

RESOLUTION 20-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 17-133 AND CONFIRMING NEW PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS.

WHEREAS, the City expects all Councilmembers and employees to perform their work with the utmost integrity and civility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to memorialize its expectations for standards of conducting public business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Resolution 17-133 establishing a limited "Delegations" public comment period is hereby repealed.
2. At regular meetings of the City Council, public comment on agenda items shall be invited by the City Council as each item is considered by the Council. The City Council shall set aside a period at the beginning or end of each meeting to invite public input on matters of City concern that were not included on that meeting's agenda.
3. Resolution 17-99 is hereby modified as follows (new text **bold and underlined**; deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

Public Input: Addressing Council, Board, or Committee, Manner, Time

Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition that is on the agenda before the Council, board or committee. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which official action is taken on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting that is during the decision making process and is within reasonable proximity in time before the meeting at which the official action is taken.

A person wishing to speak shall approach the podium when the Chairperson calls for public comment.

The person speaking shall first state their name ~~and address~~.

All remarks shall be limited to no more than three minutes, unless the Chairperson extends the time.

Remarks shall be addressed to the Council, board or committee, as a body and not to any specific member.

Representatives of groups or factions on a proposition being considered are encouraged to address the Council, board or committee, on behalf of such groups or factions, at meetings in which a large number of individuals wish to be heard.

Any person shall be entitled to submit written comments for consideration by the Council, board or committee on any item on the agenda and may indicate his or her support, opposition, or neutrality on a proposition, and may indicate his or her designation of a representative to speak for him or her or his or her group on a proposition. Written comments submitted shall be considered and entered into the record of the meeting.

The above requirements governing public input are not required for the following actions:

- (a) An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the board or Council to act;
- (b) An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
- (c) A meeting that is exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes;
- (d) A meeting during which the board or Council is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This paragraph does not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

No person, other than members of the Council, board or committee and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the Council, board or committee, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked of a member of the Council, board or committee except through the presiding officer.

No person who has made remarks on a matter shall be allowed to make additional comments on that same matter except with the permission of the presiding officer. The Chairperson shall close the public's input portion

of the meeting upon the conclusion of the last speaker's comments. No additional public input shall be allowed, except in specific response to questions by members of the Council, board or committee, or if an extension of time for public comment is approved.

Any person who after warning disrupts or interrupts a public meeting by the use of profane language, threat of physical violence or intimidation, or makes impertinent remarks, or exhibits loud, boisterous, hostile, or threatening behavior, may be removed from the meeting room by a City police officer at the direction of the Chairperson.

Any person who disrupts or interrupts a public meeting on more than one occasion may be required by majority vote of the members present to thereafter submit their input, remarks or comments in writing.

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THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED in regular session this 14th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: _____



Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jo Smith, Interim City Clerk