a majority vote, there are differences between the conditions in that body and in the ordinary organization that should be understood. Because of another House rule, an order for the *Previous Question* does not actually bring a measure to an immediate vote in Congress unless it has already been debated. If no discussion of the measure has taken place on the floor of the House, forty minutes' debate is allowed after adoption of the *Previous Question*—twenty minutes for each of the opposing sides. These rules derive from the great volume of business and the fact that under the two-party system of government by elected representatives, opposing sides often become nearly equal. At the same time, this system creates special conditions that make it unlikely that there will be unfair use of the power to curtail debate. The United States Senate does not admit the *Previous Question*, although it permits debate to be limited by means of a motion for closure.

**When the *Previous Question* has been ordered on a number of motions, the order is said to be partly executed (or partly carried out) if one or more, but not all, of these motions have been voted on. When all of the motions specified in the order have been voted on, it is fully executed.

1 2) prevents the making of any other subsidiary motion except the higher-ranking (5) *Lay on the Table*.*

5 The adoption of an order for the *Previous Question* does not prevent the making of privileged or incidental motions (6) applicable, and, strictly speaking, it does not prevent a special order set for a particular hour (14, 41) from interrupting pending business (see also pp. 203-4).

10 The motion for the *Previous Question* has nothing to do with the last question previously considered by the assembly and has a long history of gradually changing purpose. The *Previous Question* is not allowed in committees (50).

15 Standard Descriptive Characteristics

The subsidiary motion for the *Previous Question*:

1. Takes precedence over all debatable or amendable motions to which it is applied, and over the subsidiary motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate*; and, if adopted, it supersedes the effect of an unexhausted order limiting or extending debate, with respect to the motion to which it is applied. It yields to the subsidiary motion to *Lay on the Table*, to all privileged motions, and to all applicable incidental motions.
2. Can be applied to any immediately pending debatable or amendable motion; to an entire series of pending debatable or amendable motions; and to any consecutive part

*In practice it is seldom appropriate to move to lay a pending question or series of questions on the table after the *Previous Question* has been ordered on them; but a legitimate need to do so may sometimes arise, particularly in a large assembly. If the vote(s) are to be taken by a method such as by ballot standing for a count, or roll call (see also 45, and *Misuse of the Motion to Lay on the Table*, pp. 215-16).

of such a series, beginning with the immediately pending question. (Under this rule it can be applied to motions that are amendable but not debatable,* for the purpose of stopping amendment; see tinted p. 43.) It supersedes any earlier order for the closing of debate at a future time and can be applied while such an order is in effect. In practice, this motion usually is made in an unqualified form, such as "I move the previous question," and then it applies only to the immediately pending question. In its qualified form, however, it can be applied to include consecutively any series beginning with the immediately pending question. For example, the following motions might be pending: (a) a resolution; (b) an amendment to the resolution; (c) a motion to refer the resolution and its pending amendment to a committee; and (d) an immediately pending motion to postpone all of these questions to a definite time. In this case, an unqualified motion for the *Previous Question* will apply only to (d). Such a motion can be qualified to apply to (d) and (c); to (d), (c), and (b); or to (d), (c), (b), and (a). It cannot include only (d) and (b); only (d), (b), and (a); only (d), (c), and (a); or only (d) and (a); and no motion for the *Previous Question* excluding the immediately pending question (d) can be made until (d) has been voted on. No subsidiary motion can be applied to the *Previous Question*, except that when it is pending the main question can be laid on the table, carrying to the table also all adhering motions, including the motion for the *Previous Question*.

3. Is out of order when another has the floor.

4. Must be seconded.

*An example of such a motion is the motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate* (15).

1 Further Rules and Explanation

7 **EQUAL APPLICATION OF RULES TO COLLIGUAL FORMS SUCH AS "CALL FOR THE QUESTION."** A motion such as "I call for [or "call"] the question" or "I move we vote now" is simply a motion in the *Previous Question* made in nonstandard form, and is subject to all of the rules in this section. Care should be taken that failure to understand this fact does not lead to violation of members' rights of debate.

10 Sometimes the mere making of a motion for the *Previous Question* or "call for the question" may motivate unanimous consent to ending debate. Before or after such a motion has been seconded, the chair may ask if there is any objection to closing debate. If member(s) object or try to get the floor, he should ask if there is a second to the motion or call; or if it has already been seconded, he must immediately take a vote on whether to order the *Previous Question*. But regardless of the wording of a motion or "call" seeking to close debate, it always requires a second and a two-thirds vote, taken separately, *before and before the vote(s) on the motion(s) to which it is applied*, to shut off debate against the will of even one member who wishes to speak and has not exhausted his right to debate (see pp. 387-90).

