

Council Agenda Item 25-0095R



MEETING DATE: 12/15/2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL STANDING RULES TO MODIFY THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROVISIONS

SUBMITTED BY: City Attorney's Office on behalf of Vice-President Nephew

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: This resolution proposes changes to Rule 7 of the Standing Rules surrounding the public comment period. It is proposed to bifurcate the public comment period into two categories – comments on specific agenda items which will be heard at the beginning of the meeting, and general comments on non-agenda topics which will be heard at the end of the meeting. Bifurcation of public comment period is a practice employed in other Minnesota cities as well as in St. Louis County. Bifurcation of public comment will allow the council to maintain focus on the agenda and then shift that focus at the end of the meeting to matters of general concern and potential future items of business for the council.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Potential savings on staff time

OPTIONS: Approve, amend or reject

NECESSARY ACTION: None

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Standing Rule changes