

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,
FLORIDA, AMENDING COUNCIL RULES; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2.08 of the Clearwater City Charter requires the City Council to determine its own rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of City Council meetings is to conduct an orderly meeting, and to vote on Council business; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute § 286.0114 entitles the public to be heard regarding a proposition before the City Council prior to the Council voting on said proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to devote its regular and special meetings to discussing and hearing citizen perspectives regarding agenda items to be voted on;

WHEREAS, the City Council's rules were last updated via resolution number 24-15; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Rule 6, Council Rules is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) The order of business for a regular or special meeting of the City Council or Pension Trustees shall ordinarily be:
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Pledge
 - C. Special recognitions and presentations (Proclamations, service awards, or other special recognitions. Presentations by government agencies or groups providing formal updates to Council will be limited to ten minutes.)
 - D. Minutes of previous meetings
 - E. Consent agenda
 - F. Public hearings (not before 6:00 p.m.)

Legislative and administrative matters:

1. Presentation of issues by City staff
2. Statement of case by applicant or representative (5 minutes)
3. Council questions
4. Comments in support and comments in opposition (See subsection (3) below regarding time limitations for speakers.)
5. Council questions
6. Final rebuttal by applicant or representative (5 minutes)
7. Council motion to determine disposition

Quasi-judicial Hearings:

1. Staff states its recommendation and briefly summarizes its reasons for the recommendation and submits records (minutes, staff report, and application) adduced before the Community Development Board (2 minutes)
2. Applicant presents case, including its testimony and exhibits (15 minutes)
3. Staff presents further evidence (10 minutes)
4. Public comment (See subsection (3) below regarding time limitations for speakers.)
5. City Council discussion
6. Applicant may call witnesses in rebuttal (5 minutes)
7. Conclusion by applicant (3 minutes)
8. Council motion to determine disposition

Second Reading of Ordinances:

1. Public comment (See subsection (3) below regarding time limitations for speakers.)
2. Council motion to determine disposition

All time limits may be extended upon request, and if upon approval of request by a majority of the City Council.

- G. City Manager reports
- H. City Attorney reports
- I. Council discussion items (work session only)
- J. Other Council action (if agenda from work session)
- K. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)
- L. Closing comments by Mayor

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Approved as to form:

 Bruce Rector
 Mayor
 Attest:

 David Margolis
 City Attorney

 Rosemarie Call
 City Clerk