

City of Albany

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION FOR VIRTUAL *CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS & OTHER PUBLIC NOTICED MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

NOTICE: Due to Social Distancing Practices in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the public is restricted from attending City meetings in-person.

The City of Albany values input from citizens during its public meetings, whether Commission Work Session Meetings, Utility Board Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings or any other Board or Committee affiliated with the City.

Given the current COVID-19 Pandemic emergency faced by our State, the City Attorney, in consultation with the Georgia Municipal Association's General Counsel's Office, has determined that the following process for citizen comments for public meetings may be reasonably accomplished through the following process.

- The City of Albany will continue to provide "Public Notice" of meetings.
- Meetings of the City Commission and Public Hearings will be broadcast on the City's Mediacom Channel 16 and if the service is available, FACEBOOK Live.
- Agendas, if any, for meetings will be posted on the City's Website at www.albanyga.gov
 - To register to speak on a meeting agenda item, a Citizen's Comment Form may be accessed through the City's Website. <https://www.albanyga.gov/about-us/city-commission/city-clerk-s-office>
 - Complete the form and include the topic you would like to address.
 - Return the form to the City Clerk's Office via fax (229.878.3198) or e-mail (skelly@albanyga.gov) at least 24 hours before the subject meeting.
 - If a citizen would only like to have a comment read into the "official record" of the meeting please indicate that on the form.
 - If a citizen would like to address the Commission/Board or Committee, a City representative will e-mail (if provided) or call the citizen by telephone with specific meeting telephone access information.
 - Please observe proper decorum and time limitations established by the presiding officer.
 - A citizen may also contact their Ward Commissioner to share their comment regarding an agenda item prior to the meeting.

Should you have questions regarding this process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 229.431.2161.

**NOTE: Public Comments for City Commission Regular Meetings are typically not taken. Comments on City Commission Agenda Items are taken during the Commission Work Session.*