Public Hearings

The Chair of the Council or Committee shall be the presiding officer and shall conduct the hearing.

1. Anyone wishing to testify is requested to register with the Clerk prior to the Chair calling the meeting to order.

2. Anyone testifying is entitled to the floor only when recognized by the presiding officer.

3. Anyone testifying shall testify only on the subject matter under consideration.

4. Oral presentation shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; extended time may be granted by the Chair.

5. The Chair shall grant to persons who have not registered, time to speak following the registered speakers.

6. At the request of the Chair, testimony may be requested in writing.

7. The Chair may restrict or terminate the speakers’ right to the floor for intemperate or abusive behavior or language.
1. Every bill shall be passed only after two (2) readings on separate days by a majority of all Councilmembers or by at least five (5) Councilmembers, as the case may be.

2. Bills that require review or amendment may be referred to the respective Council Committee or the Administration.

3. Digests of bills passing first reading shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

4. A public hearing shall be held on all bills. If there has been significant amendments made to the bill, the Council or Committee may request another public hearing on the bill.

5. Every bill which has passed the Council and has been duly authenticated by the County Clerk and the presiding officer shall be presented to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.