

Public Comment at BCC Meetings

Two options after Nov. 1:

Options:	Details:	Decisions Needed:
In-person Model (no virtual comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magnolia Room and overflow seating with social distancing (space limited; can only handle up to 66 people, including staff/BCC) - Paper comment cards are provided to in-person participants to register onsite. - Citizens can call a dedicated phone line and record their comments in advance. - Citizens can submit comments in advance via Clerk's website or email. - All phone message, mail or email comments attached to agenda items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add online pre-registration for in-person comments to help gauge potential crowd size?
Hybrid Model (in-person and virtual) during State of Emergency and afterward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same as all in-person option, plus: - Continue to allow citizens to use Zoom to access the BCC meeting during the State of Emergency (with social distancing requirements in place). - Continue using virtual comments after the State of Emergency has been lifted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which items do we want to allow virtual comments for? Citizens to be heard and agenda items only? Public hearings? Quasi-judicial? (Quasi-judicial requires swearing in speakers and is not recommended by the CAO.) - Require pre-registration up to a day in advance? For both virtual and in-person participants, or just virtual only?
Hybrid Model (in-person and virtual) during the State of Emergency, then in-person only afterward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same as the hybrid model during the State of Emergency but discontinuing virtual comments once the State of Emergency has been lifted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which items do we want to allow virtual comments for? Citizens to be heard and agenda items only? Public hearings? Quasi-judicial? (Quasi-judicial requires swearing in speakers and is not recommended by the CAO.) - Require pre-registration up to a day in advance? For both virtual and in-person participants, or just virtual only?

What other counties are planning to do during pandemic:

Hillsborough	Hybrid model , pre-registration required for virtual and in-person, 45-min limit for public comment at beginning of meeting
Pasco	Hybrid model , pre-registration for virtual required, citizens only allowed to speak before video kiosk (not in room), reads email into record if citizen-requested in advance.
Manatee	In-person only , planning to allow live telephone comments in the future
Polk	In-person only
Sarasota	Hybrid model , pre-registration required for virtual and in-person