

RESOLUTION NO. 20090820-042

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to take action to implement the following procedural changes to the council's meeting process to create more opportunities for public participation and improve timing for council meetings, including bringing forward proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 2-5:

1. Allow any consent item to be scheduled at a time certain at the request of two council members.
2. Automatically remove an item from the consent agenda if two or more speakers are registered as wishing to speak.
3. Schedule time certain briefings at 10:30 a.m. and regularly schedule no more than two briefings during each council meeting.
4. Adjust scheduling of time certain zoning items, including zoning public hearings to 2:00 p.m. with the following procedural option: any zoning item, including a consent item, may be postponed to a 4:00 p.m. time certain setting at the request of one council member.
5. Amend city code to reflect city clerk's current procedure for registering speakers for general citizen communication.

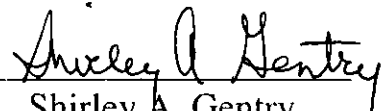
6. Modify participation requirements for general citizen's communication to allow each person to speak once out of every three regularly scheduled council meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall review the fiscal impact of conducting a regularly scheduled or specially called council meeting at a location other than City Hall and report back to council within 60 days.

ADOPTED: August 20, 2009

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk