

RESOLUTION No. _____ of 2024

(Updating Council Meeting Rules and Section C.16 of the Council Policy Manual relating to Open Public Comment in the Formal Meeting)

WHEREAS, each of the Salt Lake City Council's formal meeting agendas include a period of time for public comment, in which the City Council seeks to receive input on a variety of topics from a wide array of speakers.

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Council maintains a Policy Manual that includes agreed upon expectations and standards related to staff practice and routine procedures, including meeting management and public comment opportunities.

WHEREAS, the City Council public comment period is provided at the discretion of the City Council.

WHEREAS, there are multiple ways, in addition to the general comment period, for the public to contact the City Council and share input.

WHEREAS, the City Council meeting rules are established to create a safe and comfortable environment for participation.

WHEREAS, the City Council must, on occasion, balance the important public value received from public comment with the equally important public value of running an efficient and effective public meeting, to conduct the public's business.

WHEREAS, in order to balance these two competing and equally important interests, the City Council has determined that it is in the public's best interests to limit the amount of total time for open public comment at each formal meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, that, at each formal meeting, the total time for open public comment will be limited to one hour, and each individual commenter will have two minutes to comment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council's Public Meeting Rules, Rules of Decorum and Section C.16 (relating to Comments at Council Meetings) of the Policy Manual will hereby be updated to reflect these changes.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, on _____, 2024.

Salt Lake City Council

Council Chair Victoria Petro

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved as to form:

City Attorney