



WELCOME TO YOUR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

We are pleased that you have demonstrated an interest in the City of Hallandale Beach by attending a City Commission Meeting. The City Commission encourages citizen participation in the local government process. We hope you will attend more of these meetings in the future. The City Commission also recognizes the necessity for conducting orderly and efficient meetings in order to complete City business in a timely manner.

The presiding officer of the City Commission shall be the Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence, the Vice Mayor. In the absence of both the Mayor and the Vice Mayor, a temporary presiding officer shall be selected by seniority of Office of those Commissioners present. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum at all regular and special meetings of the City Commission and shall have the authority to regulate irrelevant debate, repetitious discussion, and disruptive behavior at a public meeting. However, a decision of the presiding officer may be overruled by a majority vote of the City Commission.

The City Commission recognizes the importance of protecting the right of its citizens and taxpayers to express their opinions on the operation of City government, and 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 and proper manner.

Any individual may speak on any agenda item and/or any subject pertinent to the City. Every individual wishing to address the City Commission is encouraged to sign in with the City Clerk prior to the meeting. Public participation during all items is limited to three minutes, however, the City Commission may allow more time at their discretion. When addressing the City Commission during public participation, speakers are requested to provide their name and city of residency. 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.

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 Commission as a whole. Speakers may not address Commissioners by name. Personal attacks against individual Commissioners, the City Manager or Staff are prohibited.

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.

The above represents a summarization of City Ordinance 2017-___, which establishes regulations for orderly meetings and public participation. Copies of this Ordinance are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this, or future meetings, may call the City Clerk's Office at 954-457-1340 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting.