

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Diamond, Newby, & Bowman:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-475**

6 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;
7 AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 3.603 (COMMENTS FROM THE
8 PUBLIC), CHAPTER 3 (LEGISLATION), *COUNCIL RULES*,
9 TO MOVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PRIOR TO THE
10 PUBLIC HEARINGS PORTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING;
11 AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 4.301 (REGULAR ORDER OF
12 BUSINESS), CHAPTER 4 (PROCEDURES), *COUNCIL*
13 *RULES*, TO REARRANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO
14 MOVE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD; REQUESTING ONE
15 CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
16 DATE.

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18 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1. Amending Council Rules 3.603 (Comments from the**
20 **Public), Chapter 3 (Legislation), *Council Rules*.**

21 Rule 3.603 (Comments from the Public), Chapter 3 (Legislation),
22 *Council Rules*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATION**

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25 **PART 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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27 **RULE 3.603 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

28 The public comment portion of a regular Council meeting shall
29 be scheduled prior to the public hearings portion of each meeting
30 immediately following Actions upon resolutions on first or second
31 reading regarding economic development investment incentives and

1 related contracts, agreements and appropriations. ~~The public comment~~
2 ~~portion of a regular Council meeting shall be scheduled at the~~
3 ~~beginning of the business portion of each meeting immediately~~
4 ~~following Quasi-Judicial actions.~~ Comments from the public given
5 during the public comments portion of the meeting, except scheduled
6 public hearing comments, shall be limited to three minutes per person
7 and no person shall be allowed to give or transfer his/her time to
8 speak to another person. The Council shall reserve up to one and one-
9 half (1.5) hours of time for the public comment period. The deadline
10 for filling out and submitting a speaker's card for public comment
11 is 60 minutes after the published start time of the Council meeting.
12 When there are multiple speakers, the time allocated per person shall
13 be divided so as to allow as many speakers as possible a turn to
14 speak. Each person addressing the Council shall proceed to the place
15 assigned for speaking, give his/her name and county residence in an
16 audible tone of voice for the records.

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18 **Section 2. Amending Council Rule 4.301 (Regular Order of**
19 **Business), Chapter 4 (Procedures), Council Rules.**

20 Rule 4.301 (Regular Order of Business), Chapter 4 (Procedures),
21 *Council Rules*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 **CHAPTER 4. PROCEDURES**

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24 **PART 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

25 **RULE 4.301 Regular Order of Business**

26 (a) The business of the Council, unless altered by the
27 discretion of the Council President, shall be taken up at each regular
28 meeting for consideration and disposition in the following order:

- 29 1. Call to order
- 30 2. Invocation and pledge of allegiance
- 31 3. Roll call of the Council Members

- 1 4. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings
- 2 5. Communications from the Mayor
- 3 6. Other miscellaneous communications and presentations
- 4 7. Quasi-Judicial actions
- 5 ~~8. Comments from the public~~
- 6 ~~9.~~ 8. Consent agenda
- 7 ~~10.~~ 9. Public comment upon resolutions on first or
- 8 second reading, regarding economic development
- 9 investment incentives and related contracts,
- 10 agreements and appropriations
- 11 ~~11.~~ 10. Action upon resolutions on first or second
- 12 reading, regarding economic development
- 13 investment incentives and related contracts,
- 14 agreements and appropriations
- 15 ~~12.~~ 11. Comments from the public
- 16 12. Scheduled public hearings
- 17 13. Action upon resolutions on third reading
- 18 14. Action upon ordinances on third reading
- 19 15. Action upon resolutions on second reading
- 20 16. Action upon ordinances on second reading
- 21 17. Action on resolutions, emergency action
- 22 18. Action on ordinances, emergency action
- 23 19. Introduction of new resolutions
- 24 20. Introduction of new ordinances
- 25 21. Unfinished business (postponed)
- 26 22. Addition of Addendum to Agenda
- 27 23. New business
- 28 24. Roll Call
- 29 25. Adjournment

30 (b) Comments from the public given during the public comment
31 times of the meeting, except scheduled public hearing comments, shall

1 be limited to no more than three minutes per person, and in accordance
2 with Rule 3.603, and no person shall be allowed to give or transfer
3 his/her time to another person. ~~No member of the public that has~~
4 ~~spoken at the first period of public comment shall be allowed to~~
5 ~~speak at the second period of public comment.~~

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7 **Section 3. Requesting emergency one cycle passage pursuant**
8 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
9 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
10 Council wishes to enact the modifications herein to the Council Rules
11 to be applicable with the new Council year beginning July 1, 2022.
12 Due to the Council break, without emergency action, implementation
13 of the changes would not occur until after the first meeting in August
14 2022.

15 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Lawsikia J. Hodges

22 Office of General Counsel

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