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[Planning Commission Comment] Public Hearings Proposed Amendment

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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to state my support of the amendment proposed to Article III. Section 9.B to streamline discussion and debate on items, and to continue to allow consideration of all views. Applicants will be required to provide comments first, followed by proponents, and then opponents. Commission may still grant time for rebuttal for anyone speaking on an item.

I have included the Metropolitan Planning Commission Rules and Procedures as stated by Nashville Gov. as a reference.

Section VII. Public Hearings

B. PROCEDURE. All public hearings shall be conducted in the following manner: 1. Staff will briefly describe the proposal and present the staff recommendation. Other Metro department or agency representatives present at the meeting may also present at this time. 2. The Commissioners may ask questions of staff for the purpose of clarifying the content of the proposal. 3. Any member of the Metropolitan Council who wishes to speak to the issue may do so at one of these designated times: during recognition of councilmembers, or during the public hearing, or at the close of the public hearing. 4. The Chairperson shall open the public hearing. 5. The applicant may next present information regarding the proposed project for a maximum time period often (10) minutes, with the option of reserving up to two (2) of the ten (10) minutes for rebuttal. All applicant representatives speak or are represented during this time. 6. Staff may clarify key issues to ensure the Commission is fully informed on the character and effects of the proposed project. 7. The Chairperson shall recognize individuals to speak in the following order: a. Proponents from the public 1. When prior to the meeting written notice has been received by the Commission authorizing a representative to speak on behalf of an organization, the identified representative may speak for up to five (5) minutes. n. Persons speaking as individuals, not represented by an organization, may speak for up to two (2) minutes. iii. Speakers who have signed up shall be called in order.

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07/13/2017 , iv. Next, speakers who have not signed up will be recognized, providing name and address for the record. b. Opponents from the public 1. When, prior to the meeting, written notice has been received by the commission authorizing a representative to speak on behalf of an organization, the identified representative may speak for up to five (5) minutes. n. Persons speaking as individuals, not represented by an organization, may speak for up to two (2) minutes. iii. Speakers who have signed up shall be called in order. iv. Next, speakers who have not signed up will be recognized, providing name and address for the record. 8. The Commission may request combined presentations or establish alternative time limits, considering the time constraints of the meeting and the complexity of the issue. 9. An additional specified time for rebuttal arguments may be granted by the Commission. If additional time for rebuttal is granted, then equal time shall be granted to each side. At such time as additional rebuttal is granted, the Commission shall establish time limits for the parties. 10. At the conclusion of the public comments, the Chair will declare the public hearing closed.

Both Hardin Valley Planning Advocates and the Knox County Planning Alliance have advocated for this change for many years and we are grateful to see this amendment considered. This will also align with processes requirements set forth in the county commission bylaws.

In Service,
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