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In compliance with N.C.G.S. § 160A-81.1, the City Council establishes the following policy for a public comment period which shall be known as the Public Forum.

1. The Public Forum shall be held on the second Monday of every month during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Council and shall be the first item of business after Approval of the Agenda. The Public Forum shall last no longer than 30 minutes. Any remaining speakers on the Public Forum list that did not get an opportunity to address the City Council will have the option to have their name placed at the beginning of the next scheduled public forum list of speakers.
2. Each speaker shall have up to 3 minutes to address Council on issues related to the City of Fayetteville. No time will be yielded to any speaker by another speaker.
3. Speakers will address Council in the order in which their name appears on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall address Council from the podium and shall not otherwise physically approach Council. Any written comments and/or supporting documents shall be left with the City Clerk.
4. Speakers will be courteous in their language and presentation and shall refrain from personal attacks. The Mayor or other designated presiding officer reserves the right at all times to maintain order and decorum during the Public Forum.
5. Speakers shall not discuss the following matters during the public forum: personnel, litigation, property acquisition, attorney-client privilege, confidential and matters that are the subject of public hearings. Speakers desiring to speak on any of the aforementioned will be directed on the proper procedure for discussing those matters. Speakers will not discuss matters regarding the candidacy of any person seeking public office, including the candidacy of the person addressing the Board.

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6. No dialogue shall occur between the speaker and Council. At the conclusion of the Public Forum, the City Manager or City Attorney may provide rebuttal to any statements made during the Public Forum.
7. Anyone desiring to speak may sign up in advance no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting by in person with the City Clerk in the City Manager's Office Suite, City Hall, 433 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC; by email at PamelaMegill@fayettevillenc.gov; or call (910) 433-1992 and provide their name and address. Speakers with handouts for the City Council are to be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk prior to 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.