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MOTION

To Study the Feasibility of Implementing Electronic Voting Following the Passage of Issue 23

WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report within 90 days on the possible use of electronic voting for City Council meetings and committee meetings. This report should include possible methods, costs to implement, and new Council rules that would be required for implementation.

STATEMENT

With the passage of Issue 23 in the 2023 Citywide election, Article II, Section 5 of the Cincinnati City Charter was amended to state "Members of council may cast their vote on any item via any method that publicly announces the vote, including by a roll call voice vote or electronic or mechanical method."

We ask that the Administration research and provide a recommendation to Council on the possible implementation of an electronic or mechanical method with the intent of streamlining meetings while maintaining maximum transparency for the public.

As this would be a new method, this report should include evaluating various methods that are possible under the new amendment, costs associated with them to install necessary instruments for measuring the vote and publicly revealing them, and rules that would need to be amended or added to the Rules of Council for implementation.

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