

RESOLUTION NO. 20-37

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO
PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (Act), N.J.S.A. 10:4- 6 et seq., City Council meetings are open to the public with a public portion for comments by the public on governmental issues of concern to the residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages members of the public to address the Council in order to permit and encourage public participation at such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the enactment of rules and regulations for the conduct of such meetings and public participation would help clarify the process and encourage the public to participate in City business; and

WHEREAS, the Act permits regulations of the amount of time a person may speak in the public portions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury that the following rules shall be applied to all public comment portions of the City Council meeting:

(1) The public is invited to attend and observe all public meetings of the City Council. Persons shall be heard at any public meeting as provided herein.

(2) At any public meeting for which a member of the public wishes to address the Council, such person may address the Council during those portions of the meeting designated for public participation.

(3) Those who wish to speak will form a neat line at the podium. Individuals shall not call out from their seat.

(4) For individuals who are disabled or unable to come to the podium and wish to speak, a microphone will be brought to them.

(5) After acknowledgment from the Council President, each person to address the Council must state his or her name and residence or business address.

(6) Members of the public are limited to a five-minute time limit to address the Council during a Public Portion. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the President of Council with the concurrence of the City Solicitor.

(7) All questions, comments and dialog must be directed to the Council. The council President or his/her designee will either respond or select another member of

council or professional to do so. No intra-audience dialog is permitted during the open session of any meeting.

(8) Speakers may speak only once during a public portion.

(9) Speakers on both sides of the dais shall treat each other with courtesy and respect. Individuals should refrain from using foul language.

(10) At meetings with unusually large attendance, the Council President may impose such additional rules or time limitations as are deemed appropriate from time to time based on business before the Council and the number of persons wishing to speak.

(11) The Council President or City Solicitor will give one warning of improper behavior. On the next offense, the speaker will be asked to relinquish the floor.

THIS RESOLUTUION IS DULY ADOPTED at the Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury held January 7, 2020.

CITY OF WOODBURY


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:



DANEEN D. FUSS

Clerk

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Carter	✓			
Councilman Fleming	✓			
Councilman Hagerty	✓			
Councilman Johnson	✓			
Councilman McIlvaine	✓			
Councilman Merinuk	✓			
Councilwoman Miller	✓			
Councilwoman O'Connor	✓			
Council President Parker	✓			
Mayor Floyd				

CERTIFICATION

I, Daneen D. Fuss hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council, of the City of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey at the annual reorganization meeting held on **January 7, 2020** at the Gloucester County Ceremonial Courtroom, 1 North Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.



Daneen D. Fuss
City Clerk