- 1. Adjourn: To end the meeting. Not debatable.
- 2. Adoption: This is to adopt the matter before the council.
- 3. Amendment: To modify the main motion before the council.
- 4. <u>Division of Assembly / Roll Call</u>: A call for division is the same as calling for a roll call vote. Any member may do this and the motion need not be seconded; it is simply granted when asked for. It is not debatable.
- 5. <u>Division of the Question / Separation</u>: This is a request to have separate votes on different paragraphs or portions of the proposal before the council. It is not debatable, but does require a second.
- 6. Lay on the Table / Take off the Table: This is a motion to temporarily defer consideration of a matter and then to ask that the matter be taken up again. It is often used, when, for some reason, a member of the assembly or some information necessary for consideration is temporarily unavailable. Motions to lay on the table or take off the table are not debatable. The motion is often made simply as a motion to "table." The motion should not be used if the intent is essentially to kill a proposal.
- 7. <u>Place on File/Postpone Indefinitely</u>: This is a common motion used in proceedings of the \_\_\_\_\_\_Council and is the equivalent of a motion to postpone or defer indefinitely. This is the motion to be used if the intent is to not adopt the matter before the Council, without explicitly voting it down.
- 8. <u>Point of Information</u>: This is an incidental motion in which a member of the assembly desires some information prior to proceeding to a vote on the matter before the council. It does not require a second and no vote is actually taken on the point of information. A member simply says "I rise to a point of information" or "Point of Information?" It is proper when another has the floor.
- 9. Point of Order or Procedure: This is another incidental motion and again is not subject to a second or a debate. It raises a question about the procedure being followed by the council. The ruling on the Point of Procedure is committed to the Executive Board of the council. If a member of the council disagrees with the ruling, they may appeal the ruling of the Executive Board to the full council. An appeal does require a second, and a majority of the council must disagree with the Executive Board's ruling for it to be reversed.
- 10. <u>Point of Privilege</u>: This is one of the privileged motions, and again does not require a second, nor is it debatable. This normally relates to some personal matter or something relating to the operation of the council, such as a room that is too hot, too cold, too loud, some confidential information which should not be discussed before the council, etc.
- 11. <u>Previous Question</u>: This is a motion requesting that the council immediately vote on whatever matter is otherwise before it; it cuts off debate and proceeds to an immediate vote. The motion can be made either by "calling the question", "moving the previous question," or simply stating "Question." The motion requires a second and is non-debatable and requires a two-thirds vote.

- 4. Lay on the Table
- 5. Previous Question
- 6. Limit or Extend Debate

## **Debatable Motions**

- 7. Postpone to a Definite Time
- 8. Refer or Commit
- 9. Amend
- 10. Postpone Indefinitely / Place on File
- 11. Main Motion

Incidental Motions (e.g., Point of Order, Point of Information, Suspend the Rules, Division of the Assembly or of the Question) take precedence over whatever matter is pending.