



ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR COMMENT PERIODS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eleven

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 5 “Administration of Government”, Part 2 “Board of Aldermen”, Article III “Rules and Order of Business”, Section 5-14, “Order of Business”, of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new underlined language, as follows:

“§ 5-14. Order of business.

- A. The order of business for regular meetings of the board of aldermen shall be as follows:
- ~~A.~~(1) Aldermanic president calls assembly to order;
 - ~~B.~~(2) Prayer to be offered by the city clerk;
 - ~~C.~~(3) Aldermanic president or his designee leads in the pledge to the flag;
 - ~~D.~~(4) Roll call by the city clerk;
 - ~~E.~~(5) Remarks by the mayor;
 - ~~F.~~(6) Response to the mayor's remarks;
 - ~~G.~~(7) Recognition of a city employee, citizen or organization by the board's president commended to the board by the mayor, the board's president or vice president, or any member;
 - ~~H.~~(8) Reading of minutes of previous meeting and public hearings;
 - ~~I.~~(9) Communications, to include a period for the acceptance of written communications and a period not to exceed 15 minutes for the acceptance of orally presented communications or comments from the public or others relative to resolutions or ordinances for that meeting. If there is a reasonable expectation

by the president of the board that final action shall be taken on an order of business not on the agenda or considered in a communication, the president shall allow comment on that item of business.

~~J.~~(10) Petitions presentation and disposal thereof;

~~K.~~(11) Such nominations, appointments and elections as may be in order;

~~L.~~(12) Reports of committees;

~~M.~~(13) Confirmation of the mayor's appointments;

~~N.~~(14) Business unfinished at the previous meeting;

~~O.~~(15) New business, which may be introduced by any member;

~~P.~~(16) Communications to include a period not to exceed 15 minutes for the acceptance of orally presented communications or comments from the public or others;

~~Q.~~(17) Remarks by the aldermen;

~~R.~~(18) Adjournment.

B. Meetings of standing committees of the board of aldermen shall include the following:

- (1) Public comment at the beginning of the meeting, for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes per presentation;
- (2) Public comment at the end of the meeting, for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes per presentation; and
- (3) Remarks by the aldermen.”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2011

ORDINANCE:

O-11-50

PURPOSE:

Providing for comment periods at committee meetings

ENDORSER(S):

Alderman-at-Large Barbara Pressly

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE:

None.

ANALYSIS

This ordinance provides that standing committee meetings would include two public comment periods and time for remarks by aldermen.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dowdy Clarke

Date: January 4, 2011

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Endorsed by

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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING JANUARY 11, 2011

Referred to:

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2nd Reading MARCH 22, 2011

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed MARCH 22, 2011

Indefinitely Postponed _____

Defeated _____

Attest: [Signature] City Clerk

[Signature] President

Approved _____

TOOK EFFECT SEVEN DAYS AFTER PASSAGE
WITHOUT THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE - MARCH 30, 2011

Mayor's Signature

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President