

# ELECTION ADVISORY PANEL

## PUBLIC COMMENT - REQUEST TO SPEAK / REGISTER

**PLEASE PRINT**

\*Name & Address are required

NAME: Ernst J Smith III DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 6240 Penitford Dr PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: Jax COUNTY: Duval STATE: FL ZIP: 32209

REPRESENTING: Myself

SIGNATURE: Ernst J Smith III  I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SPEAKING TIME IS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.  
NO SPEAKER MAY GIVE OR TRANSFER THEIR TIME TO ANOTHER PERSON.**

**(PLEASE READ THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON SPEAKING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL.)**

**RULE 4.301(b) - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** Comments from the public given during the public comment time of the meeting, except scheduled public hearing comments, shall be limited to no more than three minutes per person and no person shall be allowed to give or transfer his/her time to speak to another person.

**RULE 3.605 - ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL.** Prior to addressing the Council, the person desiring to speak should fill out a speaker's request card, provided by the Legislative Services Division, and return the speaker's request card to the Legislative Services staff before speaking. The speaker's request card should contain the name, residential address and zip code of the speaker, the date of the meeting at which they are speaking and the name of the person or entity the speaker may be representing and the subject matter or bill number(s) the speaker desires to address. A registered lobbyist providing information on behalf of a registered client may provide a business address in lieu of a residential address on the speaker's card. At public hearings required by law or fixed by the Council, the presiding officer shall extend the floor to a reasonable number of proponents and opponents of the subject matter of the public hearing, and those filing written requests or speakers cards shall be heard prior to other persons who appear at the hearing. Each person addressing the Council shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking, and limit his/her comments to three (3) minutes for public hearing and three (3) minutes for public comments, unless a lesser time is fixed for all speakers by the presiding officer, or further time is granted by the Council. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person other than a Council Member or the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the Council, without the permission of the presiding officer. All questions to the Council shall be directed through the presiding officer.

**RULE 4.806- PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR.**

(a) General Exclusion: No person, except Council Members and working employees of the Council, shall be admitted within the rail unless permitted by the presiding officer.

(b) Addressing Council: By permission of the presiding officer, the privilege of the floor shall be extended to a citizen or citizens to address the Council on any matter pending before it or which needs the attention of the Council.

**RULE 4.505 - DISRUPTION OF MEETING.** Any person who disrupts a Council meeting may be forthwith barred, removed, or otherwise ejected, in the discretion of the presiding officer, from further attendance at that meeting. If necessary due to the nature of the disruption, the audience may be cleared from the Council Chambers or meeting location in the discretion of the presiding officer. Furthermore, the presiding officer shall expect audience members and speakers to conduct themselves with civility and shall expect audience members to refrain from threatening behavior or language. The presiding officer may call upon the Sergeant-At-Arms to enforce directions given by the presiding officer to address violations of this Rule.

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The remaining text of Council Rule 4.505 (Disruption of Meeting) can be found at the following website:

<https://www.coj.net/city-council/rules-of-the-council>