

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council form the governing body for the City of Dublin; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hold regular, special, and emergency meetings which are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to establish procedures and rules for citizens to address the governing body of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are vested with the authority to set rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN that the following rules and procedures are adopted for public meetings of the Mayor and Council.

SECTION ONE:

- 1) Citizens may speak during the Citizen's Comments section of the meeting after being recognized by the presiding officer.
- 2) Citizens shall state their name and address for the record in the minutes.
- 3) Citizens may address the Mayor and Council as a whole, but comments may not be directed to particular members or any city employees. Any comments directed at particular members of council, the mayor, or any city employees will be ruled out of order by the mayor or presiding officer. Abusive, vulgar, or profane language will not be tolerated and will also be ruled out of order.
- 4) Citizen's Comments is not a time for questions or dialogue between a citizen and the mayor and council members. It is a time to express concerns or views of the citizens. City staff will follow up, as appropriate, with any concerns that need to be addressed by the city.
- 5) In order to ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to address the mayor and council, speakers will be limited to five minutes. The presiding officer may grant additional time if needed.
- 6) If several citizens wish to speak on the same subject, one should be chosen to speak and others express their support. Do not repeat subject matter.
- 7) Citizen's comments should concern matters that are the business of the city and are not a time for political speeches or advertisements for personal business or interests.
- 8) Any matters pertaining to personnel procedures or personnel grievances will not be heard during citizen's comments. Those should be directed to the city manager or human resources director
- 9) The failure of any citizen to comply with these rules may be grounds for the Mayor or presiding officer to rule the citizen out of order and if the citizen fails to comply with directions of the mayor or presiding officer, they may be removed from the meeting or any other action may be taken by a law enforcement officer as provided by law.