

## **Rules of Decorum**

The presiding officer of the Council shall preserve order and decorum at all public meetings as follows:

1. Meetings of the Council shall be conducted in a professional, businesslike manner.
2. Decorum and courtesy shall be observed by members of Council and by all persons in attendance.
3. The Council are committed to the principles of civility, honor and dignity.
4. Individuals appearing before Council are required to observe the same principles when making public comments.
5. All persons in attendance are required to afford the utmost courtesy to members of the Council, as well as to the public meeting process as a whole.
6. It is never appropriate to make rude or derogatory remarks, cause disruptions, or interruptions, comment on anyone's integrity, make defamatory or abusive remarks, use profanity or vulgarities, or make statements about individual personalities.
7. Vulgar language, threats, "fighting words", and encouragement to disrupt the meeting are all strictly prohibited.
8. Constructive criticism is welcome; however, personal attacks directed to anyone are prohibited.
9. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, outbursts, and yelling and/or similar demonstrations shall not be tolerated under any circumstance.