

Amend Section III (E) to provide for separate meeting for comments on non-agenda items

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(E) Requests to be Heard

For thirty (30) minutes prior to each regularly scheduled Council meeting, members of the public wishing to address the Council on a matter of County business on the agenda will have an opportunity to register to speak. Prior to Council's consideration of any item of business listed on the agenda, members of the public registering to speak on any item of business listed on the agenda for that night's Council meeting will speak in the order in which they register, except that priority will be given to those persons indicating a desire to speak about an item on the agenda for final consideration. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed the thirty-minute period. Following the conclusion of Council's consideration of the business items listed on the agenda, those members of the public who registered to speak prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting concerning items not listed on that night's agenda shall have an opportunity to speak about those matters not listed on that night's agenda. The chairman may permit additional time for speakers who have signed up before the meeting.

As scheduled by the Chairman, County Council will convene to hear from citizens speaking to matters of County business not currently on published agendas. Members of the public will have an opportunity to register to speak at this public input session and will be called in the order in which they register. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed a sixty-minute period.

No speaker may use language that is obscene, disruptive, scurrilous, or recklessly defamatory. Following any presentation from anyone addressing Council, no person other than a member of Council will be recognized to question the speaker or to make any other statement unless a member of Council requests comment from a member of the staff for clarification. The Chairman may schedule additional opportunities for presentations by the public as he deems appropriate and the above rules for registration and time limits will apply.