

Legislation Text

File #: 14-653, Version: 1

#14-R-14 - Croatt - Submitted at the April 2, 2014 Council Meeting. REFERRED TO: 2014 Organizational Meeting.

"WHEREAS, The motion to refer back is an important tool for legislators and when used appropriately, it can be vital to the decision-making process by providing the opportunity for new information to be presented for consideration and can be used for other important reasons.

AND WHEREAS, A motion to refer back results in additional meetings for committee /council members, staff members, legal professionals, members of the media, and citizens of Appleton. These additional meetings are valuable only if new information is being presented or another valid reason is provided.

AND WHEREAS, Adequate opportunity for discussion and debate should be provided in an effective and efficient manner.

AND WHEREAS, Providing clarity for extending the legislative process would assist with avoiding City of Appleton Page 16 Common Council Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014 confusion and would provide all interested parties the rationale behind the motion to refer back.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Any Alderperson requesting an action item refer back be required to state a specific reason why the request for refer back is being made. The reason to be provided immediately after the refer back request is made."