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A. Public Comment Discussion

City Administrator Perrault stated the issue is whether or not items on the agenda can be addressed during the Public Comment section of a meeting. Currently, if an item is on the agenda it cannot be addressed during the Public Comment period, with the exception of a Public Hearing. Portions of the language have been on the agenda since 1996.

Mayor Grant said he thought they didn't take public comments on everything on the agenda because not every item should be a public hearing. But they should encourage residents to call or email Council members, and perhaps they could add that to the verbiage.

Councilmember Holmes felt residents should be able to comment on all agenda items.

Councilmember Scott agreed that people should be able to come forward in public and address the Council about items on that night's agenda.

City Administrator Perrault noted that Councilmember Holden had brought this item up in Council Comments at a previous meeting.

Councilmember McClung said he was open to hear whatever a resident had to say as long as it was within a time limit, whether it was on the agenda or not, apart from a Public Hearing.

Mayor Grant suggested they wait to hear from the City Attorney and Councilmember Holden and bring the item back at another work session.