

SECTION 2. Briefing Sessions. City Code, Article II Section 2-27 (Informal Meetings) is hereby amended to read as follows:

An informal session, or work session, shall be held on Wednesday of each week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Municipal Plaza Building unless canceled or called for a different date.

SECTION 3. Addressing City Council. City Code, Article II Section 2-35(a) (Addressing the City Council) Subsection (1) (General rules) is amended to add a new section (e), and subsections (2), (3) and (4) are amended, in part, to read as follows:

(a) *Addressing the city council.*

(1) *General rules.* A new section is hereby added to read as follows:

(e) In each instance in which a citizen or group is provided an opportunity to address city council, said citizen or group may submit written testimony in support of or opposition to a particular agenda item or on a topic that could be discussed during "Citizens to be Heard" in lieu of presenting verbal testimony, provided that such written testimony is submitted by the deadlines and could otherwise be read into the record during the timeframes provided in this Code.

(2) *Consent Agenda.* Any person wishing to address the Council on one or more items on the consent agenda must sign the register which will be provided by the City Clerk, no later than 9:00 a.m. of the day of the Council meeting, indicating the item or items on the consent agenda the person wishes to address.

(3) *Individual consideration agenda.* Any person wishing to address the council on one or more items on the individual consideration agenda must sign the register which will be provided by the City Clerk no later than 9:00 a.m. of the day of the Council meeting indicating the item or items on the individual agenda the person wishes to address.

(4) *Citizens to be heard.* Any person wishing to address the council during "Citizens to be Heard" must sign the register which will be provided by the City Clerk no later than 6:00 p.m. of the day of the Council meeting, indicating the subject the person wishes to address, and such person may be heard only at this portion of the meeting.

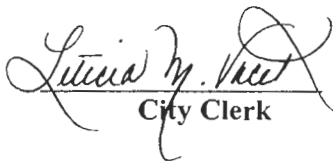
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by eight (8) affirmative votes; otherwise said ordinance shall take effect on the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2005.

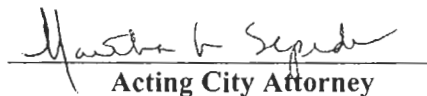


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Acting City Attorney

AN ORDINANCE 100280

TO AMEND SECTION 2.A. OF ORDINANCE 93921, APPROVED ON
MAY 10, 2001, REGARDING ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL.

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WHEREAS, City Council, through Ordinance No. 93921, revised the prior ordinance which established general rules for and outlined the process to be followed in conducting City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, during its January 6, 2005 meeting, City Council directed that additional revisions be made to the provisions of Ordinance No. 93921, to provide for revised rules for addressing City Council; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will revise Section 2. A. 1. by providing speaking time limits for organizations and other requirements for addressing the City Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Section 2. A. 1. of Ordinance No. 93921, passed and approved on May 10, 2001, is hereby revised by adding the following provisions:

- e. Organizations shall have a total of nine (9) minutes to address the City Council. An organization shall be represented by three (3) individuals in order to be allotted the nine (9) minutes to speak.
- f. Citizens that sign up to address the City Council as part of an organization will have this segment constitute as part of the nine (9) minute maximum time limitation.
- g. Individuals/organizations must sign in person by the specified deadline in order to be recognized to speak.
- h. Citizens that have registered to speak must be present in order to give up their time to another speaker.

from an existing priority, must be submitted to the City Council Policy and Planning Committee for scheduling prior to being placed on the City Council Agenda, with copies provided to all members of the City Council.

The Committee shall schedule such items in a timely manner, considering all policy or other Council initiatives in a fair and open manner within Council-determined priorities and related constraints. The Committee shall neither be used to screen policy or other City Council initiative nor be used as a way to advance any one issue or agenda over another.

A City Council member's signature on any six signature memorandum shall not bind the member to vote for or against the item.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 87687, passed and approved on April 16, 1998, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL.

1. General Rules.

- a. Whether speaking on an agenda item or at the "Citizens To Be Heard" portion of the meeting, those signed up to speak shall be called upon in the order that they have registered.
- b. No personal attacks shall be allowed by any speaker.
- c. The Mayor or presiding officer may, at any time and at his/her discretion, increase or reduce the time an individual has to address the City Council. At any time during a presentation of the speaker, any councilmember may request the presiding officer to extend the time limit of the speaker.
- d. Whether speaking on an agenda item or at the "Citizens To Be Heard" portion of the meeting, an individual signed up to speak shall have three (3) minutes to speak, with a nine (9) minute maximum time limit for any one (1) meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA. Any person wishing to address the Council on one or more items on the Consent Agenda must sign by 1:00 P.M. the register which will be provided indicating the item or items on the Consent Agenda the person wishes to address. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes to address all items on the Consent Agenda that the speaker wishes to address. At the beginning of the Consent Agenda, each speaker shall take his or her three (3) minutes in the order in which the speakers signed up.

3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA. Any person wishing to address the Council on one or more items on the Individual Consideration Agenda must sign by 1:00 P.M. the register which will be provided indicating the item or items on the Individual Consideration Agenda the person wishes to address. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes to address all items on the Individual Consideration Agenda that the speaker wishes to address. Each speaker shall take all of his or her three (3) minutes when the item or first item that has been signed up for by that speaker is called, in the order in which the speakers signed up for that item.