

Minutes of the April 21, 2025 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 and YouTube. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Bill Hodge, Bill Holmstrom, Jerre Grefe, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, City Manager Ron Dunt, 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. There was none.

Chief Morrison reported the police department is continuing to send nuisance notices. Morrison also reminds the public you must call Center 1 to schedule a pickup for the clean up event, items are NOT picked up from the curb automatically. Notice has been sent to the Coonley building for nuisance violations. Public Works Director Tarr reported the shingles have been removed from 321 5th St SW and the fire department will be burning down in the future.

Chief Morrison informed the council he has hired Bo Brass from Hampton to fill the open officer position. Brass will attend a future council meeting to meet the council.

A road closure request from La Luz for the June 7th Grand Festival was briefly discussed. There was no representative from La Luz in attendance. The road closure request will be on Thursday's agenda.

Chief Morrison presented the council with the finalized vicious animal ordinance that is ready for the first reading. The major changes to the code adds safeguards for impounding dogs, streamlines the process, and includes micro-chipping. He also informed the council there will be a vicious dog hearing on Thursday, that will be under the old code. Council Member Holmstrom questioned if there would still be an appeal process with due process for the owner. Chief Morrison ensured there is still a process to appeal with the new ordinance, the time frame is just shortened to 72 hours. After discussion, the consensus of the council was to have the first reading of the ordinance on Thursday's agenda.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with the FY25 budget amendment and answered questions from the council. The date for the public hearing of the budget amendment will be set at Thursday's regular session meeting.

The workshop concluded at 6:45 p.m.