

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Substituted by the Rules  
2 Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-320**

6 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;  
7 AMENDING COUNCIL RULES 3.603 (COMMENTS FROM THE  
8 PUBLIC), CHAPTER 3 (LEGISLATION), *COUNCIL RULES*,  
9 TO MOVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO THE  
10 BEGINNING OF THE BUSINESS PORTION AND TO PROVIDE  
11 FOR ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE TIMING OF  
12 SUBMISSION OF SPEAKER'S CARDS; AMENDING COUNCIL  
13 RULE 4.301 (REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS), CHAPTER  
14 4 (PROCEDURES), *COUNCIL RULES*, TO MOVE THE ORDER  
15 OF BUSINESS TO MOVE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD;  
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE 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 at the beginning of the business portion of each meeting  
30 immediately following Quasi-Judicial actions. Comments from the  
31 public given during the public comments portion of the meeting, except

1 scheduled public hearing comments, shall be limited to three minutes  
2 per person and no person shall be allowed to give or transfer his/her  
3 time to speak to another person. The Council shall reserve up to one  
4 and one-half (1.5) hours of time for the public comment period. The  
5 deadline for filling out and submitting a speaker's card for public  
6 comment is 60 minutes after the published start time of the Council  
7 meeting. When there are multiple speakers, the time allocated per  
8 person shall be divided so as to allow as many speakers as possible  
9 a turn to speak. Each person addressing the Council shall proceed  
10 to the place assigned for speaking, give his/her name and county  
11 residence in an audible tone of voice for the records.

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

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

17 **CHAPTER 4. PROCEDURES**

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19 **PART 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

20 **RULE 4.301 Regular Order of Business**

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

- 24 1. Call to order
- 25 2. Invocation and pledge of allegiance
- 26 3. Roll call of the Council Members
- 27 4. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings
- 28 5. Communications from the Mayor
- 29 6. Other miscellaneous communications and presentations
- 30 7. Quasi-Judicial actions
- 31 8. Comments from the public

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- ~~8.~~ 9. Consent agenda
- ~~9.~~ 10. Public comment upon resolutions on first or second reading, regarding economic development investment incentives and related contracts, agreements and appropriations
- ~~10.~~ 11. Action upon resolutions on first or second reading, regarding economic development investment incentives and related contracts, agreements and appropriations
- ~~11.~~ 12. Scheduled public hearings
- ~~12.~~ 13. Action upon resolutions on third reading
- ~~13.~~ 14. Action upon ordinances on third reading
- ~~14.~~ 15. Action upon resolutions on second reading
- ~~15.~~ 16. Action upon ordinances on second reading
- ~~16.~~ 17. Action on resolutions, emergency action
- ~~17.~~ 18. Action on ordinances, emergency action
- ~~18.~~ 19. Introduction of new resolutions
- ~~19.~~ 20. Introduction of new ordinances
- ~~20.~~ 21. Unfinished business (postponed)
- ~~21.~~ 22. Addition of Addendum to Agenda
- ~~22.~~ 23. New business
- ~~23.~~ 24. ~~Comments from the public~~
- ~~24.~~ 25. Roll Call
- ~~25.~~ 26. Adjournment

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

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