

Eric, Britney / Sharon,

I asked about moving public comment up in the agenda at two previous meetings during council comment including a request for a formal change. Now in accordance of Section 9 of our rules, I am asking for a formal change in writing in order to amend the Rules and Procedures for City Council Meetings.

I would like to add an item to the Feb 25th meeting entitled "Resolution Amending the Rules and Procedures for City Council Meetings" whereby we modify the order of our meetings to move public comment up to number 4 before proclamations, reports and presentations. **I would also be amenable if the Mayor or City Manager would like an additional item of "Dunwoody Police Swearing In / Dunwoody Police Recognition" listed as number 4, Public Comment as number 5 and everything else move down the list.** I have highlighted the proposed changes in Red for sections 13 and 19 of the rules.

Section 13. Order of Business. All regular City Council meetings shall substantially follow an established order of business. The order shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
 - a. The standard invocation for the City of Dunwoody Council Meetings shall read: "At this Council Meeting, help us to make decisions which keep us faithful to our mission and reflect our values. Give us strength to hold to our purpose; wisdom to guide us; and a keen perception to lead us. And above all, keep us charitable as we deliberate."
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Proclamations
6. Reports and Presentations
7. Consent Agenda
8. Public Hearings
9. Business Items (Action Items)
10. Discussion Items
11. Public Comment
12. City Manager Comments
13. Council Comments
14. Executive Session
15. Adjournment

Section 19. Public Participation. Public participation in meetings of the City Council shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(a) Public Comments. The floor shall be open for public comments at two points during the meeting. The first public comments section will be provided immediately following **Pledge of Allegiance**. This Public comments period will last a maximum of thirty (30) minutes, and speakers' comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

As the Rules and Procedures for City Council Meetings are not found in municode, I would ask that the full set procedures be republished for the meeting (official record) with my proposed change up for discussion and approval. I have provided a link to one of the last changes we make to the procedures.

Thanks,
John

www.jkheneghan.com/city/meetings/2016/Mar/03282016_meeting_Rules_Public_Comment.pdf