

Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Hampton City Council Workshop Session

The Council met at 6:00 pm. Members present were; Freie, Davies, Mollenbeck, Hickman, Lukensmeyer and Pralle. Mayor Boehmler called the workshop to order. Also present were Police Chief Bob Schaefer, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt.

There was no public comment.

City Manager Dunt reviewed information related to a proposed engineering services agreement with SEH, with a not to exceed fee of \$2,500 for the 140th Street to Imperial Road water main extension. The consensus was to place on the 1-26-17 agenda for consideration.

City Manager Dunt then presented the proposed FY18 budget. The budget presented includes a balanced General Fund budget. This proposal results in no change to the current general property tax levy of \$13.81 per thousand of taxable valuation. The Employee Benefits levy as proposed, would remain constant at \$3.30/thousand and the Property/Liability levy has been increased by 2 cents. It also included some capital projects, street improvements, infrastructure improvements, purchase of patrol car, mini-excavator and end-loader as well as facility maintenance. Suzanne Knipfel, Assistant Librarian, provided the council with some information related to the library funding request. Suzanne indicated she would have Kim Manning, Library Director attend the council meeting on Thursday for further funding discussions. The council will decide final library funding at a future meeting. The consensus of the council was to approve the remaining funding requests of the other entities as requested. Chief Schaefer presented his request for a new patrol car. After much discussion, the consensus was to include the patrol car in the budget.

Hampton Fire Department representatives Clay Miller and Scott Strother updated the council on the truck needs for the department and sought direction from the council on financing options. The department is in need for a new pumper truck which is estimated to cost \$250,000-\$300,000. Mayor Boehmler and Ron Dunt explained two financing scenarios the council is considering; bonding for the purchase with repayment of debt through the use of the debt service property tax levy or seeking reallocation of the Local Option Sales Tax revenues. The consensus of the council is preference of reallocation of the LOST in lieu of increasing property taxes. Ron explained that he anticipates the city will be able to pay off the aquatic center bond debt early, which would allow the council to propose a new resolution specifying reallocation of LOST revenues to include Fire Department needs, Police Department needs, Aquatic Center operations and other legal purposes as determined by the city council. Clay and Scott indicated the Fire Department would support such a reallocation. With this being the consensus, Ron will work with the city's bonding attorney to determine potential timelines for reallocation by public election.

After discussion, the workshop concluded at 8:55 p.m.