

Proposed Public Participation and Decorum Statement

The City Commission encourages citizen participation in the local government process. The City Commission also recognizes the necessity for conducting orderly and efficient meetings in order to complete City business in a timely manner.

It is prohibited for any person to disturb or interrupt any meeting of the City Commission or otherwise fail to comport with the rules of decorum. The use of obscene or profane language is prohibited. Loud and disruptive speech is prohibited. Any physical violence or the threat thereof is prohibited. The use of words likely to cause a fight or tending to cause a breach of the peace are prohibited. Speakers should not engage in personal attacks. Remarks should be directed to the presiding officer or the Board as a whole. Speakers may not address Commissioners by name and personal attacks against individual Commissioners, the City Manager or Staff are prohibited. Speakers shall confine their comments solely to the agenda item being discussed or to matters related to City business. Unless it is an agenda item, speakers are prohibited from discussing their own pending court cases and filed claims against the City or City personnel. Speakers may not engage in commercial advertisement or electioneering.

Unruly audience behavior such as applause, audible conversations, booing, harassing remarks or other audience outburst will not be tolerated. The City Commission is not allowed to consider such material and it intimidates and takes time away from other speakers.

Any person declared out of order or causing a disturbance will be cautioned and may be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting. Any person who becomes disruptive or interferes with the orderly business of the commission may be removed from the commission chambers.