DECORUM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

City Council meetings, Executive Committee public meetings, and any other meetings where the transaction of City business is being conducted are open to the public and are both a political/democratic forum and a workplace. In respect for the Mayor, Councillors and City Administration, visitors to the Council Chambers are required to observe and follow the decorum of Chambers.

- No person may address members of Council or City Administration without express permission from the presiding Officer.
- This is a public meeting, so all comments can be considered "publication" (ie. Comments intended for public circulation.)
- Applause or other response to speeches of members or others addressing City business must be respectful and at the completion of statements or presentations in order to avoid interruption or interference of speakers.
- No displays of picket signs, placards or like materials will be allowed in Council Chambers.
- No cameras, flashes or video recording equipment may be used in Council Chambers without prior permission from the Mayor or presiding Officer.
- No food or beverages (except water bottles) are allowed in the Council Chambers.
- **Comments should be limited to issues regarding the City's policies or operations.**
- **Please stick to known facts and keep the dialogue respectful and constructive.**
- **Council members or City Administration have a right not to be subjected to discriminatory or defamatory comments or personal attacks against their competency or character.** (Section 7 of the Human Rights Code)
- **Any person who disturbs the proceedings of City Council, Executive Committee or any other meetings in the transaction of City business with words or actions, including clapping and standing in support of speakers or displaying of offensive materials, will be requested to leave. If such person refuses to leave when requested to do so, the Mayor or presiding Officer may, by resolution of Council, expel such person on any terms and conditions determined by City Council.**

By Order of City Council
Pursuant to Bylaw No. 5746