

## **Special Meeting, Introduction to Public Comments**

The Victorville City Council is interested in your ideas and opinions, and furthermore endeavors to incorporate them into its deliberations. At the same time, the Council must be able to carry out its business in an organized and efficient manner free from material disruption. Therefore, this meeting will be administered in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.9 and the Council's established policies and procedures.

During special meetings, all testimony is limited to items posted on the special meeting agenda and must be directed solely to the Council. Individual speakers may address the Council once per Public Comment period and once per each Public Hearing item for up to three minutes. Additional time may be allocated for Appeal Hearings in accordance with the City's adopted Policy and Procedures Manual.

For those attending the meeting in person and prior to the meeting being called to order, please either submit a request to speak electronically by using the iPad provided in Council Chambers or by completing a speaker's card and placing it in the clear box located on the counter. If you would like to comment on a Public Hearing item, please submit your request before the Public Hearing item is announced. Although these procedures are not requirements, they are meant to make meetings run more smoothly, to the benefit of all.

For those attending by Zoom, please click the "Raise Your Hand" feature located on the Zoom screen.

Speakers are requested to comment as briefly as the subject permits. To ensure scheduled business is completed, the Presiding Officer may decrease the time allowed for public presentation depending on a variety of factors, including the number of persons wishing to be heard. The Presiding Officer may also take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add.

Open meeting laws do not confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law, nor do they permit Council Members to engage in dialogue during the Public Comment periods.

Audience members may not disrupt, disturb, or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the meeting, and those who do are subject to removal from the meeting pursuant to Penal Code 403. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

### **Closed Session**

All testimony during the closed-session portion of the agenda is limited to the closed-session items posted on the agenda. An opportunity to speak on other agenda items will be provided during the Public Comments section and/or during Public Hearings once the special session reconvenes after closed session.

When comments are invited, the speaker will be called on by name then recognized by the Presiding Officer. The speaker will state the closed-session item number(s) that will be addressed.

### **Special Session**

Individuals may speak on items posted on the special meeting agenda during the Public Comments section and/or during Public Hearings.

When comments are invited, the speaker will be called on by name then recognized by the Presiding Officer. The speaker will state the item number(s) that will be addressed.