25 **EXEMPTION OF UNDEBATED PREAMBLE FROM THE PREVIOUS QUESTION UNLESS SEPARATELY ORDERED.** When a resolution having a preamble (one or more explanatory clauses beginning "Whereas, ...") is pending, if the *Previous Question* is ordered on the resolution (pp. 106ff., 139, 278-79), the order does not apply to debate and amendment of the preamble, to which the assembly proceeds before voting on the resolution. After the chair has declared the preamble open to debate and amendment in ques-

1 case, the entire resolution can be brought to an immediate vote, if desired, by then ordering the *Previous Question* on the preamble.

5 **VOTING ON A SERIES OF MOTIONS UNDER THE PREVIOUS QUESTION; INTERRUPTION OF EXECUTION.** When the *Previous Question* is ordered on a series of pending motions as explained above under Standard Characteristic 2, they are voted on in order of rank beginning with the immediately pending question—that is, in reverse of the order in which they were made. If the series includes motions to *Postpone Definitely*, to *Commit*, or to *Postpone Indefinitely* and one of these motions is adopted, further voting stops—regardless of how many of the remaining questions were, or were not, included under the order in the *Previous Question*. But if voting is not stopped in such a manner, then, when all of the motions on which the *Previous Question* was ordered have been voted on, consideration of any questions still pending resumes under the regular rules.

20 If a question or series of questions (including motions in which the *Previous Question* has been ordered) ceases to be the pending business before all of the motions affected by the order have been voted on, execution of the order is said to be interrupted. Interruption of the execution of an order for the *Previous Question* may occur as follows:

25 If a motion to *Postpone*, to *Commit*, or to *Postpone Indefinitely* on which the *Previous Question* has been ordered is adopted (as in the preceding paragraph) in a case where one or more of the remaining questions were also included under the order, execution of the order is thus interrupted when it has been partly carried out.

30 Before or after an order for the *Previous Question* has been partly carried out, as already noted, it is also possible

1 for its execution to be interrupted as a result of the
 question(s)'s being laid on the table, or by the interven-
 tion of a special order set for a particular hour (14, 41),
 a question of privilege (19), a recess (8, 20), or an ad-
 5 journalment (8, 21). (If the hour set for a special order,
 recess, or an adjournment has arrived and the *Previous*
Question has been ordered on one or more pending mo-
 tions, however, there usually will be no objection to the
 chair's putting them all to a vote in succession before he
 10 announces the matter that intervenes.)

EXHAUSTION OF THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

The *Previous Question* is said to be *exhausted* (in reference to
 a particular order for it) when all of the motions on which it
 15 was ordered have been finally disposed of, or when any mo-
 tions not yet finally disposed of are no longer affected by the
 order. The conditions for exhaustion of the *Previous Question*
 are the same as for an order limiting or extending limits of
 debate—that is: (1) when all motions on which the *Previous*
 20 *Question* was ordered have been voted on; (2) when those
 not yet voted on have either been committed or postponed
 indefinitely; or (3) at the end of the session in which the
Previous Question was ordered—which ever occurs first. After
 the *Previous Question* is exhausted, any remaining questions
 25 that come up again are open to debate and amendment just
 as if there had been no order for the *Previous Question*.

If the execution of an order for the *Previous Question* is
 interrupted and if the motion or motions that were pending
 come up again later, the rules in the foregoing paragraph
 30 apply as follows:

• If the questions were referred to a committee and are later
 reported, the *Previous Question* is exhausted and the mo-
 tions are open to debate and amendment, even if it is dur-
 35 ing the same session.

1 But if the interruption of execution occurred by any other
means than referral and the questions come up again dur-
 ing the same session, the order remains in effect; all mo-
 tions on which the *Previous Question* was ordered must
 5 be voted on immediately (unless a reconsideration of the
 order is possible and a motion to reconsider it has been
 made, or is then made; see below).

• If the questions do not come up again until a later session,
 the *Previous Question* is always exhausted, regardless of
 how the interruption of execution occurred.
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RECONSIDERATION OF A VOTE THAT HAS ORDERED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

As noted in Standard Characteristic 8, a vote that has ordered the *Previous*
 15 *Question* can be reconsidered before, but not after, any of the
 motions affected by the order have been voted on. Conse-
 quently, it will frequently happen that a motion to reconsider
 an affirmative vote on the *Previous Question* itself can be made
 only in the brief moment after the vote ordering the *Previous*
 20 (*Question*) is completed and before the first vote is taken under
 the order (see also p. 209).

If the execution of an order for the *Previous Question* was
 interrupted before any vote was taken under the order, and if
 the questions come up again during the same session, a mo-
 tion to reconsider the order (if not made earlier) can be made
 25 only in the moment after the chair has announced these ques-
 tions as the pending business and before any of them are
 voted on. In addition, the regular time limits for making a
 motion to *Reconsider* apply (see 37).

It should be noted that if a motion or series of motions
 that is under an order for the *Previous Question* comes up after
 having been postponed, there can never be a reconsideration
 of the order. The reason is that the motion to Postpone can
 only have been made before the *Previous Question* was
 30 ordered, so that the order for the *Previous Question* will
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