

RESOLUTION 2008-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF POLICY FOR THE AUDIENCE COMMENTS SECTIONS  
OF CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Board of Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides information on the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and City Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Policy on Audience Comments describes the protocol for audience comments during the audience comments sections at City Commission Meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Policy will provide for consistency during the Audience Comments Sections during City Commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, said policy is hereto attached and labeled as Attachment A;

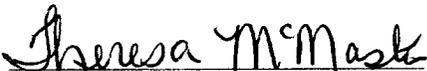
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida DOES RESOLVE:

This resolution and the policy hereto attached as Attachment A will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Commission of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

  
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Michael Finnerty

ATTEST:

  
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Theresa McMask  
City Clerk

**Attachment A City of St. Pete Beach Commission**  
**Policy on Audience Comments**  
August 26, 2008

1. Time shall be provided at the beginning and end of each regularly scheduled City Commission meeting for anyone from the public to bring items of interest to the attention of the City Commission that are not on the meeting agenda.
2. At the Audience Comments at the beginning of the meeting speakers shall be limited to two minutes and the overall time for comments shall not exceed twenty minutes. At the end of the meeting speakers shall be limited to five minutes. Time limits are subject to modification at the Mayor's sole discretion.
3. During audience comments at the beginning of the meeting no City Commission member shall question a speaker, answer questions from a speaker, nor make any comments until after the Audience Comments period is closed. At that time, the Mayor shall have the sole discretion whether any further discussion is warranted by the City Commission or city staff on matters raised during the Audience Comments.
4. Anyone interested in presenting information through the city audio/visual equipment must coordinate with the City Clerk before the close of business the day prior to the meeting.