

Nome city council meetings are conducted under the parliamentary guidance found in the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order, with modification as outlined in the Nome Code of Ordinances. Most public bodies follow Roberts Rules for consistency and to provide for the orderly transaction of business.

Meetings are broadcast on the GCI Community Channel in Nome and streamed on YouTube. During every regularly scheduled meeting, Council rules provide two opportunities for the public to address the Council under the agenda heading "Citizens' comments".

There is also a public hearing after the second reading of an ordinance before final consideration by the council. If you wish to testify on an ordinance, speaking during the ordinance public hearing is preferred to Citizens' comments.

Citizens' comments are welcomed on items on the agenda or other items germane to city operations, policy or practices. If the Council has no direct or indirect span of control or influence, please consider presenting in another public forum.

After being recognized by the presiding officer, in-person comments should:

- be introduced by stating your name (and affiliation if speaking on behalf of a group or organization);
- be limited to 3 minutes to allow others an opportunity;
- be addressed to the body as a whole, not to an individual council member or staff member;
- not be used as an alternative to other available administrative remedies or procedures;
- refrain from making charges or complaints against any employee by name or other reference which would tend to identify an individual.

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, may modify time limits and shall rule on the appropriateness of a topic, subject to appeal to the Council. "Citizens' comments" is a time for comments, not questions or debate. Council, mayor and staff may respond to comments under appropriate "Reports" section.

If you cannot be present or wish to provide written comments or testimony, please e-mail them to publiccomments@nomealaska.org. To be included as a communication, comments must be received by the agenda cut-off of 5pm on the Thursday preceding a regularly scheduled Monday meeting. Comments received after the deadline will advance to the following meeting.

The City of Nome is under a health-related emergency declaration through June 30, 2021. The council chambers has been set up for social distancing; this may limit number of participants who can be physically in the room.

Until the expiration of the emergency declaration, Citizens' comments, in addition to in-person or written submissions, will be accepted telephonically.

- To sign up for telephonic testimony, call or e-mail the City Clerk's Office by 12:00 noon the day of the meeting. (907) 443-6663 or clerk@nomealaska.org.
- Public testimony will be heard from citizens in the order in which they have signed up.
- The Clerk will call citizens who have signed up to testify at the phone numbers provided when it is their turn to speak.
- If you do not answer the phone, then we will move to the next person on the list.
- The same guidelines for in-person comments (above) apply to telephonic testimony.