

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF _____ 2021

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 1
OF THE SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CITY COUNCIL
RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND TO OTHERWISE
PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS JERRY BOWMAN, JR.
AND JAMES FLURRY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Shreveport City Charter Section 4.13 the Shreveport City Council shall adopt rules defining the duties of the chairman, vice chairman and the clerk of council, and governing its employees, organization of any of its committees, the time, place and procedure of its meetings, including the procedure provided for in Section 4.30, and the transaction of its business; and

WHEREAS, said rules of procedure have been adopted and are codified in the City's on-line publications as Appendix "A" - *City Council Rules of Procedure* (to the Code of Ordinances, City of Shreveport, Louisiana); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Shreveport City Charter Section 11, sub-section 11.1. the *City Council Rules of Procedure* may be amended, altered, supplemented, or repealed in whole or in part only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council taken at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called pursuant to legal notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shreveport City Charter Section 4.13 such *City Council Rules of Procedure* shall not become effective until entered into the book of rules (a public record) to be kept and indexed by the clerk of council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, regular and legal session convened that Section 1 of the *City Council Rules of Procedure* be hereby amended to now read as follows:

APPENDIX A CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1. Meetings.

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1.8 *Order of business.*

(a) *Agenda.* At administrative conferences and regular meetings of the council the following order of business shall be followed:

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(7) Adding items to the agenda, public comments, confirmations and appointments.

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B. Public comments in accordance with Section 1.11 of the rules of procedure (administrative conference: on any matter of public concern regardless of whether the item is on the agenda) (regular meeting: on matters which are on the agenda).

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1.11 *Appearances by members of the public before the city council.* Persons desiring to address the city council shall only be permitted to do so in accordance with this subsection and at the scheduled periods listed on the agenda or pursuant to Open Meetings Law.

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(c) *Public comment period.* Persons desiring to speak during the scheduled public comment period as listed on the agenda as item 7(B) shall be heard in accordance with the procedures outlined in subsection (e) below. Public comments may be made during this public comment period on any matter of public concern regardless of whether the item is on the agenda during the administrative conference and only matters which are on the agenda during the regular meeting.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Resolution which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23 and pursuant to Shreveport City Charter Section 4.13 whereby such *City Council Rules of Procedure* shall not become effective until entered into the book of rules (a public record) to be kept and indexed by the clerk of council.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office