

2014-0147

AGENDA REQUEST

FOR: COUNCIL MEETING OF April 15, 2014

FROM:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER Martin Schoppmeyer

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE BEGINNING TIME OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

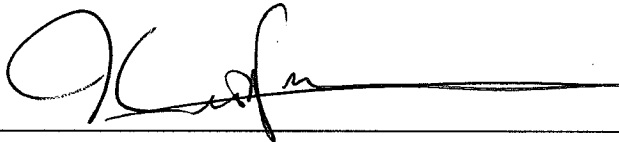
APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



City Council Member Martin Schoppmeyer

3.24.14

Date



City Attorney Kit Williams
(as to form)

March 20, 2014

Date

Williams, Kit

From: Schoppmeyer, Martin
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Williams, Kit
Subject: Proposal to change City Council meeting time

Dear Kit:

I hope this message finds you doing well. I would like your assistance. I would like to propose that council meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. This proposal would align the meeting times of the Planning Commission and the City Council thereby providing consistency for the general public as to our collective meeting times. Would you be willing to assist me?

Sincerely,

Marty

Sent from my iPad

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WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Planning Commission meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. so that changing the Fayetteville City Council's meetings to begin at 5:30 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. would provide consistency that could assist the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby amends Rule 1 **Regular Meetings** of **City Council Meetings** of the **Rules of Order and Procedure of the Fayetteville City Council** to change the beginning time of the meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2014.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer

RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Regular Meetings

The City Council shall meet in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. When a holiday or general election occurs on any such Tuesday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following Thursday at the same hour unless otherwise provided for by motion. The regular meeting time may be rescheduled by the City Council in special circumstances, but when so done the change must be made far enough in advance to allow normal public notification.

2. Location

The place of City Council meetings shall be in the City Council Chambers in the City Administration Building unless another place has been previously set by the City Council.

3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by three or more Aldermen or by the Mayor. Notification of a special meeting, including specific items to be considered, shall be at least two hours prior to the meeting. Such notification shall be by personal service to each member or by telephone, specifying time and place of meeting.

4. Executive Session

An executive session may be requested by any member of the City Council or the Mayor. A majority vote by the City Council is required to convene in executive session. Executive sessions will be permitted only for the purpose of considering the employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any public officer or employee.

5. Quorum

A majority of the City Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business. The concurring vote of a majority of those attending a meeting shall be sufficient to pass procedural motions except a Motion to Suspend the Rules which requires six affirmative votes. Ordinances and Resolutions require five affirmative votes to pass.

6. Public Notification

The City will go further than legally required in order to inform citizens of the items to be considered by the City Council. The means used may include press releases or advertisements in a local newspaper, special notice to citizens who have shown a direct interest in matters to be considered, Government Channel announcements and presentation, and agenda copies available at City Council meetings.