

City of Salem, Massachusetts



"Know Your Rights Under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 39 §23B, and
City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033."

The City Council Committee ~~of~~ of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matter(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
September 16, 2011 at 11:29 A.M.

(This meeting is being recorded.)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Councillor O'Keefe, Alletier, Ronan, ~~Prevey~~ Prevey, McCarthy

SUBJECT(S)

#539 - Review Public Input

- Councillor Furey talked about how school committee uses the public comment
- Councillor Sosnowski likes the public comment
- Councillor Sargent feels it is working well
- Councillor Pinto approves of the public comment
- Councillor Lovey agrees with fellow councillors
- * - Councillor Sosnowski recommended approval to Full Council seconded by Councillor Pinto

Under Discussion

WATER ST.

- T.C. Riky - Goggin ^{WATER ST.} THINKS Council should address the issues brought up at Public Comment Period

- Jim Keavny - Cambridge St. - Council should allow back and forth discussion on issues

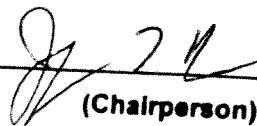
- Councillor Ryan talked about how the Public Comment has been working. Approves of continuing the Public Comment

- Councillor Foley asked that former Councillor Veno be asked to comment on this because he spearheaded the comment period

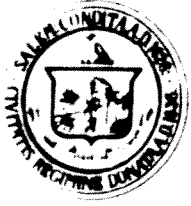
* Voted to ~~re~~ recommend to Full Council to continue the Public Comment Period

On the motion of C. Pinto

the meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.


(Chairperson)

#539



CITY OF SALEM

In City Council, September 8, 2011

Ordered:

Public Input.

That the Committee of the Whole meet to review City Council Rule 28 for

In City Council September 8, 2011
Adopted

ATTEST:

CHERYL A. LAPOINTE
CITY CLERK

CITY OF SALEM

In City Council, October 28, 2010

ORDERED: That the rules and Orders of the City Council shall be amended by adding the following:

Section 28C. Rules for Testimony During "Public Testimony" Portion of Regular Meetings.

The following rules shall be observed during the "Public Testimony" portion of Regular Meetings of the City Council, as provided for in Section 28 of Appendix A, Rules and Orders of the City Council:

1. Public Testimony presented to the City Council shall pertain only to items on the agenda of that day's Regular Meeting of the City Council. The President may rule out of order any testimony on any other topic.
2. In order to manage Public Testimony in a reasonable amount of time, before opening the Public Testimony portion of the meeting, the President may set a time limit by which each individual presenting testimony must abide. Public Testimony portion shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
3. Anyone wishing to present testimony at a City Council meeting must sign a roster and indicate the agenda item upon which they wish to speak. Rosters shall be available in the office of the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting and in the Council Chamber thirty minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The roster (s) shall be presented to the President of the City Council at the start of the Regular Meeting. Only those individuals whose names appear on the roster may present testimony at the meeting in question.
4. Citizens providing testimony under this section shall be deemed out of order and may have their comment period terminated by the President for any of the following offenses:
 - a. The use of vulgar, profane, or disrespectful language;
 - b. Ad hominem or personal attacks on any person, whether a member of the City Council or not;
 - c. Political speech in support of or in opposition to any candidates for public office in any local, state or federal election; and
 - d. Failure to direct comments to the President.
5. The Public Comment period is not a public hearing or a question and answer period.
6. The Rule commence the first regular meeting in January 2011 and be reviewed on or before June 30, 2011 for further consideration.

In City Council October 28, 2010

Held under the rules until the next meeting of November 18, 2010.

In City Council November 18, 2010

Adopted as amended by unanimous roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent

A motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it would not prevail was denied.

ATTEST:

CHERYL A. LAPOINTE
CITY CLERK