

Minutes of the April 8, 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, Bill Hodge, Jerre Grefe, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. James Davies participated via ZOOM. Also, present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, and City Manager Ron Dunt. Public Works Director Doug Tarr was absent. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. Brent Hansen of the Hampton Fire Department gave an update on Fire Department Activities and announced that the Hampton Fire Fighters Association will be making a monetary donation to the City for the new fire truck purchase.

Police Chief Mark Morrison gave an update on nuisances. The police department issued 16 citations in the last week and attached compost pile and community cleanup information to encourage citizens to take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of junk out of their yards. They have also been working on compliance with some larger complexes.

Bill Hittle, of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce discussed fair parade route plans with the council and asked for input from the council.

The council discussed a request for street closure from La Luz for their Gran Festival event on June 8, 2024. The consensus of the council was to place the item on the April 11, 2024 council meeting agenda for consideration by the council.

The council then discussed a request from La Luz to have food vendors twice a month in front of La Luz from noon to 6:00 pm starting in May 2024. The consensus of the council was to discuss this request as part of their continued discussion of food truck rules at a future workshop meeting.

Councilman Lamos expressed concerns regarding the street sweeper. City Manager Dunt indicated that there was a mechanical issue and City staff is working on it.

The workshop concluded at 6:27 p.m.