Council Operating Agreements Discussion, Additional Topics

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Quick Reminders

- Last Discussion: February 18, 2026
  - Additional topics raised but not covered
  - Council expressed interest in revisiting for discussion
- Last Update to Operating Agreements: March 9, 2026 (Attachment A)

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Topic 1: Unplanned Substantive Motions and Council Discussion

Currently:

- Councilors can make unplanned substantive motions at any time during discussion

Possible Change:

- Allow for a full round of councilor discussion before introduction of unplanned substantive motions

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Topic 2: Removing Randomization of Speakers for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Public Hearings

Currently:

- All public hearing speakers are randomized
- For quasi-judicial land use public hearings, speakers are organized by their stated position (proponent/neutral/opponent) and then randomized

Possible Change:

- Maintain speaking sign-up order after sorting into stated position

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Discussion and Decision Points

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1: Unplanned Substantive Motions and Council Discussion

- If Council wishes to limit unplanned substantive motions until after Council discussion:
  - Motion: Move to add the following sentence to Section 7.02, of the Operating Agreements: *"Notwithstanding Section 7.01, generally, substantive motions not on the agenda should be made after all Councilors have had an opportunity to fully discuss the agenda item."*

OR

- If Council does not wish to adopt this practice:
  - *No Motion.* Councilors can continue to introduce unplanned substantive motions at any time during discussion

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2: Removing Randomization of Speakers for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Public Hearings

- If Council wishes to remove randomization of speakers for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Public Hearings:
  - Move to amend Section 1.06, of the Operating Agreements to state as follows: *"In general, speakers will be limited to two-and-a-half minutes and called in a random order* ***except for quasi-judicial land use public hearings, where speakers will be called based on their identified-position (proponent/neutral/opponent) and in the order they signed up to speak****."*

OR

- If Council does not wish to adopt this practice:
  - *No Motion*. The process will remain as currently described in Section 1.06 of Council's Operating Agreements.

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