

On Mar 4, 2021, at 10:10 AM, marcabe via Elected Officials  
<[electedofficials@bexley.org](mailto:electedofficials@bexley.org)> wrote:

I would like to know what I need to do to be approved to speak for 10 minutes at the next City Council Meeting? Other "invited" speakers are afforded more time than the residents.

At the last meeting, I followed council's standard procedure of limiting my comments to 5 minutes. However, the President provided council and the mayor with time to respond to my comments, which only the mayor elected to do. When I raised my hand several times to respond to the mayor's comments, I was not recognized.

I understand that some people come to council unprepared and thus, waste others valuable time. However, I believe that I have demonstrated to you that I am fully prepared to present my issue(s) to ensure I do not waste everyone's valuable time.

I would like to point out that in all other situations, the public is offered time to respond to comments or presentations, e.g. after a resolution, committee presentation, etc.

It is not a fair and equitable process if the public cannot respond to comments made in direct response to residence's presentation. Maybe a limited 2 - 3 minutes response would suffice.

Please let me know if my request for a 10 minute time slot is approved and if not why?

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Marc Abramson