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CITIZEN PETITION

AMENDMENTS TO RULE 8 PERTAINING TO CITIZEN COMMENTS
OF ORDINANCE NO. G-6064, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PHOENIX CITY CODE CHAPTER 2.
ARTICLE II. RULES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

I expect respect when I step up to the podium to give a Citizen Comment, as I am sure every speaker does. All speakers believe their expression of a concern or a matter is important. In the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Article 21, Section (1), it is expressed well as follows: "Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives." It isn't stated, though it is implied, that everyone has the right to be heard when they are called upon to be next to speak directly to officials at a public meeting. The following requested amendments in red are inserted to assure respectful attentiveness and behavior from the Mayor and City Council members within transparent and accountable parameters, so that each citizen who chooses to address them during Council proceedings will be heard.

RULE 8.

ORDINANCE NO. G-6064

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PHOENIX CITY CODE CHAPTER 2. ARTICLE II. RULES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, RULE 8 PERTAINING TO CITIZEN COMMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

SECTION 2. Phoenix City Code Chapter 2, Article II, Rules of Council Proceedings, Rule 8 Is amended to read as follows:

Rule 8: Citizen comments.

Citizen comments will be heard FOR UP TO 15 minutes AT the start of the regular formal meeting and, if necessary FOR UP TO 15 minutes ~~BEFORE adjournment or~~ following the recess of the formal meeting PROVIDED A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL IS PRESENT. ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS MAY BE ALLOWED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING BOTH CITIZEN COMMENT SESSIONS. ~~AT THE START OF THE FORMAL MEETING. IF THE PRESIDING OFFICER DETERMINES THAT A PRIVATE CONVERSATION MUST TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO RECESS OF THE FORMAL MEETING, THIS WILL BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE POST-RECESS CITIZEN COMMENT SESSION.~~ Any member of the public may address the Council to comment on issues of interest or concern to them. Citizen comments will be televised AS PART OF the formal meeting. A ROLL CALL WILL BE TAKEN AND TELEVISED AS WELL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE POST-RECESS CITIZEN COMMENT SESSION. A scan of the Mayor and Council will be included as part of each televised comment. Members of the public will be given a maximum of three minutes each to address the Council. PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF EACH CITIZEN COMMENT SESSION, THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL REQUEST SILENCE FROM THE AUDIENCE AND THEN ANNOUNCE THE MAXIMUM LENGTH. THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE THE TWO MEANS BY WHICH EACH SPEAKER WILL BE WARNED OF THE 30 SECONDS REMAINING ON THEIR

TIME TO SPEAK, through signaling devices located on the table between the podium and dais: BY A SMALL TRI-COLORED LIT SIGNAL that lights green when the speaker begins talking, yellow when 30-seconds remain and red at the end and BY TWO 4-DIGIT PROGRAMMABLE TIMERS/ STOPWATCHES WITH WIRELESS REMOTES, one facing the speaker and the other the presiding officer, that have the capability of counting down the seconds when citizens begin speaking, pinging at the 30-second mark and again at the end of the 3 minutes. THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL ALSO ALERT SPEAKERS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF EACH SESSION THAT ADDITIONAL TIME IN 3-MINUTE INCREMENTS MAY BE ADDED TO LENGTH OF THEIR COMMENT THROUGH DONATIONS FROM SPEAKERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING, donors who have indicated on a Not to Speak Card the name of the speaker to whom they wish to make their donation. AND A FOURTH ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE THAT IT WILL BE AT DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO DETERMINE WHICH SPEAKERS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL TIME AT THE PODIUM WHEN NO DONATION OF TIME HAS BEEN INDICATED. Speakers will be called in the order in which the Requests to Speak Cards ~~at citizen comments~~ are received ~~at-PRIOR TO or at the START OF~~ and DURING the FORMAL MEETING ~~or POST-RECESS SESSION~~. Members of the public who are not called upon during the 15 minutes AT THE START OF the FORMAL meeting ~~will~~ MAY be called to speak ~~following~~ BEFORE DURING THE POST-RECESS SESSION. ~~OR-RECESS-OF-the-formal-meeting~~. A quorum of the City Council ~~may or may not be present, but in either event, no-~~ THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ~~decisions will be made and no action on any issue~~ MATTER raised DURING CITIZEN COMMENTS.

SECTION 3. WHEREAS, the immediate operation of the provisions of this ordinance is necessary to have the amendment take effect at the next normally scheduled formal meeting in January of 2018 an EMERGENCY is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council as required by the City Charter and is hereby exempted from the referendum clause of said Charter.

Ordinance G-6064

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this day of _____, 20__.

Respectfully Submitted,

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