

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - _____

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE
REGARDING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AT OPEN MEETINGS**

Recitals

1. **WHEREAS**, Public participation at the City of Naperville’s open meetings shall comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the rules set forth for public participation in the Naperville Municipal Code; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the OMA provides, “[any] person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body.” (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)); and
3. **WHEREAS**, in addition to the public participation rules set forth in the OMA and in the Naperville Municipal Code, the Naperville City Council desires to establish rules that appropriately balance the opportunity for the public to address public officials at an open meeting and the ability to conduct efficient open meetings; and
4. **WHEREAS**, these additional public participation rules are intended to apply during the pendency of the Illinois gubernatorial disaster proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and related safety mitigations concerning public meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority that:

SECTION 1: The foregoing Recitals are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The City of Naperville hereby adopts the following additional rules for public participation at the City of Naperville’s City Council meetings:

1. Beginning with the City Council meeting on March 2, 2021 and until the Naperville City Council resumes in-person City Council meetings, the following rules shall be in place for public comments at Council meetings:

- a. Entitles shall be able to sign-up to provide public comment up until 4:00 P.M. on the day of the meeting.
- b. Entitles will be able to sign-up to provide public comment in one of three ways:
 - i. Speak live before the City Council during the meeting;
 - ii. Submit a position statement indicating “support” or “oppose”; or
 - 1. During the meeting, the cumulative number of position statements received (in support and in opposition) will be announced to the City Council after the agenda item has been called.
 - 2. The names of individual entities who have submitted position statements will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City’s website prior to the start of the meeting.
 - 3. The names of individual entities who have submitted position statements will not be shown or read aloud during the meeting.
 - iii. Submit written comments.
 - 1. During the meeting, the cumulative number of total written comments received will announced to the City Council after the agenda item has been called.

2. The submitted written comments will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City's website prior to the start of the meeting.
 3. Written comments will not be shown or read aloud during the meeting.
2. Beginning with the first City Council meeting where the City Council resumes meeting in-person, the following rules shall be in place for public comments at Council meetings:
 - a. Entitles shall be able to sign-up to provide public comment up until 5:00 P.M. on the day of the meeting.
 - b. Entitles will be able to sign-up to provide public comment in one of two ways:
 - i. Speak live before the City Council during the meeting; or
 - ii. Submit a position statement indicating "support" or "oppose".
 1. During the meeting, the cumulative number of position statements received (in support and in opposition) will be announced to the City Council after the agenda item has been called.
 2. The names of individual entities who have submitted position statements will be compiled and posted with the electronic meeting agenda on the City's website prior to the start of the meeting.

3. The names of individual entities who have submitted position statements will not be shown or read aloud during the meeting.

iii. Upon resuming in-person City Council meetings, written comments will no longer be accepted via the public participation meeting sign-up, however, entities may still email council members individually or as a group at: council@naperville.il.us.

SECTION 3: City of Naperville Boards and Commissions may establish rules for public participation at their open meetings in accordance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVAL this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Steve Chirico
Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Gallahue, Ph.D.
City Clerk