

Proposed Amendment 1 of 3: III Public Participation, C. Public Comment

Should public comment before Committees be limited to topics on the agenda?

Under the Rules as currently drafted, public comment before Council Committees is “limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day’s agenda.”

"3. Council Committees accept public comment at regular and special Committee meetings.

- a) Public comment at a Committee meeting is limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda.
- b) The presiding officer at a Committee meeting shall ensure that all public comment is in accordance with Rule III.C.3.a. "

<u>Option 1:</u>	<u>Proposed amendment:</u>
Limit public comment before Committees to topics “on that day's [regular Committee meeting] agenda.” This is the same restriction that applies to the Full Council.	"a. Public comment at a Committee meeting is limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda."
<u>Option 2:</u>	<u>Proposed amendment:</u>
Place no subject matter limits on public comment before Council Committees. Public comment before Council Committees would be allowed “on any topic.”	" a. Public comment at a Committee meeting is limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda. <u>may be on any topic.</u> "
<u>Option 3:</u>	<u>No Changes:</u>
Maintain the current proposal - Limit public comment before Council Committees to “matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda.” This is the language as currently drafted that would allow a broader range of public comment before committees than Option 1, but with some restriction.	" a. Public comment at a Committee meeting is limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda."
<u>Option 4:</u>	<u>Proposed amendment:</u>
Regardless of the default rule for accepting public comment at Council Committee meetings, provide discretion to the presiding officer to establish different parameters for accepting public comment.	"a. Public comment at a Committee meeting is limited to matters within the purview of the specific Committee or an item listed on that day's agenda, <u>unless the presiding officer establishes different parameters for the scope of public comment by memorandum filed in a Clerk File.</u> "

Proposed Amendment 2 of 3: A. Disruptions to Council Meetings and Committee Meetings, section 5

When the Full Council is considering an appeal of an exclusion from the public comment period, or an exclusion from attendance at future meetings pursuant to Rule III.D.5, should the Council receive public comment?

Under the Rules as currently drafted, “[t]he Full Council shall consider the appeal at an open public meeting.” Since consideration of the appeal would be on the agenda, public comment related to the appeal may be allowed.

Option 1:	Proposed amendment:
Add language specifying that public comment is not allowed when the Council is considering an appeal, so that the rule states “[t]he Full Council shall consider the appeal at an open public meeting <u>without receiving public comment on the appeal.</u> ”	Any individual excluded from participation in future public comment periods or from attendance at future Council or Committee meetings for a period of more than two calendar days may appeal his or her exclusion by submitting a written appeal to the Full Council within five business days after receiving notice of the exclusion. The Full Council shall consider the appeal at an open public meeting <u>without receiving public comment on the appeal.</u>
<u>Option 2:</u>	<u>No Changes:</u>
Retain the existing language. This may result in further disruptions before the Council is able to consider the appeal.	Any individual excluded from participation in future public comment periods or from attendance at future Council or Committee meetings for a period of more than two calendar days may appeal his or her exclusion by submitting a written appeal to the Full Council within five business days after receiving notice of the exclusion. The Full Council shall consider the appeal at an open public meeting.

Proposed Amendment 3 of 3: VIII. Select Committees. Town Hall Committee.

A. Town Hall Committee.

1. Town Hall Committee is a select committee.
2. The purpose of a Town Hall Committee meeting is to afford the public an opportunity to address the Council at a location outside the Council Chamber or City Hall.
3. The Council shall hold at least two Town Hall Committee meetings per calendar year.
4. The Council President shall determine the Chair, date, time, and location of Town Hall Committee meetings.
5. **The Council President may, when announcing the date, time and location of each such meeting, establish the subject or subjects to which public comment shall be accepted.**

<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Proposed amendment:</u>
Delete "may," and add definitive language to indicate Town Hall meeting agendas will list a subject or subjects.	"The Council President, when announcing the date, time and location of each such meeting, will establish specific subject or subjects to which public comment shall be accepted."
<u>Option 2:</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment:</u>
Delete section 5 and substitute it with language that defines the type of public comment accepted at these meetings.	"Public Comment at Town Hall Committee meetings is limited to matters within the purview of the City Council."
<u>Option 3:</u>	<u>No Changes:</u>
Maintain the existing language which provides an "either/or" option for determining if a subject(s) will be listed on the agenda.	"The Council President may, when announcing the date, time and location of each such meeting, establish the subject or subjects to which public comment shall be accepted."