
Sec. 2.1.26. Request to address the council on agenda items other than items listed for public hearing.

- (a) It is the policy of the council to permit ~~limited presentations by~~ members of the public to address the council on non-public hearing agenda items. The amount of time allocated to speakers on a particular item shall be established by the presiding officer, but in no event shall be in excess of three (3) minutes unless a greater time limit is approved by the city council. Unless further time is granted by a majority vote of the council, the speaker shall limit his or her remarks to the time limit established by the presiding officer.
- (b) Any person desiring to address the council on a matter not formally scheduled for public hearing must ~~file a written submit a~~ request for permission to address the council. ~~All written requests to speak must be submitted to the city clerk at the dais at the commencement of the city council meeting. All requests to speak must be presented in person by the person requesting to speak. A request from the public to comment on an item must be submitted to the city clerk prior to council consideration of the consent calendar. Except as provided in this paragraph (b), t~~ There shall be no sharing or donation of time to speak between individual speakers. ~~To facilitate organized presentations, a representative of a group of persons may submit a request to speak on behalf of the group. The representative must identify the group and list not fewer than four (4) members of the group who must be present when the item is called and all members of the group must remain present for the duration of the organized presentation. The presentation by the authorized representative shall not exceed ten (10) minutes. Speakers shall be afforded opportunities to speak as directed by the presiding officer or on an alternate basis relative to supporting or opposing an agenda item.~~
- (c) Each person desiring to address the council shall ~~approach the podium,~~ state his or her name and address or area of the city in which he or she lives for the record, and state whom he or she is representing if he or she represents an organization or other persons. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No questions shall be asked of a council member or a member of the city staff without obtaining the permission of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall not permit any communication, oral or written, to be made or read where it does not bear directly on the agenda item then under discussion.
- (d) No person shall address the council without first securing the permission of the presiding officer.
- (e) After a motion has been made, no member of the public shall address the council from the audience on the matter under consideration without first securing permission to do so from the presiding officer which permission shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the city council.

(Ord. No. 94-10, § 2, 5-4-94; Ord. No. 99-28, §§ 3, 4, 11-3-99; Ord. No. 23-OR0764-1, § 1, 11-15-2023)