

Minutes of the August 5, 2024, Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall 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. Also present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, City Manager Ron Dunt, 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. There was none.

Public Works Director Tarr and Police Chief Morrison updated the council on nuisance properties. The City Attorney continued the court cases for another week which has caused some frustration. Chief Morrison and Public Works Director Tarr answered questions from the council.

City Manager Dunt and Public Works Director Tarr gave updates on a variety of projects that are in process or will be starting soon. Those projects include: the old pharmacy building, water plant improvements, airport runway and apron, street project, sidewalks, tree removal in cemetery and tree removal in right-of-way, stump removals, hydrant painting, and concrete patching. The council asked various questions about the projects.

The council discussed a proposal for FY25 wage adjustment for the permanent part-time position now earning the same as a beginning seasonal part time worker. The consensus of council was to consider a \$15.50 wage at the Thursday, August 8 meeting.

The workshop concluded at 6:36 p.m.