

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM



City of Lawrence

Department: City Manager’s Office

Commission Meeting Date: January 16, 2018

Staff Contact: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager

Recommendations/Options/Action Requested:

Authorize a change to the agenda language regarding general public comment to clarify that the public may comment on items, except those which appear on the consent or regular agenda portion of the meeting agenda, during general public comment, if appropriate.

Recently, there was confusion about whether public comment was allowed regarding items that appear on the City Manager’s report. In order to clarify this issue, staff suggested clarifying some language on the agenda related to the General Public Comment portion of the agenda to clarify that General Public Comment can include any items not on the agenda or not on the consent or regular agenda portions of the meeting agenda. Staff believes that the suggested language change, outlined below, relating to General Public Comment provides this clarification. Should the Commission concur, the change can be made on the next City Commission agenda.

Executive Summary:

ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION: The public is allowed to speak to any items or issues, except those that are not scheduled on the consent agenda or regular agenda portions of the agenda, after first being recognized by the Mayor. Each person will be limited to three (3) minutes for public comment. As a general practice, the Commission will not discuss/debate these items, nor will the Commission make decisions on items presented during this time, rather they will refer the items to staff for follow up, if necessary. Individuals are asked to come to the microphone, sign in, and state their name and address. Speakers should address all comments/questions to the Commission.

Strategic Plan

Critical Success Factor

Effective Governance/Professional Administration

Fiscal Impact (Amount/Source):

None.

Attachments:

None.

Reviewed By:
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- TM
- DS
- CT
- BM