

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16**

**POLICIES GOVERNING PUBLIC INPUT AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO**

**Sponsored by Mayor Michael S. Morones**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 96-52 stated the policies of the Town Council with regard to the conduct of public input permitted at regular meetings of the Town Council of Silver City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City desires to modify certain provisions of said Resolution in order to promote community input at meetings of the Town Council, which this Town Council finds necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its inhabitants;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO**, that:

1. Resolution No. 96-52 is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the Resolution made herein.
2. The Town Council of the Town of Silver City finds that the continuation of the practice of permitting public input prior to the conduct of business of the Town Council at its regular meetings is a worthy practice and shall be continued as such.
3. In order to provide reasonable opportunity for public input while at the same time providing for efficient conduct of regular meetings of the Town Council, the Town Council finds that the following policy governing the conduct of public input is appropriate for the purposes intended:
  - A. The public input segment of regular meetings of the Town Council shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes, except that the Mayor may extend said period of public input as he/she may deem appropriate for the needs of the community as well as for the benefit of the Town Council.

B. Members of the public intending to give public input shall first place his/her name and a short description of the subject matter to be discussed on a “sign-up sheet” no later than five (5) minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

C. Public input on a subject that is on the agenda for later discussion by the Town Council shall not be permitted where such member of the public will be a witness therein, or will otherwise be afforded the opportunity to speak when the agenda item is called.

D. Each person giving public input shall be limited to five (5) minutes.

E. Individuals may not speak on an issue they have spoken on at a Town Council meeting with the preceding thirty (30) days, except by leave of the Mayor.

F. Individuals may not speak on issues that are currently under litigation.

G. The sequence of speakers shall be determined by the order presented on the “sign-up sheet”, but discretion is given to the Mayor to reset the order so as to maximize the efficiency of the presentations and permit the wider expression of subject matter.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 23rd day of June, 2015.

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Michael S. Morones, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk