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### **Citizens could speak earlier**

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Citizens now have to sit through most of an Oak Ridge City Council meeting before they can address the city's legislative body about topics not on the agenda.

Some citizens have complained about that required wait.

Their days of waiting may soon be over.

The City Council's Rules and Procedures Review Committee has recommended that citizens be allowed to address council members closer to the beginning of its regular monthly meetings, said Councilwoman Jane Miller, a committee member.

"They wouldn't have to wait through most of the regular business," said Councilman Tom Hayes, committee chairman.

Hayes said the full Council could consider the recommendation at its March 17 meeting.

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