Introduced by:

Date:

12/03/24

Hearing:

01/07/25

Action:

Failed to Enact

Vote:

0 Yes, 9 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2024-36

AMENDING KPB CHAPTER 22.40.080, RELATING TO ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA, TO INCREASE AGGREGATE TIME FOR THE FIRST OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY AND ELIMINATE THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC PRESENTATION PORTION

- WHEREAS, efficiently conducting Kenai Peninsula Borough business during Assembly meetings is the best use of public resources and will encourage public and civic engagement; and
- WHEREAS, the public has numerous opportunities to engage with assembly members through official public comments submitted online, email comments, social media, and formally during Assembly meetings wherein the public has the opportunity to speak to items on the consent agenda, provide public comment on anything not appearing on the agenda, and provide public comment during each action item before the Assembly deliberates and votes on the item; and
- **WHEREAS,** the agenda item listed as "Public Comments and Public Presentations (Limited To 3 Minutes Per Speaker)" is being used as a speaker's second opportunity to repeat prior statements; and
- **WHEREAS**, this code amendment ordinance also increases the aggregate time listed for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda from 20 minutes to 30 minutes; and
- **WHEREAS**, these amendments aim to continue to provide a transparent Assembly meeting agenda, eliminates redundancies, and ensures the people's business is conducted in an efficient and effective manner while continuing to provide opportunities for the Assembly to receive public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the KPB 22.40.080. Agenda—Order of business, is hereby amended as follows:

22.40.080. Agenda—Order of business.

The order of business shall be:

Call to order;

Pledge of allegiance;

Invocation;

Roll call;

Committee reports;

Vacancy, designation or seating members (only when needed);

Approval of agenda and consent agenda;

Approval of minutes;

Commending resolutions and proclamations;

KPBSD high school student council presentation with prior notice (10 minutes total and only when needed);

Presentations with prior notice (20 minutes total);

Public comments on items not appearing on the agenda (three minutes per speaker; [20]30 minutes aggregate);

Mayor's Report;

Items not completed from prior agenda;

Public hearings on ordinances (Testimony limited to 3 minutes per speaker);

Unfinished business

- 1. Postponed items
- 2. Notices to reconsider/rescind;

New business:

- Bid awards
- 2. Resolutions
- 3. Ordinances for introduction
- 4. Other (including addition of late items);

[PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER);]

Assembly comments;

Pending legislation;

Informational materials and reports;

Assembly meeting and hearing announcements;

Adjournment

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF * 2025.

	Deter Dilhama Assambly Desident
ATTEST:	Peter Ribbens, Assembly President
Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk	

Yes: None

No: Baisden, Cox, Cooper, Dunne, Ecklund, Elam, Johnson, Tunseth, Ribbens

Absent: None