

4/10/2019

40-R-19

A RESOLUTION

Amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," By Providing Guidelines for Public Comment at Standing Committees of the City Council

WHEREAS, the City Council amends the City Council Rules and Organization of the City Council of the City of Evanston ("City Council Rules") from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the business of the City is to be conducted in an orderly and efficient manner to facilitate sound City Council and public deliberation and decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of the City Council requested at its April 1, 2019 meeting, that the City Council Rules should be amended to provide parameters for public comment at the standing committee meetings of the City Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. Rule 6.2 of "Citizen Participation" of the City Council Rules is hereby amended to read as follows:

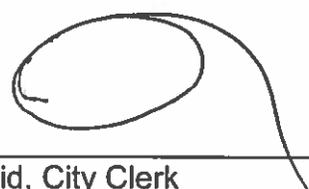
6.2 The Council shall provide a period for Citizen Comment. Interested persons shall sign their name, address and the agenda item or other topic to be addressed on a designated citizen participation sheet. A speaker may address the Council for no more than three minutes, and only once per Council meeting. The maximum time limit for each speaker is a single three minute time limit applied to any and all topics the speaker addresses. The maximum time period for citizen participation is forty-five minutes. If there are more than 15 speakers, the Mayor will allocate time among the speakers to ensure that citizen comment does not exceed forty-five (45) minutes. Speakers will not be permitted to cede time to another speaker. The business of the City Council shall commence no later than forty-five (45) minutes after the beginning of Citizen Comment.

City Council standing committees shall provide opportunities for citizen comment at the beginning of each meeting. For all of the standing committees of the City Council, except Planning and Development, a period of twenty minutes shall be provided for all public comment, and no individual may speak longer than two (2) minutes and cannot cede time to another speaker. For Planning and Development Committee, a period of forty-five minutes (45) shall be provided for all public comment and no individual may speaker longer than two (2) minutes and cannot cede time to another speaker. The committee chair of the standing committees will allocate time among the speakers to ensure that Public Comment does not exceed the allotted time provided above. The business of the committee shall commence after the specified time above expires.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution 40-R-19 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest: 

Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Adopted: April 15th, 2019