

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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, Chad Hanson, Karen Schmidt, Craig Eckhardt and Steve Harms. Bill Hodge absent. 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 Harms. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. Karen Mitchell, FCDA gave an update on the Hwy 65 Business sign program. Brook Boehmler, Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Director thanked the council for the use of Bandshell Park for Summerfest.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to Chief Ray Beltran for details of the investigation of a dog bite incident for a **Vicious Animal Hearing, involving a dog owned by Francisco Eduardo Hernandez, of 402 3rd Avenue SW #3, Hampton, Iowa**. Opportunity was given to the owner and others present to address the City Council on the matter. Owners were not present. Chief Beltran indicated that the dog in question has been removed from city limits. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Eckhardt, to declare the dog in question as vicious, and Order of the City Council to be served to the owners, requiring permanent removal of the dog from the City limits as allowed under Code Section 56.02 or have it destroyed in a humane manner within three (3) days, and providing evidence of the disposition of the animal to the City of Hampton. Roll call vote carried out: Ayes - Palmer, Harms, Schmidt, Hanson and Eckhardt. Nays - None. Motion approved, and Council Order for removing the dog from the city limits to be served on the owner by the Hampton Police Department.

Committee Reports: Finance and Personnel report given by Eckhardt. City Services report given by Palmer. Public Assets report given by Palmer.

Old Business: Recommendation directing City Attorney action on nuisance vacated or abandoned properties; Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt for options offered by the City Attorney for the Council to consider. 1) The City of Hampton will seek court orders for abatement and/or demolition of nuisance properties, accessing expense to the property taxes. 2) The City of Hampton will seek court orders for acquisition of deeds to nuisance properties, proceed with abatement and/or demolition and then sell the properties. 3) The City of Hampton will address the nuisance properties on a case-by-case basis for individual action to be taken through the City Attorney's Office. After addressing the council, City Attorney Mike Cross asked the council to authorize him, City Manager and Public Works Director to determine the action necessary with nuisance properties. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Eckhardt, to approve authorization for the City Attorney, City Manager and Public Works Director to determine a course of action on a case-by-case basis for action to be taken on nuisance vacated or abandoned properties. Roll call vote: Ayes - Hanson, Eckhardt, Schmidt, Palmer and Harms. Nays - None. Motion approved.

New Business: Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding proposed temporary part-time Public Works employee position, pending return of full-time employee. Dunt explained the short-staffing resulting from the absence of a full-time Public Works employee for medical leave and requested Council approval of temporary employment of a part-time individual with past experience for seasonal work at a rate of \$11.84 per hour, until such time the full-time employee is able to return

to work. The part time position will average 32 per week. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Harms, to approve temporary part-time Public Works position employee at \$11.84 per hour (the specified part-time wage in the union contract), pending return of full-time employee. Roll call vote: Ayes - Eckhardt, Harms, Schmidt, Palmer and Hanson. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt for details for Council consideration of approval of professional services proposal for Progress Park master plan. Dunt reviewed information submitted by two engineering firms, SVPA Architects Inc. and Yaggy Colby Associates. Schmidt emphasized the importance of a master plan for future park improvements. Steve Kline, Leslie Kline & Lukas, also indicated that the plan will give a professional vision and strategy to consider with park improvements. Motion by Palmer, seconded by Schmidt, to approve professional services proposal for Progress Park mater plan submitted by SVPA Architects, in the amount of \$\$2,795.00 plus reimbursable expenses. Roll call vote: Ayes - Hanson, Palmer, Eckhardt, Harms and Schmidt. Nays - None. Motion approved.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Eckhardt to approve claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, totaling \$166,283.90. Seconded by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Eckhardt to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the August 11, 2009, Regular Session, scheduling a Special Session Workshop - Public Forum on Aquatic Center Planning for Monday, August 31, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at City Council Chambers, scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Harriman Park Shelter #6 (due to school board election), approval of application for outdoor service Beer Permit for Main Street Hampton's Ham Jam, Bandshell Park, August 29, 2009, and approval of Liquor License renewal for Pakoda's Steakhouse, 719 Central Avenue W, Hampton, Iowa. Second by Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept.; **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director; and **Ron Dunt**, City Manager.

Council Reports given by **Harms, Eckhardt, Schmidt, Palmer**. **Hanson** had nothing to report. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**; appointing Karen Schmidt, Darin Schrader and Russell Wood to serve as members of the Rehabilitation Committee for Hampton Housing Rehabilitation Program, as required by the program to address any grievances that may be filed.

Motion by Palmer to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment 6:43 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin