

7.11. General Public Comment Session. ~~On the first and third meeting of each month,~~
~~Before~~ Before convening the regular meeting, the Council shall conduct a one-half hour general public comment session during which persons may address the Council on any matter of city concern, except for any matter that is scheduled for either a formal or a courtesy public hearing at that meeting or any future meeting of Council. Anyone wishing to comment on a matter scheduled for a public hearing shall be requested to reserve their comments until the hearing in question.

- (a) Persons wishing to address Council at a general public comment session shall register their intention to do so in person, online or by phone at the City Council central office beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the general public comment session. Registration period will end at 4:~~30~~00 p.m. the day of the general public comment session. Speakers who have not addressed Council at general public comment in the previous week shall be given priority in registration on a first come first serve basis. Speakers shall be recognized to speak in the order of registration.
- (b) Speakers at a general public comment session shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes unless a shorter time is set by the President in consideration of the number of speakers who have registered for the session. A speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker unless necessary to accommodate translation or a disability.
- (c) Speakers at a general public comment session shall direct their remarks to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member. Speakers shall be requested by the President to refrain from any profane or obscene speech; threats of violence or economic reprisal against any public official intended to influence the behavior of the official; or speech which impugns any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.