

**RESOLUTION CREATING TOWN HALL STYLE MEETINGS AND MODIFYING  
PROCEDURES FOR THE SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR PORTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2013 Council adopted a Resolution concerning the start time and the parliamentary rules governing City Council meetings, which replaced an August 3, 1989 Resolution;

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend portions of the 2013 Resolution to provide for a new meeting format styled as a Town Hall meeting, and to clarify policies regarding public comment periods, commonly referred to as “Speakers From the Floor;”

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-71 allows the City Council to adopt its own rules of procedure, not inconsistent with the City Charter, general law, or generally accepted principles of parliamentary procedure;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-81.1 requires that there shall be at least one period for public comment per month at a regular meeting of the Council and allows the Council to create reasonable rules for the time allotted and conduct of public comment periods such as Speakers from the Floor;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greensboro continues to exercise its discretion to set the schedules, organize the agendas, and to determine the procedures and policies of any of its meetings, and the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to adopt these reasonable guidelines for its meetings, in accordance with the authority set forth above;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO THAT:**

1. Council will continue to hold two regular meetings of the City Council on the first and third Tuesdays of the month as determined by its adopted calendar and revisions thereto, and it may at its discretion schedule a third meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Council retains discretion over the length of meetings, the format, the numbers of speakers, and the time allotted for each speaker.
2. The meeting on the first Tuesday will consist primarily of ceremonial items, presentations, and a public comment period which will be styled as a “Town Hall” meeting. Speakers will have a maximum of five (5) minutes each to speak. There will be no set cap on the number of speakers. Yielding of time to other speakers will not be permitted. The meetings shall be governed in accordance with City policies and state law regarding decorum and conduct.
3. The meeting on the third Tuesday will be for Consent items, Business items, and Public Hearing items. The public is invited to speak on any agenda item as set out in the 2013 Resolution. On months when the Town Hall meeting occurs, Speakers from the Floor will not be heard.

4. The meeting on the fourth Tuesday will be scheduled at the discretion of Council and will be reserved for additional Consent and City Business items if needed. The public is invited to speak on any agenda item. This meeting will not include Speakers from the Floor. Public Hearings must be advertised in accordance with state law and therefore Public Hearings may not be possible at this meeting.
5. The above rules, policies, procedures, scheduling, and agenda decisions shall be made at the discretion of City Council and may be suspended or altered where, in the sound judgment or preference of the City Council such decisions are determined to be reasonably warranted or necessary.
6. The above shall be effective the first meeting of the City Council following adoption of this Resolution.