

Minutes of the July 22, 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. The City Attorney was ill last week so a number of the court cases were continued. Those that were assigned a special prosecutor were tried and a couple of court orders were obtained. Chief Morrison and Public Works Director Tarr answered questions from the council.

Derek Johnson from ISG Inc. presented an engineering service proposal for 4 and 6 1st St NW. He explained the different phases of the proposal and answered various questions from the council. The consensus of the council was to have the proposal on the agenda for Thursday's council meeting.

Public Works Director Tarr presented the council with JoAnn Kellison's request to add a loading zone parking for 403 7th St SW. Tarr clarified it was not ADA parking, loading zone only and Kellison was agreeable with that when meeting with Tarr and Chief Morrison last week. Tarr and Chief Morrison will reach out to the board of directors to make sure they are agreeable with a loading zone designation.

Public Works Director Tarr addressed the council regarding parking on the 400 block of 4th Ave SE near South Side School. He has met with the construction company putting in the new parking lot at South Side and for safety reasons feels it would be beneficial to have no parking on the south side of the 400 block of 4th Ave SE. Tarr and Chief Morrison will meet with school staff for further clarification on the bus routes and input.

The council reviewed the updated Noise Ordinance from the City Attorney. After discussion, the council asked Chief Morrison to buy a decibel meter to do sound-level testing on current generators being used prior to the first reading of an ordinance.

The workshop concluded at 6:27 p.m.