

## **Minutes of the February 9, 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. Becky Palmer addressed the council regarding comments made about the municipal band and library at the previous budget workshop.

Library Director Suzy Knipfel provided the council with the Library Foundation's financial role to the library and highlighted recent projects the foundation has helped fund. She also informed the council she would be requesting \$10,000 more from the foundation for FY27 at their meeting in May. The council asked various questions.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with the proposed FY27 levy information. The levy for FY27 is \$14.85, which is down \$1.06 from FY26. The date for the first public hearing on the max levy will be set at the regular session on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Dunt informed the council there are a few items that need to be discussed in closed sessions. The consensus of the council was to have the closed sessions on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The workshop ended at 6:31 pm.