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Subject: FW: Public comment
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From: John Norris
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:23 PM
To: 'Tom McCormick'
Cc: Debbie Tarry; Jerry Patterson; Margaret King; Carolyn Wurdeman (cwurdeman@shorelinewa.gov)
Subject: RE: Public comment

Tom,

Thanks for your email. The Mayor requested that this item be placed on the Council agenda on December 14. I will forward on your email to the Council requesting the delay in taking action on this proposed change. The reason that the staff report is delayed is that this item was recently added. Staff is working on the staff report now and should hopefully have it uploaded to the website soon.

The proposed amendment to the Council Rules being contemplated in this Resolution is to eliminate the rule the states that speakers will be allowed five minutes to provide public comment if representing the official position of a State registered non-profit organization or agency or a City-recognized organization. The rule also states that these comments will be recorded as the official position of that organization, and that each organization shall have only one, five-minute presentation. The underlying public comment rule, which provides for three minutes of public comment, is not being proposed to change.

While this proposed change would reduce the amount of public comment time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes for those commenters who would be representing the official position of a State registered non-profit organization or agency or a City-recognized organization, it also has the effect of potentially increasing the number of commenters, as the restriction on only having one, five-minute presentation from that organization is also being proposed to be eliminated.

Thank you again for your email. Please let me know if you have any additional questions about this proposed amendment.

Sincerely,
John Norris

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom McCormick [<mailto:tommccormick@mac.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 5:14 PM
To: John Norris
Cc: Debbie Tarry; Jerry Patterson
Subject: Public comment

John,

Could you please let me know what the proposed amendment says about public comment provisions. As you can imagine, if there's anything in the resolution that curtails the public's right to make public comments (including time allocations), we will strongly object.

Also, it's very disappointing that the staff report is available only at the last minute. We would appreciate it if the public comment item gets delayed until next year since the staff report was tardy.

Thank you.

Tom McCormick

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2015/staffreport121415-8e.pdf>