



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider a memorandum/resolution to remove the Citizen Petitions section from City Council agendas.

DATE: November 28, 2023

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Holli Clements, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Removal of the Citizen Petitions section from City Council Agendas

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

City Council formally adopted Governing Standards and Expectations which include protocols and guidance for City Council meetings. The Governing Standards currently provide for both Citizen Petitions and Citizen Comments.

The Citizen Comments section allows members of the public to address the Council regarding any item on the agenda other than a public hearing item, as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Citizen Petitions section is not required by law, but currently allows a citizen of Killeen to submit a topic related to City business to be included on a Council agenda. If the Citizens Petitions section is removed from Council agendas, members of the public would still be able to speak on any item on the agenda under the Citizens Comments section.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Do not remove the Citizen Petitions section from City Council agendas.
2. Approve the removal of the Citizen Petitions section from City Council agendas and remove all references to Citizen Petitions from the Governing Standards.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends that Council determine whether to remove the Citizen Petitions section from Council agendas.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This action conforms to policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

N/A

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the removal of the Citizens Petitions section from City Council agendas and remove all references to Citizen Petitions from the Governing Standards.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

N/A

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A