

City of Corpus Christi

Public Comment FAQ for City Council Meetings

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What is public comment?

Public comment is an opportunity for individuals to directly speak to the Mayor and City Council about issues that are important to you and your community.

Where can I find information about public comment?

Information is available at the City's website: <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/city-secretary/public-comment-procedures/>.

Who can I call if I have more questions about public comment?

Please contact the City Secretary's Office during normal business hours at 361-826-3105 or citysecretary@cctexas.com.

What are the key changes to public comment?

On January 13, 2026, City Council passed a motion moving the general public comment session from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Additionally, all in-person speakers are allotted up to 3 minutes to speak. Call-in or Webex Video speakers: up to 3 minutes for Corpus Christi residents and up to 1 minute for non-residents

How do I sign up for public comment?

- To speak at the 12:00 p.m. General Public Comment Session, register online at www.corpuschristitx.gov/signin or in-person at the kiosk located in City Hall.
- Registration will begin on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and end on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. when there is a City Council meeting.
- Registration is not required to speak on a specific agenda item when it is being considered.

What kinds of items on the agenda will the mayor invite public input on?

- Public comment is taken on agenda action items – business items which City Council may vote on.
- Public hearings are commonly held on zoning, annexation, and street closure items.

Where can I find the agenda?

- City Council meeting agendas are posted [online \(https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/our-government/mayor-and-council/agendas-and-minutes/\)](https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/our-government/mayor-and-council/agendas-and-minutes/) before meetings according to deadlines established by the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Agendas are required to be posted three business days before the meeting. City Council meeting agendas are posted by end of day the Wednesday before the meeting. Agendas may be posted earlier for regular meetings if there is a holiday prior to the meeting. Official agendas are posted on the City's electronic bulletin board at <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/our-government/agendas-and-minutes/electronic-bulletin-board/>.

Where and what time should I show up to Council Chambers to speak?

- Council meetings are held at the Mayor Betty Turner Council Chambers located inside City Hall, 1201 Leopard Street. Enter City Hall through the main entrance facing Lipan Street. Once you enter the building, go through the security checkpoint, then turn right at the rotunda. Security guards can also direct you to Chambers. You must be present when your name is called to speak.
- For the 12:00 p.m. General Public Comment session, you are advised to arrive before 12:00 p.m.
- For a specific agenda item: It is not possible to know the time an item will be discussed and meetings may last into the evening. Speakers are encouraged to arrive at the start of the Council Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

How much time do I have to speak?

- Speaking time is up to 3 minutes for in-person speakers.
- Call-in or Webex Video speakers: up to 3 minutes for Corpus Christi residents and up to 1 minute for non-residents.
- Time limitations may be restricted further by the Mayor at any meeting as allowed.

Can I distribute handouts to council?

- Yes, please bring at least 9 but preferably 12 copies of any handouts. There are 9 members on Council, plus 3 Charter Officers (City Manager, City Secretary, and City Attorney).
- When you arrive at Chambers, you can bring the copies to the City Secretary's staff for distribution.

Can I submit a presentation, video, or other similar graphics to show during my time?

- Any electronic media that a speaker would like to show during their speaking time may only be utilized IF sent to and approved by the City's IT department at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- Please contact the Communications Department at (361) 826-3211 to coordinate.

Why am I being required to provide a phone number or email address?

- City staff or the City Council may want to follow up with a speaker about their public comment. This may be to help resolve a problem, answer a question, open a discussion, provide additional information, or make a connection.
- Requiring this information will enable city staff or Council Members to contact speakers.

Is virtual public comment an option?

- Virtual public comment, by Webex Video or Phone, is available for the 12:00 p.m. General Public Comment session.
- A valid email address must be provided within the form to receive Webex instructions for video or phone conferencing. To participate, users must log in between 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Participants MUST have a functional Internet connection, microphone, and speakers.

- If using video, users MUST maintain decent attire and a decent environment while participating on the call. Webex administrators reserve the right to cancel calls with persons who do not respect decorum.
- Speaking time limits: up to 3 minutes for Corpus Christi residents and up to 1 minute for non-residents.

Can I make my comments in Spanish?

- Yes. When you sign up, please check the box *yes* when it asks if you need translation services. The city will provide a Spanish to English translator.
- Your total allotted speaking time will double to allow time for your comments to be translated.

How do I speak on a zoning or annexation case?

- Zoning and annexation items are discussed for the first time during the Public Hearing section of the agenda.
- Please check the agenda posted on the City's Electronic Bulletin Board to ensure the case will be heard. The second and final reading of zoning and annexation cases are listed under the Consent Agenda section at the next council meeting.

Can I still submit my comments in writing?

Yes, go to [Public Comment Procedures](#) and click the *In Writing* box for instructions.

What are the Rules of Decorum?

The rules of decorum are part of [Council Policies](#). To conduct the business of the City, and to properly discharge its duty, the City Council must hear in many instances a variety of differing viewpoints. To obtain all relevant information from differing viewpoints, rules of decorum are necessary. Thus, the City Council adopts the rules to assist in the orderly deliberation of matters affecting the City and its citizens.

Public Comment Snapshot

In-Person

- For 12:00 p.m. session: Sign-up online or at kiosk by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.
- Arrive to Council Chambers
- Wait to be called
- State your name & city
- State your comment following the Rules of Decorum

WebEx Video or Call-In

- Sign-up online or at kiosk by 11:00 a.m.
- Check email for instructions
- Login or call-in following email instructions
- Wait to be called
- State your name & city
- State your comment following the Rules of Decorum

Written

- Submit comment form online following the Rules of Decorum
- OR
- Email staff or council members directly following the Rules of Decorum