

## **Public Participation**

## **Part 1**

*The following rules shall apply to the general public when they wish to speak before the Governing Body at a scheduled Council meeting.*

- Citizens shall have an opportunity to speak during the Petitions, Memorials, Hearing of Citizens, Other Communications portions of the agenda for three (3) minutes on any topic that is Town related and not on the agenda. Citizens may speak on any item under public discussion by the Town Council after receiving recognition from the Chair.
- In either case above, the speaker must step up to the front of the Town Council and, after receiving recognition from the Chair, state name and address for the record.
- All remarks will be directed to the Town Council as a body rather than to any particular Council member or any member of the staff or audience.
- Any personal attacks upon any member of the Town Council or the Administration will be grounds for immediate withdrawal of the privilege of the floor.
- Whenever a group wishes to address the Town Council on the same subject, the Chair will request that the group select a spokesperson.
- Applauding or other displays of approval and/or disapproval are inappropriate during Town Council meetings.
- The Town Council, by a majority vote of its members present, may extend or shorten the time limit if, because of the nature of the item under discussion, it determines that it is in the public interest to do so.