

Minutes of the July 8, 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 in the audience. 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.

Public Works Director Tarr and Police Chief Morrison updated the council on Nuisance properties. More citations will be at court on July 18th. The city council asked various nuisance related questions and Chief Morrison provided some data on calls for fireworks complaints over the holiday.

Mayor pro-tem Davies presented his nomination for the July 2024 Image of Pride award to be property at 317 N Federal owned by Brian Tolstad and Laura Piper. Mr. Tolstad expressed his appreciation to the council. The nomination will be acted upon at the July 11, 2024 regular session.

Suzy Knipfel, Hampton Public Library Director gave an update of activities at the library and answered questions from the city council.

City manager Dunt outlined some Image of Pride discussion items for the council to consider for the program moving forward. After discussion, the consensus of the council was to have staff draft the proposed changes and present at a future workshop.

City manager Dunt reviewed the details of proposed revisions to section 56.05 Seizure, Impoundment, and Disposition of Vicious Animals. Chief Morrison will research what other communities require for microchipping vicious animals. After questions and discussion, the consensus of the council was to have the city attorney do a final review and have at a future meeting.

The workshop concluded at 6:58 p.m.