



CITY OF SPARKS
REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Date 3-9-2020

Agenda Item No. 121

Name ELISA WEATHERLY

Address (Optional) _____

City/State/Zip Code (Optional) _____

Phone (Optional) _____

I represent (Optional) _____

I am in attendance concerning: _____

I do not wish to speak, but wish to note my position in favor _____ or in opposition _____

I wish to speak (for use by city: comment was in favor _____ or in opposition _____)

Rules - Addressing the Council - The meetings conducted by the Sparks City Council in the City of Sparks Legislative Building are not public forums. The presiding officer will enforce viewpoint neutral procedural rules to ensure orderly conduct during that portion of the Agenda set aside for Public Comment. In order to allow the City Clerk to properly document those individuals speaking to the City Council, persons desiring to address the Council shall first provide the City Clerk with a written request to address the Council so they may be recognized by the presiding officer.

Manner of Addressing the Council - In order to conduct orderly, efficient, effective and dignified meetings that promote a governmental purpose with a governmental process, public comment may address any agenda item or other public issue that the City Council has the authority to effectuate or exercise control over. Public comment on matters beyond the City Council's scope of authority, not relevant to Council business, does not invoke a governmental process nor serve a governmental purpose and is contrary to the effective, efficient and orderly business conducted by the Sparks City Council, is not permitted. When called by the presiding officer, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, give his/her name and limit the time of his/her presentation to three (3) minutes. All public comment remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body, and not to any member thereof. No person, other than members of the Council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through the members of the Council. No questions shall be asked of the Council members, except through the presiding officer. Speakers shall avoid undue repetition of points previously presented to the Council.

Sound Amplification - The City of Sparks Provides sound amplification during its public meetings for the convenience of the speakers and the audience. Sound amplification, if enhanced by yelling or shouting can cause hearing and equipment damage. Public speakers using the sound amplification shall not disrupt the meeting by yelling or shouting into the microphone while addressing the City Council.

Disruptive Conduct - Any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical may be removed from the meeting by order of the presiding officer. A person willfully disrupts a meeting when he/she (1) uses physical violence, or threatens the use of physical violence or (2) continues to use loud, boisterous, unruly or provocative behavior after being asked to stop, which behavior is determined by the presiding officer, or a majority of the Council present, to be disruptive to the orderly conduct of the meeting or (3) fails to comply with any lawful decision or order of the presiding officer or of a majority of the Council relating to the orderly conduct of the meeting.