

From: Deborah Anderson
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>; John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>
Cc: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>; Edward Lavallee <ELavallee@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Re: Audience Participation

Our ordinance 2-53 (3) states:

Audience participation. The council will hear comments, concerns or questions from any member of the public present at the meeting. All speakers shall complete and submit a request to speak card, it being understood that **any single presentation must be limited to five minutes unless another time limit is otherwise established.** Comments will be permitted on agenda items at the time the item is under consideration by the council if a request to speak card has been submitted to the city clerk.

The incident with Mrs. Riley is not the first time I have seen someone with special needs (or a handicap-her word not mine) held strictly to the five minute time limit. (The mayor was not in town for this other incident and the vice mayor enforced the time limit despite protest from a councilmember.) I would like a consensus that the time limit be lengthened when it is clear that someone, because of their special needs, has either 1) not been able to fully present their views during the 5 minute time limit; or 2) has gone to an inordinate amount of time, effort, expense, or inconvenience to attend a council meeting and present their views. Surely this would indicate to these residents that we value their views and want to accommodate any limitations they have.

Thank you. Deborah Anderson

From: Lori Stelzer
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Deborah Anderson; John Holic
Cc: City Council; Edward Lavallee
Subject: RE: Audience Participation

Deborah,
I will need to know what action you are requesting so it can be placed on the agenda properly. Thank you!

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From: Deborah Anderson
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Happy New Year! I will be requesting action. thanks

From: John Holic
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2016 8:39 PM
To: Deborah Anderson
Cc: City Council; Edward Lavallee; Lori Stelzer
Subject: Re: Audience Participation

Deborah,
Welcome back. The reports section at the end is designed for reports on any meetings / liaison sessions you attended. Item specific topics that may be of interest to the public should be addressed to Lori as agenda requests. I am copying Lori on this note so that she includes it for discussion. You have to let her know if it's discussion only or if there is an action you are requesting.

Thanks, and Happy New Year,
John

John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

From: Deborah Anderson
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2016 7:45 PM
To: John Holic; City Council; Lori Stelzer; Edward Lavallee
Subject: Re: Audience Participation

I would like to discuss the access of our "special needs" residents to city council meetings, including audience participation. Should this be on the agenda or should I bring it up in my "notes" section at the end? Thank you Deborah

From: John Holic
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Deborah Anderson; City Council; Lori Stelzer; Edward Lavallee
Subject: RE: Audience Participation

Thank you and perhaps neither of you heard it, I am aware of her vision deficiency and told her when there was 30 seconds left. There was also a tone at the 5 minute mark and I let her speak at least a minute over out of respect for her.

Thanks,

John

From: Deborah Anderson

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 10:32 AM

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I didn't realize it until today. When Lillian Riley spoke before council yesterday, she was unable to see the 5 minute timing light because of her disability (her word, not mine). That is perhaps why she was unable to present all of her issues yesterday. Thanks

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