
Sec. 2-189. Rules of decorum.

- (a) During city council meetings, council members shall preserve order and decorum and shall neither by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings, nor refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.
- (b) Every city council member shall confine himself/herself to the question under debate and shall avoid discussion of personalities.
- (c) A council member shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the presiding officer, unless a point of order is raised by another member, or unless the speaker chooses to yield to questions from another member. If a city council member is called to order while he/she is speaking, he/she shall cease speaking immediately until the question of order is determined. If ruled to be in order, he/she shall be permitted to proceed. If ruled to be not in order, he/she shall remain silent or shall alter his/her remarks so as to comply with rules of the city council.
- (d) All members of the city council shall accord the utmost courtesy to each other, to city employees, and to members of the public appearing before the city council, and shall refrain at all times from rude and derogatory remarks, reflection as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.
- (e) City council members shall confine their questions as to the particular matters before the city council and, in debate, shall confine their remarks to the issues before the city council.
- (f) City council members shall be removed from the meeting for failure to comply with decisions of the presiding officer or continued violations of the rules of the city council. If the presiding officer fails to act, any city council member may move to require him/her to enforce the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the city council shall require the presiding officer to act.

(Ord. No. 2014-744, §§ 2, 3, 12-2-14)

Sec. 2-190. Members of the public.

- (a) Members of the public are welcome to attend all official meetings of the city council and will be admitted to the meeting room up to the fire safety capacity of the room.
- (b) Members of the public attending city council meetings also shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum, and good conduct applicable to members of the city council. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous while addressing the city council or while attending the city council meeting, shall be removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer. Such person shall be barred from attendance for the balance of the meeting.
- (c) Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stomping of feet, whistles, yells, or similar demonstrations shall not be permitted by the presiding officer, who shall direct the sergeant-at-arms to remove such offenders from the room. Aggravated cases shall be prosecuted on appropriate complaint signed by the presiding officer. In case the presiding officer shall fail to act, any member of the city council may move to require him/her to act to enforce the rules, and the affirmative vote of the majority of the city council shall require the chair to act.

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