



City Council Rules of Engagement

Public Comments

At the end of each Council business meeting, the Chairperson will recognize members of the public who wish to address the Council. The following procedural rules will apply:

- a. Each speaker wishing to address the Council shall be recognized only at the microphone provided for that purpose.
- b. No person shall have more than three (3) minutes to speak
- c. The speaker may address the Council only upon matters within legislating and quasi-judicial authority of the Council. The speaker may not address the Council on matters which are not under the authority of the Council and which are regulated by other governmental bodies or agencies.
- d. The speaker shall not be permitted to use any vulgar or obscene language, nor use the floor to personally attack or personally denigrate others. The speaker should address the Council as a whole and not make comments directed towards individual Council members.
- e. Persons wishing to address the Council may do so only once during a Council day, either at the Agenda session, at the Committee meeting, or at the Council business meeting.
- f. The chair shall not permit Disorderly Conduct or Disrupting a Public Meeting which is prohibited by Tennessee law. A person commits an offense if the person substantially obstructs or interferes with the meeting by physical action or verbal utterance with the intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting or gathering.