

Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Mayor pro tem Davies read a prepared statement of expectations and guidelines which will be followed for public comment. Mayor pro tem Davies then offered time for public comment. There was none.

Chief Morrison gave an update on nuisance enforcement. Public Works Director Tarr reported that staff will be treating some standing water areas with larvicide to prevent mosquitos. Tarr also said grass and weed checks started and gave an update on the recent water main break and related boil order. The main repair went well, and he thanked staff for their efforts. Councilman Lamos expressed his thanks to the City employees for their efforts as well. City Manager Dunt gave a summary of the drinking water distribution that took place. He thanked Bill Hittle, Joel McWilliams, and Jeremy Bidwell for their help with the distribution.

Doug Pralle, DT Pralle Enterprises requested permission to temporarily park a camper adjacent to the commercial hangar he rents from the city. His intent is to have a spray pilot employee utilize the camper for the month of July due to some difficulties securing a suitable site elsewhere. After some questions from council, the consensus was to place the request on the next council session agenda for consideration.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with a drafted noise ordinance. Dunt noted the draft was a hybrid of other communities' ordinances. After discussion, the consensus of the council was to have the city manager have the city attorney review and finalize.

City Manager Dunt reported he accompanied V & K to look at 4 & 6 1st St NW to gather information to include in their scope of services proposal. Dunt also indicated that he had a local auctioneer look over the contents. He indicated that there was not a substantial amount of value to the personal property. Public Works Director Tarr updated the council on staff's efforts to patch the area where water continues to be a problem.

City Manager Dunt explained to the council that given the increasing cyber-attack risks and AI developments, he felt it was time to secure cyber insurance coverage for the city before we have an incident. He had given the insurance agent the approval to obtain coverage. Consensus was this was a good step.

City Manager Dunt presented Municipal Code Chapter 16.04 Compensation of the Mayor Pro-Tem. After discussion, the council consensus was to not make any changes.

The workshop concluded at 6:37 p.m.