

Town Hall Meetings

A town hall meeting is for members of a community to come together to discuss an issue of common concern. Government officials or agencies typically conduct these to present a new proposal that impacts the community or to discuss an emerging issue of concern. The primary purpose is to provide information and collect feedback.

Councilmembers will be in attendance but will take no action, similar to when they attend work sessions. Likewise, while Councilmembers may take notes, there will be no official minutes.

While, by its nature, a Town Hall meeting is more informal than a Council meeting, there are still rules of conduct. The meeting on February 8th will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The moderator will have the option of ending the meeting sooner depending on the number of people who attend.

Generally, the following are accepted rules of conduct during a Town Hall meeting.

- Time limits for each speaker/issue. Time limits exist to ensure that each person attending is allowed to speak and enter into dialog with all present. Time limits will be determined by the number of people who attend.
- People will not be allowed to be disrespectful, to interrupt speakers, to use profanity, or to accuse others.
- People must stay on topic as directed by the agenda, and recognize the moderator as the final authority.
- The moderator has the right to remove anyone from the meeting.
- The moderator will not allow one person or group to dominate the meeting.