

Mr. Mayor and councilmen I would like to address two items that I feel limit due process.

1. On the first council meeting of February a rezoning request appeared on the agenda, there were several opponents to this item. It was read once and held with the understanding that it would be read at 3 separate meetings due to the opposition. The next regular meeting was delayed 2 days due to weather. At that meeting the rules were suspended and the third reading was waved and the rezoning was approved with an emergency clause. As alderman for ward 2, the ward affected by this rezoning, I feel the citizens were short changed and denied due process to oppose the rezoning. I am not expressing opposition or support of the rezoning but disappointment to the process that was used to gain approval. I would like to thank alderman Burton for voting against this process. I feel the use of suspending the rules for rapid rezoning of property should be stopped, we meet approximately every 2 weeks , and reading rezoning on 3 separate meetings as required by law should be the norm instead of the exception, giving everyone the chance to be heard.

2. The second item is the large number of walk on items that have been appearing on the agenda. Once again, we meet approximately every 2 weeks. When an item is approved by special called committee meeting and is walked on without appearing on the council agenda, I do not have time to study the item and make an informed decision. Members of the public are not given a chance to provide input. Many times these items involve the approval to spend large sums of money, and only come to the council minutes before the meeting. They usually include the emergency clause. I would ask that this practice be curtailed except in extreme circumstances. Informed council members and public make the best decisions.

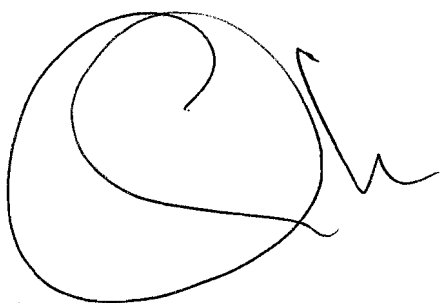
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To affirm this point I asked the city clerk to provide me the number of New Business Items that have appeared on the Council agenda for the last 8 meetings and the number of walk on items for the same period. Those numbers are

New items	81
Walk on items	23

The walk on items represent over 25% or a 1/4 of our business. I would ask that walk on items be held and placed on a regular meeting agenda unless a risk to public safety is involved.

Chris Moore

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