



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020

Submitted by: Jon Thatcher, City Attorney

Consent	Public Hearing	Action Item X
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Item Title: Discuss and consider action to ratify the Rules of Procedure for the City Council and the Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Forney, Texas reestablishing the Agenda Order for regular City Council and its Board, Commission and Committee meetings.

How this item ties-in with the City's Mission, Vision and Values: Policy decisions are to be implemented with diligence. [Accountable].

Summary Statement

House Bill 2840, which was made effective September 1, 2019, created a right for members of the public to address the governing body of a political subdivision at an open meeting of the body. While the City of Forney provides an opportunity for persons to address the City Council during the public forum section of its regular meetings, the City Council also provides for public comment on individual items on the agenda when the item is brought up for consideration.

To align the actual process and order of City Council meetings with its Rules of Procedure, the public forum for resident comments on non-agenda items is proposed to be moved after the regular agenda items section. Members of the public will still be allowed by law to address the Council on any agenda items when the item is called for presentation and consideration.

The proposed action is to ratify the Rules of Procedure for the City Council and the Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Forney, Texas to reestablish the agenda order for public meetings in accordance with Article 4 of the Rules.