

Minutes of the June 10, 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, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Mayor Steve Birdsall was 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 offered time for public comment. There was none.

Chief Morrison and Captain Halsne presented the graduates from the 1st Annual Police Citizens Academy with certificates. Morrison reported they have started planning the next annual police citizens academy and are looking to hold it in February next year.

Police Chief Morrison gave an update on nuisance enforcement. Public Works Director Tarr encouraged the council to explore the area southwest of the library as property owners are making major transformations on houses to abate recent notices that had been sent. Tarr also answered various questions from the council.

City Manager Dunt informed the council that State House File 2681 regarding speed cameras was signed in May. In it there is a population restriction that cities 20,000 or less cannot use a mobile system to issue traffic citations, so Hampton will no longer consider traffic speed cameras.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with an open records request policy draft. The draft will be included as a resolution on the agenda for Thursday.

City Manager Dunt provided the council with an update on the properties at 4 & 6 1st St NW. Last week a second company came and toured the property and will be forming a proposal for the process of securing the structure. Dunt also said the portion of the roof that was leaking and causing water issues next door has been repaired.

The workshop concluded at 6:22 p.m.