

ORDINANCE NO. 1059

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF
BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, wishes to update the rules of parliamentary procedure to facilitate the orderly and timely conduct of meetings, to foster discussion and decision making, and to promote wider understanding and participation; and

WHEREAS Section 2.04.040 of Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the Beaumont Municipal Code currently mandates that Robert's Rules of Order supplemented by Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance constitute the rules of order for all meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that Robert's Rules of Order are better suited to larger bodies than to city council meetings; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that more modern rules tailored to city council meetings will better serve to facilitate the orderly and timely conduct of meetings, to foster discussion and decision making, and to promote wider understanding and participation;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEQA. The City Council finds that the actions contemplated by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 2. Severability. The City Council hereby declares that if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby amends Title 2, Chapter 2.04, "City Council Meetings" to read as follows:

Chapter 2.04
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sections:

2.04.010	Time and place – Generally.
2.04.020	Time and place – Holiday.
2.04.030	Notice not required.
2.04.040	Rules of Procedure.
2.04.041	Presiding Officer.
2.04.042	Maintenance of Order.
2.04.043	Decorum.
2.04.044	Time Limitation.

2.04.010. **Time and Place – Generally.** Regular meetings of the city council shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by resolution duly adopted by the city council. (Ord. 303 §1, 1959)

2.04.020. **Time and Place – Holiday.** If a regular meeting of the city council falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next Wednesday not a legal holiday. (Ord. 303 §2, 1959)

2.04.030. **Notice not required.** No notice shall be required for any regular meeting of the city council. (Ord. 303 §3, 1959)

2.04.040. **Rules of Procedure.** The rules of order set forth in this section, supplemented by Rosenberg's Rules of Order, shall constitute the rules of order for all meetings of the City Council.

2.04.041. **Presiding Officer.** The Mayor shall be the Presiding Officer at all City Council meetings. In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Temp shall be the Presiding Officer. In the absence of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Temp, the City Council shall elect a temporary Presiding Officer to serve until the arrival of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Temp, or until adjournment.

2.04.042. **Maintenance of Order.** The Mayor or Presiding Officer is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum at all times. No person should be allowed to speak without first being recognized by the Mayor or Presiding Officer. All questions and remarks should be addressed to the Mayor or Presiding Officer.

2.04.043. **Decorum.** No City Council member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any one subject until every other City Council member wishing to speak thereon shall have had the opportunity to speak.

2.04.044. **Time Limitation.**

- (a) The staff or other report and recommendations on an agenda item shall not exceed _____ minutes (suggestion: 10 minutes). If the staff member or other person making the report and recommendations on an agenda item believes that his/her report and recommendations will exceed [10] minutes, he/she shall request permission from the Mayor or Presiding Officer for extended presentation

time. A majority of the quorum present may over-ride permission granted by the Mayor or Presiding Officer to extend the presentation time.

- (b) The City Council discussion and debate on an agenda item shall not collectively exceed _____ minutes (suggestion: 30 minutes). If a City Council member believes that Council discussion and debate will exceed [30] minutes, he/she may request that the Mayor or Presiding Officer extend the time for Council discussion/debate on an agenda item. A majority or the quorum may over-ride the Mayor's or Presiding Officer's decision to extend discussion/debate time on an agenda item.
- (c) Public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person per agenda item.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Publication. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same or a summary thereof to be published within 15 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36937.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 7th day of July, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fox, Lara, Knight, Orozco, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 21st day of July, 2015.

AYES: Fox, Lara, Knight, Orozco, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



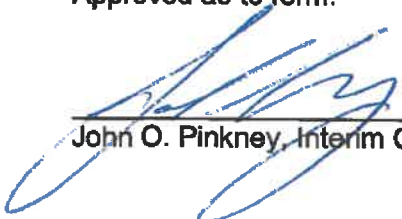
Brenda Knight, Mayor

Attest:



Julie Martinez, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



John O. Pinkney, Interim City Attorney