

Resolution amending Council Rule V (h) regarding order to speakers at public hearings.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby amends Council Rule 5(h) to read as follows:

(h) All public hearings pertaining to matters in each respective committee's hands shall be held at the time of their scheduled meeting. Public hearings before the respective standing committees shall be limited to 15 minutes for the proponents; followed by 15 minutes for the opponents and three-minute rebuttal for each side unless such time is extended by a majority vote of the committee. With respect to those matters that require a public hearing per state law, federal law or ordinance, those matters shall not be subject to the same time limitations and shall be subject to reasonable limitations as approved on a case-by-case basis by a majority of the standing committee before which such required public hearing is held. All speakers at a public hearing of the standing committees shall speak no more than three (3) minutes unless waived by the Chair or a majority of the committee. No individual or group, including the committee chair, shall pre-determine or prescribe the order of speakers. For the agenda item on the floor, within the categories of proponents and opponents, the chair shall call registered speakers to the podium in a random order.

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