

Maxiopolis

Invitation: Sample bills submitted to the council for discussion, leading to a ye or a nay vote by members. Look these over and invent some of your own based on issues that affect your community. Good luck, and have fun!

City or Town of Maxiopolis

City Council Bill No. 34

Hear ye! Hear ye!

The right honorable council member from District 11 has introduced this bill to raise the living standards of our faithful public employees, office workers, secretaries, library clerks, and records keepers. There has not been a change in the minimum wage for five years although inflation has grown at a rate of 2-3% per year.

Be it resolved that the City of Maxiopolis raises the minimum wage for entry level public employees from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.75 per hour to improve the purchasing power and living standards of these employees and to attract and reward new and young workers who enter civil service.

As the economy has grown, it is increasingly difficult to attract and hold workers in low-paying city jobs, despite the benefits and stability offered, due to low entry level wage rates.

To alter this situation, and provide a more dynamic and better prepared labor force for the city, we propose changing the minimum wage to reflect inflation over the last five years.

We would also argue that higher minimum wages promote better on-the-job levels of responsibility and service, and support the city's economy through increased purchasing power, thereby encouraging a better business climate for one and all in our local communities and throughout our great city.

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City Council Bill No. 72

Hear Yea! Hear Yea!

The right honorable Mayor of Maxiopolis has introduced this bill to fund the building of a major sports stadium, “The MAXI-HUGE-GEO-DOME” project near the center of the city, and has worked out agreements with two sports teams, to occupy and assist in its financing. This stadium, in the view of the administration, would provide a huge economic boon to the city in terms of jobs, construction, and revenues over many years to come.

Be it resolved that the City of Maxiopolis shall, in cooperation with the Zoomers football team, design, construct, and operate a new stadium on the underused North side of the city for the purpose of overall development, business enterprise, and tax revenues.

The city will contribute to the design and construction costs, and provide a tax abatement for the first five years of operation to amortize costs and attract business to the stadium and the stadium area. In addition, the City will authorize a study of housing, commercial zones, and agency offices in and around the new stadium as well as authorize studies for new transport networks to serve the area.

We believe this will be a huge attraction that brings large direct and indirect revenues into the city.

The City or Town of Maxiopolis

City Council Bill No. 12

Hear Yea! Hear Yea!

The right honorable Commissioner of Energy, Power, and the Environment proposes that, because of increasing demands for heating and air-conditioning, as well as ordinary home and business use of electric power, a new efficient power plant, to be known as MAXI-LIGHT, be built on the shore of the City's South Side, at a point of easy delivery of fuel supplies. This plant would require the condemnation and purchase of several warehouses and shops in Council districts 3, 7, and 14, some of which are derelict, as well as moving approximately 67 homes and businesses. However, the overall value to the city as a whole, outweighs the disadvantages, over the long term.

Be it resolved that the City of Maxiopolis undertake the construction of an efficient new power plant to serve the entire community for its energy, particularly electricity, needs over the next decade in an area that has available land for industrial uses, parts of which are currently not being put to use for either private or public goals.

The City will provide tax incentives for the MaxiLight company, with the land leased to them for a ten year period, to be built with a combination of public and private funds, noting the potential for assistance from the state and federal government for capital expenses.

It is anticipated that the new power plant will be as environmentally conscious as possible, with the lowest possible amounts of effluent and the best smokestack scrubbers to maintain air quality in the affected areas. Studies will be initiated of the most up to date and effective environmental controls available.

Energy needs must be met, as these are currently straining capacity especially during the summer months when demand is highest, and offer the potential for future growth of efficient electrical power.

City of Maxiopolis

Rules of Play

1. City Council Assembles, Mayor in attendance with two or three city commissioners, and The Speaker at the podium, council clerk (vote recorder) seated next to the podium.
2. Council will be called to order by the Speaker (one minute), followed by a welcoming address by the Mayor (two minutes).
3. Council members will carefully read descriptions of their constituencies, who the folks are in the neighborhood. Council members must think about voting on behalf of their districts as steps toward re-election to public office.
4. Each Council Member, Mayor, and Commissioner will introduce themselves briefly by name and tell anything else about themselves that they wish to share with the audience.
5. The Clerk will introduce the first, second, third, etc., bill to the assembled council.
6. The Speaker may recognize up to three speakers on behalf of a proposal, followed by up to three opposed.
7. After hearing from different viewpoints, three minutes are allowed to meet with other Members of the council to discuss positions on the bill proposed. Council members may exert leadership in organizing a vote for or against a bill, or may abstain or remain undecided.
8. The Speaker may again allow up to three more speakers for and three against a bill, and speakers may include commissioners and mayor as well as council members.
9. The Speaker will call for a vote, and the clerk will record the vote as it is cast, i.e., Yea, Nay, or Abstain, and tally the results, announcing totals.
10. Clerk will officially announce and post the result of the vote tally, declaring the bill as passed, and now law, or as failed.

Vote Tally Sheet (up to 20 districts, based on groups of 2 or 3 students each)

The City of Maxiopolis

Council Member: District 1

Council Member: District 2

Council Member: District 3

Council Member: District 4

Council Member: District 5

Council Member: District 6

Council Member: District 7

Council Member: District 8

Council Member: District 9

Council Member: District 10

Council Member: District 11

Council Member: District 12

Council Member: District 13

Council Member: District 14

Council Member: District 15

Council Member: District 16

Council Member: District 17

Council Member: District 18

Council Member: District 19

Council Member: District 20

