



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 12, 2024

DATE: October 25, 2024
TO: Mayor & City Council
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RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY 5 G. RULES OF DECORUM TO REQUIRE SPEAKERS TO PROVIDE THEIR NAME AND CITY PRIOR TO ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL

CAPTION:

Resolution to amend City Council Policy 5 G. Rules of Decorum to require speakers to provide their name and city instead of full address prior to addressing City Council.

SUMMARY:

Mayor Guajardo requested that the City Secretary's Office research an alternative to residents saying their address for the record during public comment.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Currently, Council Policy 5 G. states that audience members who speak to City Council during meetings must state their full name and address into the microphone. The City Secretary's Office researched public comment practices at 15 other Texas cities. Four of those cities require name and city (Abilene, Arlington, Dallas, Mineral Wells), eight require name only (Rockport, Lufkin, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Plano, El Paso, Ft. Worth), and three require name and address (La Porte, Grand Prairie, Lubbock). Most cities require that speakers provide contact information when they register for public comment, but it is not publicly stated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution – Amending Council Policy 5G