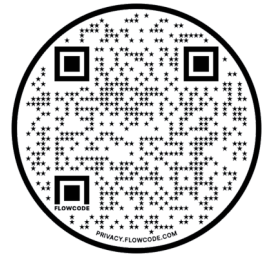




A LINCOLNITE'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS



City Council meets most Mondays at 3 PM except for the last Monday of the month, which is generally held at 5:30 PM. The schedule is subject to change when holidays fall on a Monday. See the schedule by using the QR code above.

All Council meetings are open to the public and are held in the City Council Chambers (room 112) in the County/City Building, located at 555 S 10th St.

Public comments are welcomed at Lincoln City Council during a public comment period, which is held for agenda items during their second reading. If you would like to comment on a matter that is not on the current or future agenda, you may do so at the open microphone session. Open mic is held generally on the second and last Mondays of the month, and the dates and times are listed at the bottom of each meeting agenda.

AGENDA ITEM VS OPEN MIC TESTIMONY

If you are testifying on an agenda item, wait until you hear your agenda item called by the Clerk. First, the Clerk will give the introducer the chance to testify and ask questions of the City Attorney or any relevant department heads and staff. Then, the Chairperson will up the public hearing and call for testimony. Testifiers may be divided into support, opposition, and neutral groups.

If you are testifying during open mic, wait until the Chairperson calls for the open microphone session at the end of the meeting. Testifiers will not be divided into groups, and you are welcome to line up at either podium.

✧ NOW'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE ✧

01

Walk up to the microphone and state/spell your name and address. Sign in on the testifier sheet at the podium.

02

You have 3 to 5 minutes to speak. Colored lights give time cues. Green = go. Yellow = 1 minute. Red = time is up.

03

The Chairperson thanks you for your comments and asks the council if other council members have questions for you. You are welcome to answer questions, but if you don't have the information or aren't confident, you do NOT have to answer or feel compelled to say anything. The council will thank you for your time, regardless.

04

If you hadn't filled out the testifier sheet at the podium, make sure you fill it out before you leave. You can exit right or left of the podium, go back to the seats, or leave to enjoy the rest of your day. You did it!

CITY COUNCIL POLICY FLOWCHART

