

City Commission directs the City Clerk and City Attorney to amend the city commission rules:

- 1) Combine the adoption of the consent and regular agenda into one item on the agenda
- 2) Clarify that public comment only needs to be taken once during an item. Not on every motion during an item.
- 3) Public comment does not need to be taken during procedural and administrative votes. For example, direction to staff or anything else that may come back to the commission, setting meetings, administrative votes to run the meeting, and other similar votes that there is not a final action being considered are not mandated to have public comment
- 4) Public comment can not be used to advocate for a candidate running for office. Advocating for referendums or amendments is ok.
- 5) Microphone automatically shuts off at the end of the time limit for public comment.
- 6) Start the regular meetings at 9:30AM. Mornings have staff reports, policy discussions and business discussions. This should help meetings to not go so late. Also helps staff morale. Mayor may set later start time if warranted
 - a) Have ordinances and resolutions in the afternoon like the county and many other municipalities. Still have some ordinances and resolutions evening if mandated by state statute or discussion of item would be better heard in the evening
- 7) Set a special period for general public comment at 1pm separate from regular meetings. Allow commission to address issues and staff at this time. Not televised
- 8) Create section for items pulled from the consent agenda that is heard directly after the adoption of agenda
- 9) Public comment on item must be focused on the item being heard.
- 10) Meeting may continue if less than 4 commissioners are present at the meeting but no votes maybe taken until quorum is met again
- 11) 2 minutes for general comment on agenda items, 3 minutes for quasi judicial or first time speaking at meeting gets 3 mins, then other items in meeting dropped to 2 mins
- 12) Move away from telephonic calls for agenda items. Continue to allow pre recorded calls for general public comment and those calls are transcribed for the commission instead of being played. We spend \$100,000 a year on telephone calls for meetings
- 13) For all public comments (agenda items and public comment) the clerk or designee collects speaker cards before each agenda item from members of the public who want to speak on that agenda item or at public comment. The card has space for speaker name, pro or con, and address. Clerk gives the cards to the mayor, and the mayor announces who speaks next. Clerk may collect speaker cards up till the end of public comment on that item and give them to the mayor. Before public comment starts, the mayor announces how many people are set to talk.
- 14) Offer language translation services if you register in advance.
- 15) Since special meetings and workshops are designed to be dedicated to certain topics, public comment may be taken only on specific agenda items and no general public comment at those meetings. Commission may allow general public comment being added at adoption of agenda.

16) Decorum for city commission comments and public comments

- a) Add language like this rules for decorum: (2) no vulgar language or gestures, (3) no discourteous, disrespectful, or disparaging conduct.

17) Discussion of Ex Parte Communications