

1 **Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact Chapter 2, Division 2 of the Code of the City of**  
2 **Hampton Entitled “Meetings” by Amending Sec. 2-43 Pertaining to Citizen Comment at**  
3 **Public Comment Periods**

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5 **DIVISION 2. MEETINGS**  
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8 **Sec. 2-43. Order of business—Regular meetings.**

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10 At every regular meeting of the council, the order of business shall be as  
11 follows:

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13 Call of the roll.

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15 Invocation/Pledge of allegiance.

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17 Consent agenda for the meeting, as prepared by the clerk of the  
18 council and to include consideration of the minutes of the previous  
19 meeting, ordinances believed to be routine and noncontroversial,  
20 and any other items believed by the clerk of the council to be  
21 routine and not controversial in nature; provided that, a member of  
22 the council may, by request, have any item moved from the consent  
23 agenda to the regular business agenda. Removal of an item from  
24 the consent agenda by an individual council member shall require  
25 twenty-four (24) hours notice to the city manager, city attorney or  
26 clerk of council, or the concurrence of three council members at the  
27 meeting. The consent agenda shall be approved in toto by motion  
28 and roll call vote.

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30 Presentations, proclamations and awards.

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32 Regular business agenda, as prepared by the clerk of the council and  
33 to include all public hearing items and general business items of  
34 which he has been notified by any of the following persons: the  
35 mayor, at least three (3) concurring members of council, the city  
36 manager or the city attorney by 12:00 p.m. on each Friday following  
37 the second Wednesday each month, (i.e., the "regular meeting  
38 agenda deadline"). Items submitted after the regular meeting  
39 agenda deadline for any given meeting shall be included on the

40 regular agenda only with the approval of the city manager.  
41 Members of the general public recognized to speak at public  
42 hearings on the regular business agenda or to speak to other  
43 matters on the regular business agenda shall be allotted three (3)  
44 minutes speaking time, and shall only be permitted to use the city  
45 audio-visual equipment during their allotted speaking period after  
46 submission of the material to be displayed to the office of the clerk  
47 for virus screening and software compatibility no less than two (2)  
48 business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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50 (6)  
51 *Public comment. Members of the general public who have signed*  
52 *up to speak outside the public hearings on the regular business*  
53 *agenda on matters of public concern shall be allotted three (3)*  
54 *minutes speaking time without regard to any attempt by others to*  
55 *yield time to the speaker. Persons recognized to speak shall only*  
56 *be permitted to use the city audio-visual equipment during their*  
57 *allotted speaking period after submission of the material to be*  
58 *displayed to the office of the clerk for virus screening and software*  
59 *compatibility no less than two (2) business days prior to the*  
60 *scheduled meeting.*

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62 ~~(6)~~(7)  
63 Reports by city manager, city council, staff or committees.

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65 ~~(7)~~(8)  
66 Miscellaneous new business, to include and be limited to the  
67 opportunity for members of the council, the city manager and the  
68 city attorney to be heard concerning matters relating to the  
69 business of the city: No initiative requiring a vote by council, except  
70 when subject to a specific time constraint or determined to be an  
71 emergency by a majority vote of council, shall be presented on the  
72 floor by a council member under new business.

73 ~~(8)~~(9)  
74 Such order of business shall not be departed from except by the  
75 consent of four (4) members of the council.

76 ~~(9)~~  
77 ~~Public comment. Effective September 1, 2014, members of the general~~  
78 ~~public who have signed up to speak outside the public hearings on~~  
79 ~~the regular business agenda on matters of public concern shall be~~

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