NEW FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PROTOCOL

In conformity with Ohio Law, guidance from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, and with a desire to continue to permit and encourage participation from citizens in the business of Council beyond the minimum requirements of Ohio Law during the COVID crisis, below are guidelines for citizen participation until such time as we are permitted to return to open public meetings:

1. Citizens can submit questions or comments in advance of the Meeting by email to the City at admin@newfranklin.com. Submissions will need to be received no later than 3pm on the day of the scheduled meeting.
2. Citizens can submit questions or comments during the meeting through the City’s Facebook Page at the end of the Committee Meeting and again at the end of the Regular Meeting.
3. All comments and questions shall be reviewed by Council prior to reading into the record. Council reserves the right to refrain from reading the comment/question into the record if there is any question as to propriety or authenticity. Those citizens whose comments/questions are not read can email or call the City Administration the following day for a response.
4. Names and addresses must be included with all comments/questions, whether submitted in advance or during the Meeting. To prevent any possibility of a comment/question being attributed to a person who did not submit the comment/question, the identity of the person submitting the comment/question will not be announced.

This policy will enable citizens to address their concerns to Council both before legislation is voted upon and after. New Franklin Council has always permitted citizen involvement in excess of what the law requires and we will continue to do so as we deal with the COVID crisis. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

New Franklin City Council
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