

# ORDINANCE NO. 846

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TROUTDALE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.08.090, 2.08.100, AND 2.08.140 RELATING TO THE ORDER OF COUNCIL BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

### THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Whereas, the City Council wishes to hear public comment on agenda items before it votes on such items; and
2. Whereas, the City Council wishes to conduct the City's business without unreasonable delay; and
3. Whereas, Sections 2.08.090, 2.08.100, and 2.08.140 of the Troutdale Municipal Code set out the council rules for order of business and members of the public addressing the council; and
4. Whereas, the City Council finds that minor amendments to these rules will allow for public comment in a more orderly fashion and clarify the process for communication from and to the public;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

Section 1. Section 2.08.090 – Order of Business, of the Troutdale Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **2.08.090 - Order of business.**

A. The order of business at regular council meetings is:

1. Opening;
2. Public comments on non-agenda and consent agenda items;
3. Approval of minutes and consent agenda;
4. Proclamations, presentations;
5. Public hearings on quasi-judicial items;
6. Other items of business (adoption of ordinances, resolutions, orders, items removed

from consent agenda and other measures);

7. City manager and staff reports not associated with earlier items;

8. Items from the mayor and city councilors;

9. Adjournment.

B. The mayor, with the concurrence of the council, may consider agenda items out of order.

Section 2. Section 2.08.100 – Citizen Comment, of the Troutdale Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**2.08.100 - Public comment.**

Any member of the public desiring to address the council must first be recognized by the presiding officer. Remarks shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker unless a different amount of time is allowed by the presiding officer, with consent of the council. Before speaking, a person states his or her name, city of residence and the organization they are representing, if applicable.

The Agenda notice shall state under “Public Comment,” that “Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time. Public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the item is considered. Public comments should be directed to the presiding officer, and limited to matters of community interest or relate to matters which may, or could, come before Council. Each speaker shall be limited to five minutes for each agenda item unless a different amount of time is allowed by the presiding officer, with consent of the council.”

The council and mayor should avoid immediate or protracted response to citizen comments.


Section 3. Section 2.08.140 – Public Members Addressing the Council, of the Troutdale Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:


**2.08.140 - Public members addressing the council.**

Any member of the public may address the council during a meeting regarding agenda items after the presentation of the agenda item, at the time of a public hearing on quasi-judicial items and/or other items of business, such as ordinances and resolutions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the presiding officer. Before speaking, a person states his or her name, city of residence and the organization they are representing, if applicable. Remarks are limited to the question under discussion, and are limited as described in section 2.08.100. Remarks are addressed to the presiding officer and no person speaks more than once on a subject until all others wishing to speak have spoken. The presiding officer, with consent of council, may end public comment on an agenda

item at any time, except where public comment is required by law. No person may address the council after a motion is made or after a public hearing is closed, without permission of the presiding officer.

**YEAS: 7**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAINED: 0**

  
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**Casey Ryan, Mayor**  
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Date 10-12-2017

  
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**Sarah Skroch, City Recorder**  
**Adopted: October 10, 2017**