

RESOLUTION NO. 2288

A RESOLUTION LIMITING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO 2½ HOURS UNLESS EXTENDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL, WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT NOT INCLUDED IN THAT TIME

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Members of the city council attend council meetings on their personal time, often with competing work and family needs.
2. City council meetings are most effective when councilors can come to meetings prepared with an understanding of the agenda items, and with forethought as to priority items for a councilor.
3. Setting time limits for council meetings may assist council members in setting individual priorities and determining question areas, with a resulting collective efficiency that allows council meetings to end at reasonable times yet preserve opportunity for debate.
4. Council rule 2.08.010 contains a policy that “the council shall endeavor to adjourn regular and workshop meetings by ten p.m. or as close thereto as possible,” and this resolution facilitates this.
5. Ending meetings must have a natural exception for circumstances where adequate time is needed to accommodate the public need to participate in public meetings.

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

Section 1. If the presiding officer of any regular or workshop city council meeting reasonably perceives that such meeting will not adjourn after 2 ½ hours (excluding time for public comment and public hearings), then the presiding officer shall call for a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. The motion requires a majority vote. The council may pass subsequent motions to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Section 2. Members of the city council are expected to approve meeting extensions needed to accommodate public participation.

Section 3. In the absence of a motion made under Section 1 of this resolution, during any regular or workshop meeting the presiding officer shall call for motions needed to expeditiously conclude or continue open matters, as necessary, and afterwards seek a motion to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: 4
NAYS: 3 Councilor Ripma, Councilor White, Councilor Allen
ABSTAINED: 0



Doug Daoust, Mayor

Date 5/27/15_____



Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: May 26, 2015