



# City of Chicago



R2017-389

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 5/24/2017

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
Harris (8)  
O'Connor (40)  
Laurino (39)  
Austin (34)  
Solis (25)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Amendment of City Council Rules of Order and Procedure  
by modifying Rules 3 and 58 concerning public comments at  
City Council and Committee meetings

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

**R E S O L U T I O N****BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

Rules 3 and 58 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council of the City of Chicago for the 2015 - 2019 term are hereby amended by adding the underscored text and deleting the struck-through text, as follows:

RULE 3. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of the City Council, including the Mayor. When a quorum is present the Council shall proceed to the business before it, which shall be conducted in the following order:

**ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. Quorum roll call and invocation.
2. Public comment.
- ~~2-3.~~ Reports and communications from the Mayor and other City officers.
- ~~3-4.~~ Reports of standing committees.
- ~~4-5.~~ Reports of special committees.
- ~~5-6.~~ Agreed calendar.
- ~~6-7.~~ Presentation of petitions, communications, resolutions, orders and ordinances by Aldermen.
- ~~7-8.~~ The reading of the Journal of the Proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings and correction and approval of the same, unless dispensed with by the Council, and correction of the Journal of the Proceedings of previous meetings. No Journal correction shall be considered unless approved by the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics. All proposed Journal corrections shall be submitted to the City Clerk, who shall distribute such proposed corrections to each Alderman.
- ~~8-9.~~ Unfinished business.
- ~~9-10.~~ Miscellaneous business.

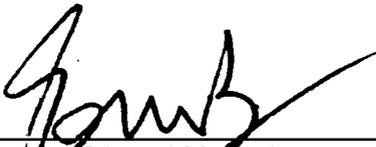
*(Omitted text is unaffected by this Rule amendment)*

RULE 58. Any member of the general public may address orally or in writing any committee of, or meeting of, the City Council at any meeting required to be open to the public under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.); provided that oral public comment at meetings of the City Council shall be subject to the time limits set forth below. Any ~~such~~ person who orally addresses a committee of, or meeting of, the City Council shall:

- (1) be physically present inside the assembly room where the committee's meeting takes place and submit a request to testify;
- (2) limit his or her remarks to three minutes;
- (3) limit his or her remarks to the subject matter appearing on the agenda of the meeting;
- (4) refrain from profane language, obscene conduct, or disruptive comments; and
- (5) submit his or her request to speak pursuant to a protocol promulgated by the Sergeant-at-Arms; and
- (6) comply with the order of the Chairman of the committee meeting.

Any person who submits written comments shall do so in conformity with the applicable provisions of the Sergeant-at-Arms' protocol.

The committee Chairman of the meeting has authority and discretion to: (i) curtail or limit public comment if the witness commenter fails to comply with this Rule, and (ii) allow reasonable variances from the three-minute time limit in appropriate, non-discriminatory, circumstances. Public comment at meetings of the City Council, except for the City Council meeting that includes the annual public hearing on the budget, shall be limited to a total of 30 minutes.



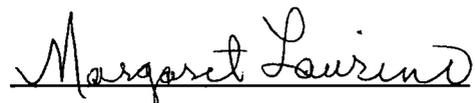
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Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward



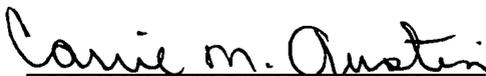
Michelle A. Harris  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward



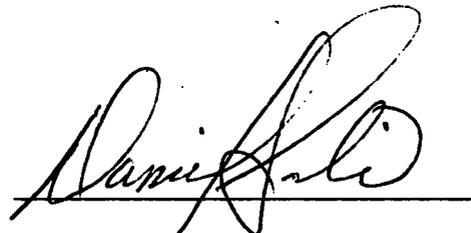
Patrick J. O'Connor  
Alderman, 40<sup>th</sup> Ward



Margaret Laurino  
Alderman, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward



Carrie M. Austin  
Alderman, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward



Daniel Solis  
Alderman, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward