Meeting Date: March 22, 2022	Budgeted Amount: N/A	
Department: Administration	Prepared By: Richard Tramm	

Subject

Discuss and consider amending Visitor/Citizens Forum language on City of Montgomery meeting agendas.

Recommendation

Consider the item and act as you deem appropriate.

Discussion

The Mayor recently spoke to me regarding concerns with the agenda language being too broad and allowing comments that were not related to the current agenda or City business. During this discussion she cited the language used by the City of Shenandoah. After reviewing that language, I propose amending the current language used by the City of Montgomery for the Visitor/Citizens Forum to read as:

Citizens are invited to speak for three (3) minutes on matters relating to City government that relate to agenda or non-agenda items. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. All speakers should approach the podium to address Council and give their name and address before sharing their comments. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

This language has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office, who advised that changing this language would need City Council approval. For reference, I have included the current City of Montgomery language and the City of Shenandoah language for this item on the included sheet.

Approved By			
City Administrator	Richard Tramm	Date: March 18, 2022	