

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

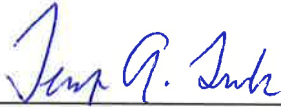
FOR: Council Meeting of January 4, 2022

FROM: Council Member Teresa Turk

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE *RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL* CONCERNING PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



Council Member Teresa Turk

12/27/21

Date



City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

Dec 27, 2021

Date



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TO: **Mayor Jordan**
City Council

CC: **Susan Norton**, Chief of Staff
Keith Macedo, Information Technologies Director

FROM: **Kit Williams**, City Attorney

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DATE: **December 22, 2021**

RE: **Proposed Amendments to Rules of Order and Procedure**

Council Member Teresa Turk is suggesting a couple of minor amendments to the *Rules of Order and Procedure of the Fayetteville City Council*. The first change would end the segmentation of the five minute speaking period for the public into three and two periods. It would now be unified into one five minute period.

The second amendment would authorize every public speaker to use electronic visual aids during their 5 minute presentation periods. These amendments will be considered by the City Council prior to the required annual readoption of your Rules on January 4, 2022.

To be Amended

(2) **Public Comments.** Public comment at a City Council meeting shall be allowed for all members of the audience who have signed up prior to the beginning of the agenda item they wish to address being opened for public comment. **Speakers shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to be broken into segments of three and two minutes.** Amendments may receive public comments only if approved by the City Council by unanimous consent or majority vote. If public comment is allowed for an amendment, speakers will only be allowed to speak for three (3) minutes. The City Council may allow both a speaker additional time and an unsigned-up person to speak by unanimous consent or majority vote. ← Possible new permission for audio visual aids to be added.

e. **Courtesy and Respect.** All members of the public, all city staff and elected officials shall accord the utmost courtesy and respect to each other at all times. All shall refrain from rude or derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments and statements about motives or personalities. Any member of the public who violates these standards shall be ruled out of order by the Mayor, must immediately cease speaking and shall leave the podium.

8. **Smoking Prohibited.**

There will be no smoking allowed in the City Council Chambers during City Council meetings.

9. **Cell Phones and Pagers.**

Cell phones must be turned off or put in silent mode and not used within the City Council Chambers during City Council meetings. Pagers must be turned off or put in silent mode within the City Council Chambers during City Council meetings. These restrictions also apply during Agenda Sessions.

10. **Virtual City Council Meetings Authorized**

After proper notice has been provided to the public, City Council Members are authorized to assemble, gather, meet, and conduct open public meetings (including speaking, voting and passing ordinances and resolutions) through appropriate electronic means which ensure the public's right to attend by being able to listen to the proceedings and discussions. These open public meetings include City Council meetings and agenda sessions as well as City Council Member Committee meetings.

B. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. **Seating**

Members shall occupy the respective seats in the City Council Chambers assigned by position number. The Mayor (or Assistant Mayor in the Mayor's absence) shall be seated near the center of the City Council table.