



## **Public Comment Moves Earlier In 2021 Council Meetings** *Move Intended For Community Convenience & Participation*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-January 4, 2021**-Public Comment has been a staple of City Council meetings and as the digital council dais moves into the New Year, this valuable communications avenue will move earlier in the meeting.

“It has always been a priority for City Council to hear from citizens and public comment is an important avenue to accomplish this,” commented City Manager Gary Suiter. “By moving general public comment to an earlier time, we believe it will allow more people to engage with council sharing their views and insights on items of interest to them.”

As City Council heads into the New Year, general public comment during regular council meetings will now take place after staff reports, or at 6pm (whichever comes first). This portion of the meeting is reserved for items not on that evening's regular meeting agenda. Please keep in mind that during work sessions, it is up to the discretion of a majority of Council to decide whether to accept public comment.

“We know it will take time for the new format to settle in,” continued Suiter. “Council President Lacy will double check at the old time of 7pm during the first few meetings so we don't leave any one out who wishes to make a general comment.”

When called upon by the Council President for general public comment – please identify yourself by name and address. All general public comments are limited to three minutes or less.

Agendas can be found at [steamboatsprings.net/agenda](http://steamboatsprings.net/agenda) for all City Council meetings as well as Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission. In addition to general public comment, citizens can communicate with council via [email](#) or the [online comment form](#), both of which go to all seven members on city council.

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