

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: 02/02/2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Rep. Isabel Salcido, 915-212-0005

Rep. Henry Rivera, 915-212-0007

Rep. Cissy Lizarraga, 915-212-0008

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 5 - Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Amongst All Members of the Community

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on amending the City Council's adopted Rules of Order, including but not limited to the rules governing debate

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

During the Regular City Council meeting on January 20, 2021 (recessed from January 19, 2021), Mayor Oscar Leaser and other members of Council indicated that they had received public complaints about the meetings lasting too long and too late into the evening. When the City Council adopted the current Rules of Order during its regular meeting on January 5, 2021 (item #21-27), the limit of two speaking periods per member of maximum 10 minutes in length (as is standard in the ubiquitously used Robert's Rules of Order) was removed. This item intends to consider adding that previously removed provision, or some other similar provision limiting debate time to a different length or by different means, back into the City Council's adopted Rules of Order.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

The City Council adopted the current Rules of Order during its regular meeting on January 5, 2021 (item #21-27).

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****