Process of separate debates on a motion with amendments

President invites Mover of Motion to move motion

Mover of Motion speaks and moves motion (up to 15 minutes)

President proposes the question on motion

President invites designated public officer and Members to speak [Note 1]

Designated public officer speaks on motion (no time limit)
Members speak on the motion (up to 15 minutes)

Mover of Amendment proposes amendment when called to speak (up to 15 minutes)

President proposes the question on amendment and invites designated public officer and Members to speak [Note 1]

Members speak on amendment [Note 2]

Where no other Members and designated public officer wish to speak, President invites Mover of Amendment to reply (up to 15 minutes)

President puts the question on amendment to vote

Members vote on amendment

President declares result

President invites those Members who have not yet spoken on the motion to speak

Members speak on the motion (or motion as amended) (other amendments may be moved by Members when called to speak and new debates are held

Where no other Members wish to speak,
President invites designated public officer to speak again (no time limit)

President invites Mover of Motion to reply (up to 15 minutes)

President puts the question on motion (or motion as amended) to vote

Members vote on motion (or motion as amended)

President declares result

- Note 1: President may invite designated public officer to speak at the start of the debate after the Mover of Motion has spoken and at the end of the debate before the Mover of Motion makes his reply. In separate debates on motion and amendments, designated public officer may speak more than once during any of the debates.
- Note 2: All Members including the Mover of Motion may speak on the amendment during this separate debate. There was a practice in the pre-1997 Legislature that any Members who spoke on both the motion and the amendment during the debate on the amendment would not be allowed to speak again on the motion (or motion as amended) after the Council had voted on the amendment.