

Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Hampton City Council Workshop Session

The Council met at 6:06 pm. (Immediately following the Special Council Session for Public Hearing and Adoption of the FY18 budget) Members present were; Davies, Lukensmeyer, Pralle, Mollenbeck, and Hickman. Absent; Freie. Mayor Boehmler called the workshop to order. Also present were Police Chief Bob Schaefer, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt. Special Guest TJ Howard was in the audience. TJ is an intern working at the SBDC office on the NIACC campus.

There was no public comment.

Mike Danberg, SEH and Larry Adams, Adams Construction, presented a time extension request from Adams Construction for the library improvement project. Adams is seeking a new completing date of May 1, 2017 due to unavoidable delays. The consensus of the council was to place the request on the March 9, 2017 council agenda for approval.

Doug Tarr presented his findings of reviewing the 300 block of 10th Ave NE (Shear Court) and the 10 block of 5th Street NE for parking issues. Some residents expressed the city review parking on these streets. Tarr recommended no changes on 5th Street and no on street parking on the 300 block of 10th Ave NE (currently allows parking on either side). Residents on 10th Ave are requesting that parking only be allowed on the North side. Council will discuss the matter at the next council workshop and hope to hear neighbor input on the matter.

Mayor Boehmler re-capped the discussions held at the Community Housing Forum held on March 2, 2017. He was pleased with the turnout and has had 14 phone calls from individuals who attended the meeting. He also indicated that 2 land owners are willing to donate land to be developed for residential. The goal was to initiate some discussions with interested stakeholders leading up to the soon to be released housing study. Mayor Boehmler encouraged people to volunteer to serve on a housing committee for further study and input.

Mayor Boehmler explained to the council some concerns voiced of too harsh of rental housing code. Although some frustrations were expressed with the local court processes, the council feels the code enforcement and rental housing enforcement efforts are reasonable and appropriate at this time.

After discussion, the workshop concluded at 6:48 p.m.