



STAFF REPORT

November 15, 2023
File Number 0610-90

SUBJECT

RECONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

DEPARTMENT

City Clerk's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council reconsider the City's current public comment policy and approve Resolution No. 2023-158 amending Section 6 of the Council Policies and Rules of Procedure.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Council: Christian Garcia)

Presenter: Christian Garcia

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 16, 2023 the City Council voted 4-1 (White: No) to approve Resolution No. 2023-111R (Attachment 1). In so doing, the following language related to electronic public comments was added to the Council Policies and Rules of Procedure:

Members of the public can submit comments electronically through the City's Website for items on the agenda as well as "Oral Communications." Comments submitted electronically will be provided to the City Council by the City Clerk prior to the council meeting and read out loud by the City Clerk during the Council Meeting for which the comments apply. Those comments shall thereafter be permanently filed with the minutes of the meeting.

BACKGROUND

Per Section 18 of Resolution No. 2023-11R:

Any member of the Council, voting in the majority on any action of the Council, may at the same meeting, or at a subsequent time, request the Council reconsider an action. A reconsideration request made by a member of the Council voting in the minority shall not be allowed, except when made more than one (1) year after the date of the original action.

All requests for reconsideration of a Council action shall be provided to each Council member, and the City Manager in writing or via electronic mail, and the request shall be placed on the next



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available agenda. In the event an item to be reconsidered requires public notice, it shall be calendared and noticed after Council determines when reconsideration shall occur.

On November 2, 2023, Councilmember Christian Garcia emailed the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager (Attachment 2) requesting that a reconsideration of the August 16, 2023 vote in favor of Resolution No. 2023-111R (Attachment 3) be placed on the Future Agenda.

If Council approves Resolution No. 2023-158, it would amend Section 6 of the Council Policies and Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

Members of the public can submit comments electronically through the City's Website for items on the agenda as well as "Oral Communications." Comments submitted electronically will be provided to the City Council by the City Clerk prior to the council meeting for which the comments apply. Those comments shall thereafter be permanently filed with the minutes of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2023-158

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2023-111R
- b. Attachment 2 – Reconsideration Request from Councilmember Garcia
- c. Attachment 3 – August 16, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes