

ORDER AND DECORUM

The Mayor or Chair has the right to create and enforce reasonable rules to preserve the order and decorum of public meetings. Behavior not allowed includes, but is not limited to:

- Addressing or attempting to address the City Council at a City Council meeting except in conformance and compliance with the rules provided in Section 2.04.170 of the St. Charles Municipal Code.
- Acting in a disorderly manner to disrupt the ability of the City Council to efficiently conduct meetings.
- Acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner.
- Using disparaging, obscene, or insulting language.
- Harassing, threatening, or personally attacking City Council Members, City staff, speakers, or members of the audience.
- Intimidation.
- Outbursts such as applauding, cheering, booing, or use of signs or banners during or at the conclusion of remarks made by any speaker, staff, or City Council Members.
- Disorderly conduct (as defined by state law).



The purpose of public comment is to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the City Council on issues of concern.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING
THE ST. CHARLES
CITY COUNCIL

ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

The Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, was originally enacted in 1957 and sets forth the rules and regulations for public meetings of governmental bodies across the state of Illinois. The Act supports the right of the people to be informed as to the conduct of local and state governments. Open deliberation and action are cornerstones of the Open Meetings Act requirements, along with good faith efforts to ensure convenient access to meetings for all members of the public



MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 2 E. Main Street.

The schedule for committee meetings is on the City's website <https://www.stcharlesil.gov/events>.

Meetings that fall on a holiday will be rescheduled for the next regular business day.

ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

If you would like to address the City Council during the time designated for public comment, please follow these guidelines:

- Wait for the Mayor to ask for public comment.
- Stand or raise your hand and wait for the Mayor to recognize you.
- Approach the podium, state your name and the subject matter you would like to speak about for the record.
- Please speak loudly and clearly into the microphone.

GUIDELINES AND LIMITATIONS

- Speakers should limit remarks directly to the matter being discussed and be as brief and to the point as possible.
- Groups of speakers should consolidate their comments, avoid repetition, and consider having one person represent the group.
- Please do not ask questions of individual City Council Members or City staff.
- It is not required that individual City Council Members or City staff provide answers to the speaker or engage in a debate.
- Speakers should not engage with members of the audience.
- Speakers should not harass,
- City Council Members may ask questions of speakers at the conclusion of their comments.
- Minutes are a summary of the meeting discussion and actions made by the City Council. Requests to append or revise the minutes will not be favored.