



## BEXLEY CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

For the purpose of receiving comments from all speakers desiring to offer comments at City Council meetings, Council adopts the following policy:

- Speaker Slips are not required if you wish to comment on the Consent Agenda, at the Third Reading, or on a motion to adopt. Speaker Slips are required at all other times.
- If a Speaker Slip is Required, any speaker wishing to address Council shall complete a Speaker Slip and turn it in to the Clerk of Council or the City's Executive Assistant prior to the start of the meeting or during the designated agenda item requesting Speaker Slips be turned in. Such Speaker Slip must include the speaker's legal name, address, email address and phone number.
- All speakers must share their legal name/address when offering public comments.
- All public comments should be directed to City Council and should pertain to City of Bexley business only and where applicable, to the relevant Ordinance/Resolution.
- Comments must be made within a maximum of five (5) minutes (this limitation is the same rule that applies to City Council members per 220.01 (rule 13).
- Please avoid offering points of view that have already been addressed by other speakers, if possible.
- Undue interruption or other interference with the order of business is not permitted.
- Comments that are abusive, disparaging, threatening, intimidating and/or are personal attacks are always out of order.
- Violation of this policy may result in termination of the speaker's comments and/or removal from the meeting.
- Council President reserves the right to limit the length/scope of Public Comments.
- You are also encouraged to email City Council Members([citycouncil@bexley.org](mailto:citycouncil@bexley.org)) if you'd prefer.

### **Presentations and Guests:**

We are grateful to have you attend a City Council meeting; please be sure to keep your presentation to a maximum of five (5) minutes in order to keep the meeting moving in an efficient and productive manner. Thank you for your understanding.

### **City Council Policy for Correspondence:**

All correspondence addressed to City Council or requested to be distributed to City Council by the named sender is a matter of public record and will be placed on the City of Bexley Website ([www.bexley.org](http://www.bexley.org)) at Public Documents/City Council/Council Correspondence. If the subject of the correspondence is not on the Council Agenda, but pertains City business, the sender may discuss the issue during Public Comments. If the subject of the correspondence is on the Council Agenda, the sender may discuss the issue at the time the issue is addressed during the Council meeting.