

City of Flagstaff Rules of Procedure

Adoption of Changes discussed at the
Budget Retreat on December 10,
2014

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Council discussed changes to the Rules of Procedure to make public comment on regularly agendized items the same as public comment at public hearings.

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The result will be that the Chair (Mayor) will no longer have discretion regarding allowing public comment on an agenda item

Unless there is a successful motion to suspend the Rules of Procedure

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Also clarified a few points:

1. If the substance of the matter considered changes substantially during a public hearing, speakers have an additional opportunity to speak to address the change.
2. The public hearing begins with the first speaker on the issue and ends with the final vote of Council. No motions are required.

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Policy Question for Council:

For adoption of ordinances, do you want to allow comment by the same person at both the first and the second read of an ordinance if there is no substantial change to the ordinance between first and second read?

Currently prohibited by rule, but often allowed in practice at second read.

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Also changed Rules to make them consistent with Ninth Circuit case, Acosta, which allows removal of persons from a public meeting only when they cause an actual disturbance.