

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009, 5:30 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Diane Weldin at 5:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Patrick Palmer, Bill Hodge, Chad Hanson, Karen Schmidt, Craig Eckhardt and Steve Harms. Mayor Weldin invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Weldin called for a motion to approve the **agenda**. Motion by Eckhardt. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. Dan Schipper, Hampton Fire Dept. Association, advised they received word that their new truck would be delivered in the next 7-10 days, and box would have to be ordered.

Committee Reports: **Finance and Personnel** report given by Eckhardt. Motion by Eckhardt, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the renewal of employment agreement with Doug Tarr for 07/01/09 - 06/30/12. Roll call vote: Ayes - Eckhardt, Schmidt, Harms, Palmer, Hodge and Hanson. Nays - None. Motion approved. In consideration of increasing the hourly rate for foreign language interpreters, Eckhardt made a motion to approve the hourly rate for foreign language interpreters at \$20.00 per hour for non-certified interpreters and \$25.00 per hour for certified interpreters. Roll call vote: Ayes - Hodge, Hanson, Schmidt, Harms, Palmer and Eckhardt. Nays - None. Motion approved. **City Services** report given by Palmer, reviewing details of the meeting held just prior to this Council session, giving updates to the pool information. Public Assets report given by Hodge; next meeting August 18th.

New Business: Debbie Kalousek, Main Street Hampton, presented an activity report and request street closures on August 28th and 29th for Ham Jam. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Palmer, to approve the proposed street closures for Ham Jam for August 28th and 29th.

City Attorney Mike Cross addressed the Council regarding pending action for dilapidated properties in Hampton, noting options for the City to consider; take titles, demolition of condemned structures could be billed back to taxes, but asbestos removal requirements are also a factor. Cross recommends the City take title to properties first, then remove the structures and resell the properties, citing State Code 657A. Eckhardt and Schmidt voiced concerns of the City's expense in cleaning up the properties, when the landlord has enjoyed prior profits without bearing any financial responsibility in correcting the problem. Matter tabled for further discussion at the next regular session.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt for consideration of approval of the second pay request for progress on the Airport Lighting Improvement Project. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Palmer, to approve the Airport Lighting Improvement Project Progress Payment #2, in the amount of \$48,825.93. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Palmer, to approve the final pay request for CDBG Project, located at 828 6th Street SW, in the amount of \$5,665.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Eckhardt to approve claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, totaling \$167,923.25. Seconded by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Schmidt to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the July 28, 2009, Regular Session, and scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, August 25, 2009. Second by Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept., reviewing written report of department activities and plans to continue with quadrant assignments for nuisance patrol. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director, advised today's water main upgrades for the Highway 65 Project resulted in discovery of several old mains not previously documented, noting the project is continuing on schedule. **Ron Dunt**, City Manager, commented the truck for the Fire Dept. will cost \$38,283. He thanked residents in northeast Hampton for their patience today with water service interruption and pressure reduction. Dunt reviewed his summary of recent attendance of the IaCMA Conference, and he reminded pool customers of the deadline for submitting refund request forms is this Friday, August 14th., at 5:00 p.m.

Council Reports: **Eckhardt** - Appreciation of street improvements and concerns of City extra expense for animal pound fees from citizen irresponsibility with their pets. **Schmidt** - Encouraged those who voted no in the recent election for reallocation of L.O.S.T. revenues to attend Council meetings to answers to their questions and concerns. **Hodge** - Recently received photos of unidentified properties from an anonymous source. **Palmer** - Read a prepared statement regarding his views of the recent campaign by those opposed to the L.O.S.T. reallocation election and his plans to run for re-election this fall. Harms and Hanson had nothing to report. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin** - Expressed thanks to staff for their reports.

Motion to adjourn by Hanson at 6:45 p.m. Second by Hodge. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment 6:45 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin