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**TO:** Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee  
**FROM:** Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney  
**DATE:** July 12, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Public Comment Period –Additional changes to the draft ordinance  
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Following the June meeting of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee (“Committee”) meeting and the dissemination of a revised draft of the public comment period ordinance, the following enhancements were made to the draft ordinance reviewed by the Committee in June:

- (1) Section 2-38.1 (b) was revised to include:
  - (a) language that provides for the placement of all speakers from a group at the end of the speaker’s list following the second person from the group to speak;
  - (b) language that gives priority of resident speakers over non-resident speakers provided the resident speaker did not speak the prior month on the same or related subject; and
  - (c) language that limits speakers, even those to whom others have relinquished their time, to a total of three minutes.
- (2) Section 2-38.1(c) was revised to insert the word “upcoming” before “quasi-judicial proceedings”.
- (3) Section 2-38.1(d) was revised to clearly allow, rather than discourage, comments by the mayor and city council during the public comment period. As always, the city manager and city attorney may be instructed, by either the mayor or a council member, to provide a response to comments made during the public comment period.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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