

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To authorize the holding of certain hearings and roundtables and taking of certain other actions during the Council’s summer 2019 recess, to amend the Rules of Organization and Procedures for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 23, Resolution of 2019 to authorize the University of the District of Columbia to submit grant budget modifications during the Council’s summer 2019 recess; to amend the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 23, Resolution of 2019; and to amend the Appointment of Chairperson Pro Tempore, Committee Chairpersons, and Committee Membership Resolution of 2019.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Council Period 23 Rules and Investigation Authority Amendment Resolution of 2019.”

Sec. 2. Recess rules.

(a) The Committee of the Whole is authorized to hold a hearing or roundtable, including a joint hearing or roundtable, on a contract, reprogramming, budget modification, measure, or proposed actions by the Mayor during the period July 15 through September 15, 2019.

(b) The Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 23, Resolution of 2019 effective January 2, 2019 (Res. 23-1; 66 DCR 272), is amended as follows:

(1) Section 306(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph (5) to read as follows;

38 “(5) A request for a budget modification from the University of the District of
39 Columbia for Fiscal Year 2019 grant funds may be transmitted to the Secretary from July 15
40 through September 15, 2019.”.

41 (2) Section 711 is amended as follows:

42 (A) The existing text is designated as subsection (a).

43 (B) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

44 “(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a request for a budget
45 modification from the University of the District of Columbia for Fiscal Year 2019 grant funds
46 may be submitted, and the time period for the request may be counted, from July 15 through
47 September 15, 2019.”.

48 (c) This section shall expire on September 16, 2019.

49 Sec. 3. Authorization of investigation.

50 (a) Pursuant to Council Rule 653(h), the Council authorizes the Chairman to appoint a
51 law firm to investigate allegations surrounding the conduct of Councilmember Jack Evans with
52 respect to conflicts of interest and his official duties.

53 (b) In furtherance of the investigation authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the
54 Council authorizes the law firm to issue subpoenas in the investigation on behalf of the Council
55 to compel the attendance of witnesses, to obtain testimony, or to require the production of
56 documents or other information or tangible items. Notwithstanding Council Rule 612, a report to
57 the Secretary to the Council before issuing a subpoena as part of the investigation shall not be
58 required.

59 (c) The law firm may take testimony of witnesses by oral, written, or videotaped
60 depositions.

61 (d) Notwithstanding Council Rule 306, the law firm may conduct any investigative
62 activities, including transmitting any report to the Council, during a period of Council recess.

63 Sec. 4. Section 651(d) of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the
64 District of Columbia, Council Period 23, Resolution of 2019, effective January 2, 2019 (Res. 23-
65 1; 66 DCR 272), is amended to read as follows:

66 “(d) No sanction pursuant to Rules 655 and 656, shall be imposed unless first
67 recommended by:

68 “(1) An ad hoc committee of the Council; or

69 “(2) By the Chairman, or if the Chairman is the subject of a recommendation for
70 sanction, by the Chairman Pro Tempore.”.

71 Sec. 5. Section 3(4) of the Council Period 23 Appointment of Chairperson Pro Tempore,
72 Committee Chairpersons, and Committee Membership Resolution of 2019, effective January 2,
73 2019 (Res. 23-2; 66 DCR 398), is repealed.

74 Sec. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.