

Greenville Human Relations Council

Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2016

6:00 PM

City Hall - Conference Room 337

- I. Roll Call (Sign In-Sheet)
- II. Announcements
 - Welcome
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - August 25, 2016
- IV. Old Business
 - Inclusive Community Breakfast – Feedback
 - Sister City Program
- V. New Business
 - Public Comment Period
 - Connecting People: Planting Seeds to Dismantle Racism–October 27, 2016
Venue: Cornerstone Family Life Center
 - Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, December 1, 2016
Venue: Drew Steele Center
 - 2017 Annual Awards Program
- VI. Comments – Human Relations Council Members
- VII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 27th (No regular meeting – Community Dialogue)
- November 24th meeting rescheduled for December 1st
- December 22nd meeting has been cancelled

**REQUEST TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD
(NO SIGN UP IS REQUIRED FOR SCHEDULED
PUBLIC HEARINGS)**

There will be a public comment period, not to exceed 30 minutes, held after the public hearings in accordance with the attached policy. Individual comments are limited to three minutes and are not to cover topics that have been discussed during public hearings conducted at this meeting or another meeting during this week. If you wish to address the Council during this period, please complete this form and give it to the City Clerk prior to the Council meeting. Speakers will be called on in the order in which the forms were received.



PLEASE PRINT:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOPIC _____

GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160A-81.1, the following policy is hereby established for a Public Comment Period during meetings of City Council.

1. A period reserved for comments from the public will be included as an item of business on the agenda as Public Comment Period for each regular City Council meeting and each joint meeting of City Council and the Greenville Utilities Commission.
2. The Public Comment Period will be placed on the agenda after the public hearings and prior to Other Items of Business at meetings where there is a public hearing scheduled. For other meetings, the Public Comment Period will be placed on the agenda after the approval of the agenda for the meeting.
3. The Public Comment Period shall not exceed a total of thirty minutes, unless the City Council, by a majority vote, extends this limit.
4. Each individual will be allowed no more than three minutes for comments, unless the City Council, by a majority vote, extends this limit.
5. An individual wishing to address the Council during the Public Comment Period shall register with the City Clerk prior to the opening of the meeting by signing his or her name, address and a short description of his or her topic on a sign-up sheet stationed on the podium at the entrance to the Council Chambers.
6. If the thirty minutes allocated to the Public Comment Period has not expired after the individuals who have registered have spoken, individuals who fail to register before the meeting may speak during the Public Comment Period. These individuals will speak following those who registered in advance. If time remains, the Mayor will ask if any other individual wishes to address the Council during the Public Comment Period. An individual wishing to speak should raise his or her hand and ask to be recognized by the Mayor. After being recognized by the Mayor, the individual should state his or her name, address and the topic to be addressed.
7. Items that were or are scheduled to be the subject of public hearings conducted at the same meeting or another meeting during the same week shall not be discussed during the Public Comment Period. At a joint meeting of City Council and Greenville Utilities Commission, items that are not germane to both the City Council and the Greenville Utilities Commission shall not be discussed during the Public Comment Period.
8. Action on items brought up during the Public Comment Period will be at the discretion of the City Council. If the City Council deems that the comment requires action, rarely will action be

taken at the meeting when it is presented. It will likely be referred to staff for review and recommendation.

This policy, adopted April 14, 2011, supersedes previous policies for public comment during meetings of City Council on matters which are not the subject of a public hearing.