

Minutes of the January 19, 2026, Hampton City Council Budget Workshop

The Hampton City Council Budget Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom and YouTube. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jeanne Fay, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. Dave Nielson addressed the council regarding the condition of the youth baseball diamonds and parking around it.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with the draft ordinance of regulation for keeping chickens in town. The council discussed. Chicken owners Sarah Kolb and Jennifer Gruelke were in attendance and provided feedback. The council asked staff to research information regarding zoning regulations. It will be discussed a future workshop.

City Manager Dunt suggested a change to the calendar for budget meetings. The budget workshop that was scheduled for Monday, January 26th has been canceled, and a budget meeting for Tuesday, February 3rd has been added to the calendar. City Manager Dunt also informed the baseball members in attendance that repairs to the baseball diamonds have been included in the FY27 budget considerations.

The Workshop ended at 6:52 pm.