

Minutes of July 20, 2026, Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom and YouTube. Council members in attendance were Jim Davies, Jeanne Fay, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, 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. Sara Kolb stated her interest in proposing a new zoning district that would combine ag activities and residential with restrictions.

Mayor Birdsall asked the council to consider allowing Jim and Matthew Meyer, 1208 Central Avenue East, 45 days to complete their real estate title transfer, record it, and present a request to the council for permission to have sheep on the property. If approved, the council would then immediately follow with another first reading of ordinance 411 for consideration. Matthew Meyer stated that they would attempt to meet the 45 day deadline. The consensus of the council was to move forward with this plan. The Meyers will keep the city updated on progress.

Chief Morrison presented information related to bikes, skateboards, scooters, and e-bikes for the council to consider. After much discussion, the consensus of the council was to work towards educating the community on safety and proper operation. The council will continue discussion at a future workshop.

City Manager Dunt presented data of city financial investment in four residential nuisance properties that were acquired through the courts. The council discussed options for disposing of the properties. The council will continue discussions at the next workshop.

The workshop ended at 6:38 pm.