

ORDINANCE 5-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-37(b) OF THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEETING PROCEDURES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Section 2-37(b) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (b) After presentation of an item on the agenda of any regular or special meeting of the board, the mayor shall inquire of those present if anyone has a statement to make concerning the item under consideration. An applicant before the board may have up to five (5) minutes to make an opening presentation. If a group of citizens opposes the applicant, they may have up to five (5) minutes to make an opposing presentation. Each side shall have up to three (3) minutes to make a rebuttal presentation. All other comments from citizens shall be limited to no more than two (2) minutes per citizen. Any of these time limits may be extended by a consensus of the members of the board. Citizen comments must be relevant to the agenda item under consideration. After public comment is complete, the mayor shall ask the board for a motion to consider the item. Once a motion is made and seconded for approval of the item, the board may proceed with discussion and vote on said item.


SECTION 2: Emergency Clause. The immediate effectiveness of this Ordinance amending meeting procedures for the governing body of the City is required to provide for the orderly conducting of the affairs of the governing body of the City. Therefore, an emergency is declared, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

This Ordinance adopted this 19th day of January, 2016.

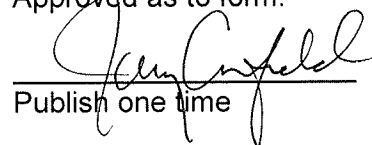
APPROVED:

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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