



CITY COUNCIL NORMS

Interpersonal and Behavioral Norms:

- ◆ We assume good intentions.
- ◆ When we disagree, we will do so without being disagreeable.
- ◆ We will make space for everyone to speak.
- ◆ We will be respectful, open, and honest in our work and communications with each other.
- ◆ We will exercise humility.
- ◆ When we have concerns with a council colleague, we will address those concerns in a timely, respectful, and constructive manner.
- ◆ We will check ourselves in adherence to our norms and practice self-regulation; however the mayor may nudge us when we need nudging.
- ◆ Don't personalize policy disagreements, or take offense to what someone says as their truth .
- ◆ We will not criticize one another in public.
- ◆ We will seek to build relationships with our council colleagues outside of official duties.
- ◆ We respect each other by minimizing side conversations in our meetings.

Procedural and Process Norms:

- ◆ We will wait to be recognized by the mayor before speaking.
- ◆ We will pay attention to each other; listen and don't interrupt.
- ◆ We don't undermine the decisions made by the council (for example, if you voted against a policy that passed, you will still support the effective implementation of the policy despite not supporting the policy itself).
- ◆ When past or present elected officials are at council meetings, the mayor will publicly acknowledge their attendance.
- ◆ As a rule, we will notify staff of media requests and/or appearances to avoid surprises and staff will support with messaging and coordination.
- ◆ The mayor represents the council to the media on issues of "ends" and will consult with council colleagues as appropriate and staff answer questions on the "means".
- ◆ We will share/repost/link to official city social media but will not engage in debate or dialogue with the public via social media.
- ◆ Council members may reply directly to emails/ calls to acknowledge the message was received; however, they should take the appropriate time to reflect and coordinate with staff and council on an answer before responding.

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