



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

FROM: Paul Dembow, Town Council Member

DATE: June 8, 2017

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager

AGENDA TITLE:

Consideration of amendment to Town Council Rules and Procedures Section VIII(b)(13) to allow three councilmembers to place an item on the agenda.

Council Goals or Other Policies / Statutory Requirements:

Governance - Review and seek improvement to the processes and procedures for our community.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Discuss the merits of amending the Town Council Rules and Procedures for placing something on the Town Council agenda. Currently Section VIII(b)(13) requires a majority of the members(4) to agree to place something on the Town Agenda for discussion or action.

13) Requests for Future Agenda Items - Requests for future agenda items are topics or issues of interest that at least four Council Members would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting. Any member of the Council may move to have the Town Manager add a new agenda item to a future agenda. Upon the concurrence of three more Members, which may include the Mayor, the item shall be added to the list of future agenda items and scheduled by the Town Manager as a future agenda item within sixty days. In the event that the Town Manager determines such a future agenda item request should be moved to a later date due to the need for the Council to address more critical agenda items, the Town Manager may move the requested item to a later Council Meeting date, but only to the next scheduled Council Meeting date. Any discussion on the motion to add a future agenda item shall be limited to the propriety of placing such item on a future agenda and not on the merits of such agenda item.

The proposed amendment would reduce this requirement to three members. The new wording would be:

13) Requests for Future Agenda Items - Requests for future agenda items are topics or issues of interest that at least four **three** Council Members would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting. Any member of the Council may move to have the Town Manager add a new agenda item to a

future [the next meeting or a specific meeting](#) agenda. Upon the concurrence of three [two](#) more Members, which may include the Mayor, the item shall be added to the [next meeting by a motion or a](#) list of future agenda items and scheduled by the Town Manager as a future agenda item within sixty days. In the event that the Town Manager determines such a future agenda item request should be moved to a later date due to the need for the Council to address more critical agenda items, the Town Manager [needs the approval of the three Council members who voted for the item to move the](#) may move the requested item to a later Council Meeting date, but only to the next scheduled Council Meeting date. Any discussion on the motion to add a future agenda item shall be limited to the propriety of placing such item on a future agenda and not on the merits of such agenda item.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

Town Council Rules and Procedures