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CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Inter-Office Memorandum

SUBJECT: Amending Rules of Council – Rule 3A

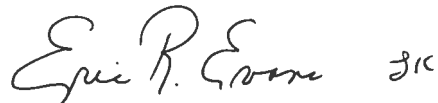
TO: Council President J. William Reynolds
Members of Council

FROM: Eric R. Evans, Member of Council

DATE: August 9, 2016

Attached is a proposed Resolution to amend the Rules of Council, specifically Rule 3A – the order of business.

I would ask the Members of Council to consider amending Rule 3A to move Public Comment (for public comment of any subject – 5 Minutes Time Limit) to the beginning of the City Council meetings, prior to Public Comment (on Ordinances and Resolutions to be voted on this evening only – 5 Minutes Time Limit). This will provide relief for the public to express their views without having to wait until the end of a Council meeting which can take several hours, depending on the business to be addressed on any given City Council night.



Eric R. Evans, Member of Council

Attachment

cc: J. Spirk, Jr. Esq.

RESOLUTION NO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the following amendment is hereby made to Rule 3 A of the Rules of Council:

That the following in Rule 3 A which reads as follows:

A. The order of business shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Public Comment (*on Ordinances and Resolutions to be voted on this evening only – 5 Minute Time Limit.*)
Old Business
Tabled Items
Unfinished Business
Communications
Reports
Ordinances for final passage
New Ordinances
Resolutions
New Business
~~Public Comment (*for public comment on any subject – 5 Minute Time Limit.*)~~
Adjournment

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Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2016.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk