



REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC: MAKING COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Bloomington Common Council greatly values the voices of its citizens and welcomes public comment on non-agenda items of community concern at two points on its *Regular Session* agenda. Citizens may make general comments at either the beginning of the meeting under *Reports from the Public* (limited to a total cumulative time of 20 minutes) or at the end under *Additional Reports from the Public* (limited to a total of 25 minutes).

In order to conduct meetings in the most effective manner possible, the following rules apply:

- 1) At each meeting, citizens may speak at only *one* of the two opportunities for public comment, but not both.
- 2) Citizens are limited to one report, not to exceed five (5) minutes. If there are many people who wish to speak during one of the public comment periods, the Chair may reduce the time allowed for each individual.
- 3) When giving your report, please state your name for the record and speak directly into the microphone.
- 4) All reports must be made from the podium; speakers may not approach the Council dais without permission of the Chair.
- 5) Reports are intended to be statements from speakers; speakers may not engage the Council in a question-and-answer exchange during the *Reports from the Public* periods.
- 6) The City Council encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers refrain from language which would incite an immediate breach of the peace; refrain from undue repetition, extended discussion of irrelevancies, obscenity, and personal attacks against private individuals unrelated to the operation of the City.

These rules are intended to foster a fair, respectful, and productive meeting. Any person who violates these rules will be declared out of order by the Chair. A person who persists in violating these rules may be removed from the meeting.