

6. Board, Committee and Commission Conduct

While the meeting is in session, the members should not interrupt the proceedings or any Commissioner or member of the public who has the floor.

7. Conduct of Public in Attendance

Persons attending the meeting should not disrupt meeting business, for example: by shouting, making disruptive noises, such as boos or hisses; creating or participating in a physical disturbance; speaking out of turn or in violation of the Commission's procedures or rules; preventing or attempting to prevent others who have the floor from speaking; preventing others from observing the meeting; entering into or remaining in an area of the meeting room that is not open to the public; or approaching the board without consent. Any message to or contact with any member of the board/committee while it is in session should be through the staff person. Each person addressing the board/committee should first give his/her name and city of residence in an audible tone of voice for the record. All remarks should be addressed to the board/committee as a body and not to any specific member. No one other than the board/committee and the person having the floor may enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the board/committee, without the permission of the Chair. No question may be asked of a board/committee member except through the Chair. After being recognized for this purpose by the Chair, any member may briefly respond to comments made during the public comment period or may pose a question to the person speaking at public comment or during a public hearing but may not discuss the matter. Interested persons may address the board/committee on any issue concerning city business during the period assigned to "*Citizen Comment*". The public may also comment during a public hearing on the subject of the public hearing in accordance with any procedures established by the board/committee for this purpose. Commissioners/members may ask questions but the board/committee should not discuss or act in connection with such citizen comment, if the subject is not on the agenda for action. A Commissioner may, however, refer a subject to staff or other resources for factual information or for action, if appropriate.

8. Rules of Debate

The presiding officer may debate from the chair, subject only to such limitations of debate as are by these rules imposed on all members, and should not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges of board/committee members by reason of his/her acting as the presiding officer. Improper references are to be avoided. Every member desiring to speak should address the Chair and upon recognition by the presiding officer, should confine him/herself to the question under debate.