

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGES TO ESTABLISHED RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SUBSIDIARY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



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Recommended Action

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Background



Remote participation (Zoom) was implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



During COVID-19, the City began accepting visual aid and it was discontinued when Resolution RES-24-7414 was adopted.

This feature was often used by the same individuals to target sitting Councilmembers and without a formal IT policy, it exposed the City to possible cyberattacks, ransomware, and malware.



On September 26, 2024, the City was the target of a coordinated zoombombing attack. Staff was unable to immediately detect the incident. Many cities reverted to in-person participation only due to complications with virtual platforms.



What are South Bay cities doing now?

South Bay Cities Survey

- Most cities do not allow the public to participate via Zoom (in-person only)
- Most cities limit comments to 3 minutes per speaker.
- Only Manhattan Beach accepts visual aid to be shared live by the Clerk's office. The process involves the IT department scanning submissions for cyber security purposes.



South Bay Cities Survey Continued

- Most cities have subsidiary boards and commissions follow the same rules as City Council.
- Responses were received from Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Rolling Hills, and Torrance.
- No responses were received from Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Rolling Hills Estates.



Main Changes of Draft Resolution

REVISED AGENDA CATEGORIES

- **Updates from City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Standing Committee Delegates/Alternates** was separated from **City Councilmember Comments**
- **City Manager Report** was moved after **Future Agenda Items**
- **Informational Items** was added before adjournment
- **Second General Public Comment** category was removed

WHAT'S NEW?

- Visual aid was added for comments on agenda items pending Audio/Visual Policy
- Rosenberg's Rules of Order is being recommended for subsidiary boards and commissions



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