

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF RESOLUTION NOS. 15382, 15697
and 15746 TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alameda desires to have all citizens fully participate in the proceedings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Art. I Sec. 2(D), Alameda Municipal Code Secs. 2-1.7 and 2-1.8, and Government Code Sec. 54954.3 gives the City Council discretion to adopt reasonable regulations concerning the proceedings and order of business of City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2674, adopted at the August 16, 1994 City Council meeting, states that Rules of Order of City Council meetings shall be set by City Council Resolution;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15382 was adopted on May 15, 2018;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15697 was adopted on September 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15746 was adopted on February 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Councilmember Knox White are proposing amendments to the Rules of Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alameda that Sections 6 through 10 of Resolution Nos. 15382, 15697 and 15746 are amended to:

6. Presentations. All presentations, except Council Referrals, are limited to ten (10) minutes and will be timed. Council Referral presentations are limited to five (5) minutes and shall be timed. Councilmembers should refrain from asking questions during presentations.

7. Council Questions and Comments. Each Councilmember may ask questions and deliberate for up to nine (9) minutes per regular agenda item and up to three minutes (3) per Council Referral. Procedural discussions are not timed. Special meetings and workshops addressing one topic, taking place on a day no other Council meeting is taking place where regular City business is being considered, also will not be timed.

8. Council Communications. Councilmembers can speak under Council Communications for up to three (3) minutes. Councilmembers shall comment only once during Council Communications.

9. Counting Votes. The vote count on a motion will be determined by the majority

of the membership unless a greater threshold is required by law. A supermajority is two-thirds of the City Council (4 members).

10. Latest Time a New Agenda Item May Be Called. No new regular agenda items or Council Referrals will be heard after 11:00 p.m.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 5th day of May, 2021, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 6th day of May, 2021.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Yibin Shen, City Attorney
City of Alameda