

A. REQUEST TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY OR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1) Public comment is strictly limited to 5 minutes per speaker.
- 2) All speakers must give their name and the City in which they reside.
- 3) Speakers must address all their comments to the Presiding Officer.
- 4) Neither the Presiding Officer nor the City Council or Staff are required to respond to or answer any questions posed.
- 5) A person addressing the Council shall limit comments to items on the Agenda or within the jurisdiction of the City Council as determined by the Presiding Officer.

B. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Persons appearing before the City Council or Committee will not be allowed to:

- 1) Campaign for public office;
- 2) Promote private business ventures;
- 3) Use profanity or vulgar language or gestures;
- 4) Use language which insults, demeans, personally attacks or defames any person, examples include but are not limited to: racial attacks, personal slurs, name calling, and allegations of personal wrongdoing.
- 5) Engage in behavior that intimidates others, examples include but are not limited to: yelling, pounding the lectern, personal threats or other disruptive behavior.

C. FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

The Presiding Officer may stop a person from speaking further if the Speaker engages in the prohibited conduct listed above or does not limit their comments to items within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Any person who does not obey the request of the Presiding Officer to cease speaking or engaging in prohibited conduct or otherwise disrupting the meeting shall, after a motion by any member and majority vote of the Council, be expelled and directed to leave the meeting.

Persons who have repeatedly refused to abide by the public comment rules or whose actions are severe may be banned from attendance and making public comment for a period of time commensurate with the offense, after a motion by any member and majority vote of the Council.