

CITY OF CUDAHY MEETING POLICY

Agenda

This meeting is a meeting of a City of Cudahy Board, Committee, Commission or Council for the purpose of conducting City of Cudahy business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Public Participation at Meetings

All citizens are welcome to observe Meetings of the City of Cudahy. The City of Cudahy recognizes the value of public comment on Municipal issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on Municipal matters.

The presiding chair of each meeting at which public participation is permitted, shall administer Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order as Revised will be followed at all times.

1. Public comment parameters:

- City of Cudahy citizens will be allowed to comment as noted on the agenda regarding agenda items only or any subject other than personnel matters.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding chair of the Board, Committee, Commission or Council and not to staff or other participants.
- No person may address or question the Board, Committee, Commission or Council members individually.
- Comments will be limited to one 3 minute comment at the beginning and/or end of each meeting where public comment is noted on the agenda.
- Comments should be concerning the substance of the item being commented on and not an attack on an individual, institution or organization.
- Disagreement as to the substance of the item is acceptable.
- If the public comment concerns a matter of public policy, response from the Board, Committee, Commission or Council will be limited to seeking information or acknowledging that the participant has been understood.
- The Board, Committee, Commission or Council may not debate with a participant who is addressing the members and the Board, Committee, Commission or Council may not take action on an item raised during public comment that is not on the duly posted meeting notice/agenda.
- Personnel matters or concerns regarding specific City personnel are not appropriate topics to be addressed during an open meeting and will be handled in accordance with City policy and procedures.
- Comments regarding an individual employee's performance and/or comments that are derogatory and/or inflammatory are not appropriate and will not be tolerated.

2. All meeting attendees should honor the need for a respectful and safe environment.

- Anyone addressing the Board, Committee, Commission or Council should be treated respectfully and not be interrupted by participants attending the meeting during their presentation.
- Side bar conversations among meeting attendees should be avoided.
- No comments that are a personal or professional attack on an individual will be permitted.

3. The presiding Chair may:

- The Chair may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant; order a person to stop speaking if the person's comments do not meet these norms.
- Request an individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
- Request the assistance of Law Enforcement Officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with orderly progress of the meeting.
- Call a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

Thank you for your participation and courtesy.