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## City Amends Order of Meetings but Maintains a Public Comment Period

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg City Council made a minor amendment to the order in which its meetings will operate.

On Tuesday, January 10, at the regularly scheduled council meeting, council members voted unanimously to move the opportunity for members of the public to comment to the end of the meeting, which will be included with “other matters” on the agenda.

Public comments will still be welcome at each meeting. This change was made to allow those presenting to Council and for Council to first address the general business that needs to take place at the meetings.

During the November 29, 2016 council meeting, the order of the council agenda was discussed and tabled until the newly elected members met at their first meeting on January 3, 2017.

Members of the public have a variety of options to communicate with Council members on an ongoing basis and are not limited to just sharing their opinions at council meetings. Such options include emails, letters, phone calls, posting messages or questions to the city’s social media sites, and posting eComments to [www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org](http://www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org), once the meeting agendas have been posted.

Be Heard Harrisonburg is an online platform, where members of the public can comment on the current agenda, post ideas, support what the like, or join in the discussion.

Council members welcome communication from members of the public at anytime, not just within the context of council meetings.

Contact information for council members and details on upcoming meetings is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/city-council](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/city-council).

To view the most current agenda, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/agendas](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/agendas). Public hearings that will be held at upcoming council meetings are also posted online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-hearings](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-hearings).

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