



NORFOLK

CITY OF NORFOLK
AGENDA OVERVIEW
For April 26, 2011 Meeting
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

This information was prepared to help residents and other interested persons better understand the Norfolk agenda process. It describes proposed City Council actions that are scheduled to be considered by the City Council at its next formal meeting.

It is important to note that the City Council may decide to change or defer an item from its agenda. While every effort is made to notify the public in advance, given the criticality of an item, City Council may also make changes at the meeting.

Below is a list of the topics for the meeting, followed by a brief description of the impact if each item is approved. For ease of reference, each agenda item is discussed in the affirmative. However, in some cases the staff and/or an advisory board to City Council (such as the Planning Commission) may have recommended that the Council not approve the matter.

RECOGNITION & PROCLAMATIONS

This is a time allotted to formally recognize individuals and community organizations for their contributions or achievements. Also special events and activities may be acknowledged at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

These agenda items are matters required by law or ordinance or are items of significance. The Mayor will invite citizens to comment on each item as it is called on the agenda. The Mayor will close the hearing before the Council takes action on each public hearing matter.

Nothing this meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

These agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the City Council prior to the time the Council votes on the motion to adopt.

Nothing this meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

*The City Council takes action by adopting either ordinances or resolutions under this section of the agenda. **Resolutions** usually establish City Council policy or direct certain types of administrative action. **Ordinances** are laws adopted by the Council which usually amend the Municipal Code or modify zoning designations.*

R-1 Zoning Text Amendment

If approved, this ordinance will amend the *Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norfolk, 1992*, as amended to add a development certificate process with a waiver provision and to allow gasoline stations by a special exception. Approval is recommended.

R-2 Accept the Hampton Roads Bomb Squad Initiative Grant for \$15,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

If approved, this grant will allow for the acceptance and appropriation of funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to provide funding for the purchase of equipment to support our Homeland Security Bomb Squad Unit. Approval is recommended.

R-3 Regulating Small Performances in Parks and on Sidewalks in Norfolk

If approved, the City will add a section to the Norfolk City Code pertaining to small performances in parks and on sidewalks. Approval is recommended.

R-4 Special Exception for an Electronic Changeable Copy Sign at 1150 East Little Creek Road – Freedom Furniture & Electronics

If approved, the request would allow an electronic changeable sign at 1150 East Little Creek Road.

R-5 Accept the FY 2010 Port Security Grant for \$566,220.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

If approved, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management FY 2010 Port Security Grant will provide funding to purchase a 31 ft. SAFE boat and dive equipment to enhance port security; therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance which will allow for the acceptance and appropriation of funding in the amount of up to \$566,220.00. Approval is recommended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA RELATED MATTERS

If you wish to address the City Council, you should complete and submit a “Request to Speak” form to the City Clerk before the start of the Council meeting. When your name is called, please approach the lectern and speak clearly into the microphone, stating your name and address for the record.

Due to the number of items on the agenda and the length of City Council meetings, speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.