

RESOLUTION NO. 10359

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 10322, RULE 10.1 OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION RULES OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

WHEREAS, rules of procedure and public debate are to facilitate the transaction of public business in an orderly way; and

WHEREAS, Montana's constitution and laws require that the local government decision making process be conducted openly and with reasonable opportunity for citizens to participate; and

WHEREAS, proper decorum for City Commission meetings requires management of time, place, and manner of public participation to facilitate the work of the governing body on all matters that impact the City; and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-3-4323 authorizes the Commission to determine its own rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years Commission rules and procedures have been adopted in various forms, in addition to those provided for in state statute or the Charter of the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10322 which consolidated its meeting rules into one reference document – City of Great Falls Commission Rules of Conduct and Procedure of Commission Meetings; and

WHEREAS, at its June 2, 2020, Commission meeting (Agenda Item 16), the City Commission requested that staff research the requirement of citizens providing their street address for public comment. Based upon that research, staff recommends that Rule 10.1 of the City of Great Falls Rules of Conduct and Procedure of Commission Meetings be amended to provide speakers an option to state either their address or whether they are a City resident when addressing the City Commission at public meetings for the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that Rule 10.1 of the City of Great Falls Commission Rules of Conduct and Procedure of Commission Meetings is amended to read as follows:

Rule 10. Public Participation

Procedures for encouraging and assisting public participation, and established protocol and rules of decorum at public meetings held by the City Commission, are as follows:

1. Persons addressing the Commission shall come to the podium and provide for the record that person's name **and either their address or whether they are a City resident**, and, if applicable, the person, firm or organization the person represents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that all other provisions of Resolution 10322 – City of Great Falls Commission Rules of Conduct and Procedure of Commission Meetings adopted November 19, 2019, remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, July 7, 2020.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney