



Meeting Date:	October 26, 2026
Submitter:	Blaine Wing, City Administrator
Department:	Administration
Agenda Item:	Discussion of Citizen Participation & Council Rules of Order

Summary: For the past few years City Council has discussed this topic, but checking with the City Attorney, it does not appear that a final policy was ever adopted. Without having an adopted policy, the City is not on solid grounds to enforce verbally discussed rules and regulations.

As such, Attorney Stiff has provided the following background (see attachments) and I have also attached the Naperville code pertaining to this topic, for City Council’s discussion and consideration. Naperville has explicit guidelines for public comments during City Council meetings, and these include a prohibition on personal attacks.

According to the Citizen Participation rules outlined in Section 1-5-6-6 of the Naperville Municipal Code:

“Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Council members, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.” https://library.municode.com/il/naperville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT1AD_CH5M_ACO_1-5-6-6CIPA

This means that while all viewpoints are welcome, including constructive criticism, personal attacks are not permitted. The Mayor or a majority of the City Council may expel individuals who violate these rules or act in a disorderly manner.

Recommendation: Review the history and direct staff and the City Attorney to create language for City Council’s consideration.