



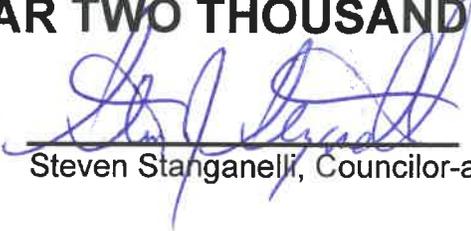
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Steven Stanganelli, Councilor-at-Large

**BILL No.** 2023-132

  
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**An Ordinance** to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 13<sup>th</sup> Session Rules – Rule 5D: Filing Deadlines

**Summary:**

This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 13<sup>th</sup> Session Rules – Rule 5E: Order of Business

**Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:**

That the City of Amesbury shall adopt changes to Rule 5E: Order of Business of the Rules of Procedure for the Amesbury City Council – 13<sup>th</sup> Session as previously adopted in 2022-036.

Rule 5E – Order of Business shall be changed as follows:

Change 1: Every instance of “regular meeting” shall be changed to “regular business meeting.”

Change 2: The order of business shall be changed as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Act on Minutes
  - b. Mayoral Appointments
  - c. Licenses and Permits

- d. Acceptance of Non-Matching Grants
- e. Other Administrative or Clerical Matters
- 5. Correspondence
  - a. President/Vice President Communications
  - b. Communications from Mayor, other Elected Officials, Boards, and Commissions
  - c. Council Communications, Announcements, and Committee Reports
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Council Response to Public Comment
- 8. Pole Hearings
- 9. Second Readings
  - a. Public Hearings\*
- 10. First Readings (new business)
- 11. Adjournment

Change 3: Public Hearings

Public Hearings shall be changed as follows:

“ \* Public Hearings at City Council meetings are limited to:

<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Statute/MGL</b>
Annual Budget	MGL Chapter 44 §32
Borrowing/Loan Authorizations	2/3 Vote- Not required by MGL but may be required for certain items through Bond Counsel
Dangerous Dog Hearing	MGL Chapter 140 §157
Free Petitions	City Charter
Grants of Locations	MGL Chapter 166 §22
Storage of Flammables Licenses (new & amendments)	MGL Chapter 148 §13
Tax Classification Hearings	MGL Chapter 40 §56

After any referred matter has been heard at a Committee and the Committee has completed any relevant reports or agreed to a recommendation (positive, negative, neutral, or revised), the Chair of each respective Committee shall inform the Council President so that the matter may be added to an agenda for a regular City Council meeting. “

Change 4: Order of Business for non-business meetings

Section 5E will be changed to add the Order of Business for non-business and/or Workshop Meetings as follows:

“ At every non-business or Workshop Meeting of the City Council, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Correspondence
4. Communications – Presentations or Training
5. Review of Old/Outstanding Business or Q&A with Administration Staff
6. Public Comments
7. Council Response to Public Comments
8. Adjournment “