

Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council 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. Council members in attendance were Kevin Blanford, James Davies, Bill Hodge, Jerre Grefe, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also, present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and City Manager Ron Dunt. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. There was none.

Police Chief Mark Morrison and Public Works Director Doug Tarr gave an update on nuisances. The police department has been starting a push leading up to city cleanup days hoping citizens will take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of junk out of their yards. Tarr reported that they have been working to address possible leaks at the old pharmacy building. Morrison and Tarr then opened it up for questions from the council.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, gave an update on the East Park bridge project. Crawford has worked with both the Army Corps and DNR to determine design compliance requirements. Preliminary estimates received indicated the project would cost between \$450,000 and 500,000. The project costs are exceeding original expectations. The consensus of the council was to investigate alternative options for necessary access to the old waste water treatment plant property without bridge replacement due to cost. More discussion will be held at a future workshop.

The council held a brief discussion on increasing council pay. The consensus of the council was to leave council pay as is.

City Manager Dunt gave an update on the pickle ball nets. They arrived last week. Staff is starting to assemble and check for damage to the equipment as several of the boxes had damage when delivered.

The workshop concluded at 6:31 p.m.