

Draft language for Public comments – Section 2-60.22

For Discussion Purposes:

Sec. 2-60.22. - Rule 2.2—Public comments.

During Public Comments, the public may address Council on any matter, except for those matters that are the subject of a public hearing requiring that testimony be sworn. **Any person requesting time to speak to the Council during this portion of the agenda shall be limited to not more than three minutes speaking time. Should the speaker yield to a question from a councilmember, the time yielded shall not be included in the three minutes.** Likewise, any ordinance directed by Council to be drafted as a result of such a public hearing shall not be subject to comment by the public outside a duly advertised public hearing and being duly sworn. Such items shall be placed on the agenda under "~~Ordinances—Previous~~ Public Hearing."

During public comments, Councilmembers may address a speaker on the speaker's issue, unless such matter is the subject of litigation involving the City and/or its employees or officials, and City Council has determined its litigation strategy and/or policy and such Councilmember comments will not act to diminish the City's position in such litigation.