

January 20, 2026

The Board of Zoning Adjustment of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its temporary meeting place located at 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, LA, held at 5:30 p.m., on the 20th day of January, 2026, after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

LENORE CARROLL, Land Use Commission District 1
TROY DARBY, Land Use Commission District 2
VERONICA ALLISON, Land Use Commission District 3
EDDIE LEBLANC, Land Use Commission District 4
JONATHAN BRAZZELL, Land Use Commission of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results, prayer and pledge was led by Mr. Darby.

Motion was made by Mrs. Carroll seconded by Mrs. Allison that the minutes of the previous meeting stand as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Carroll seconded by Mrs. Allison that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution establishing rules on comments by the Commission and public on agenda items. Mr. Darby stated that people should be able to come to the microphone and say what they want to say. If it's more than 3 minutes they should still be able to speak. Mr. Brazzell stated that if they become redundant then the Chairman can shut them down. It makes a difference when you let people speak. Mr. LeBlanc stated that he feels the same way. Mrs. Allison stated that if we let one person speak for 5 minutes we'll have to let everyone speak for 5 minutes if they want to. We have to keep this in mind at all times. Mrs. Blanchard, Secretary, stated that the Board can grant more time if they go beyond the 3 minutes. Mrs. Carroll stated that she recalls only 1 person violating this rule. Rusty

Stutes, City Attorney, stated that Lake Charles City Council has this rule and it works very well. If a person wants to go beyond their 3 minutes, the Board just votes to extend their time. If there's an item on the agenda and there are many speakers, they can get one person to speak, and people can donate their 3 minutes to that speaker. Total time would be 12 minutes for that speaker. Filling out the comment cards serves a function. People donating their time do not have to get up and say their name to donate their time. They can write it on their card who they're donating their time to.

Bill LeBlanc, Roberta Drive, stated that he agrees with Mr. Darby. The Chairman should be in control of the meeting.

Mr. Darby stated that at the last City Council meeting the public wasted everyone's time when they got up each time to donate their time. Mr. Brazzell stated that he doesn't agree with the 2/3 vote to extend someone's time to speak. He would like it to be a majority vote.

Danny DiPetra, Bonin Drive, asked what was the intent of this rule? Billy Loftin, City Attorney, told him after the Council meeting it was to fine tune the rules. The Lake Charles Methanol item had a lot of people that came to the meeting. A lot of the people said the exact same thing. This rule will allow 1 speaker to be the spokesperson with donated time to that speaker. If someone wants to donate their time to one person, that appointed person can just state they have no comments, rather than each person donating their time, get up and announce their name when all this time the appointed person doesn't have anything to say.

After discussion motion was made by Mrs. Allison seconded by Mrs. Carroll that the following amendment be made:

- **Amend two-thirds (2/3) vote to majority vote**
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The City of Sulphur Board of Zoning Adjustment hereby establishes a three (3) minute rule on individual comments on agenda items by the public. This time can be extended by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ majority vote of the Board. A vote shall be held after proper motion for a specific

additional amount of time after request by the individual seeking additional time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Badin, Alabama Street, stated that if someone wants to speak, they should just fill out one card and list the items on that card that they want to speak on.

Bill LeBlanc, Roberta Drive, stated that some people attend these meetings because it's their livelihood and they should be able to speak as long as they want, as long as they aren't redundant.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Allison seconded by Mrs. Carroll that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES ON COMMENTS BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT AND PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Sulphur City Council on Monday, December 8, 2025, the City Council amended a previously adopted resolution to establish rules when it comes to public comments; and

WHEREAS, so that rules are applied uniformly and coincide with the City Council, the following rules shall apply for public comments:

In view of the many items to consider and views to be expressed, each member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment shall be allowed reasonable time for questions or to express his or her views without interruption from the other members.

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To be entitled to comment on an agenda item, a person must complete a separate Request to Appear form on every item on the agenda which they request to speak, either in Support, in Opposition or Information Only, which includes the information shown on the exhibit attached hereto and present it to the Secretary of the Board, prior to the start of the meeting, or at the latest, before the item is called for discussion. The public may comment on any agenda item.

If any group of proponents or opponents chooses to appoint an individual to speak on their behalf, they may sign the Request to Appear form, indicating the individual authorized to speak on their behalf. Any speaker representing a group of individuals shall be limited to the time assigned to them, not to exceed twelve (12) minutes with five (5) minutes for rebuttal for a total of seventeen (17) minutes.

Any questions and answers involving the Board and the speaker shall be made in addition to the time allotted herein. The City Attorney shall time all the public comments and exclude the time of questions from the Board and answers to same from the speaker. In the City Attorney's absence, the Chairman of the Board shall designate another timekeeper.

This rule shall apply to any and all meetings.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Darby, Mrs. Allison, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Brazzell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 20th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

JONATHAN BRAZZELL, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the BZA, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

JONATHAN BRAZZELL, Chairman

1/20/26
6:12 P.M.