



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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First Reading: N/A

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Staff Work By: Committee

Presentation By: McCartt/Harmon

Recommendation:

Approval of the Resolution

Executive Summary:

This resolution amends the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that was adopted by resolution No. 2005-046 on October 5, 2004. The adopted procedures at the time laid out methods for maintaining decorum and order during meetings of the legislative body and how to allow citizen input to the deliberative process. At that time, public comment periods were not a requirement set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated.

Last year the State Legislature introduced a new bill that requires all governing bodies to hold a public comment period at their meetings. City staff have worked to create a uniform public comment period for all governing bodies (boards and commissions) to keep consistency for our citizens. The proposed resolution amends the public comment portion of the Rules of Procedure by eliminating the public comment period at Work Sessions and only holding one public comment period for both agenda items and other civic natured items, at the beginning of the Business Meeting. This action is to align with the newly adopted state law that requires public comment periods for all meetings of a governing body where action is being taken. No changes are being proposed to the five (5) minute limit a person has to speak.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Red Lined Rules of Procedure

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
Olterman	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Shull	—	—	—