

Minutes of October 19, 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. Sarah Kolb apologized to Council Person Lamos for comments she made to him at an inappropriate time and place. She also addressed the council regarding the notification letter she received for the expiration of her 1-year chicken exception.

Chief Morrison introduced Officer Fernando Mota-Rojas as the **newest member of the Hampton Police Department**. Officer Mota will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy January 2027.

John Robbins, Senior Planner at NIACOG, reviewed the updated **Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Data Center Policy**. Air quality standard was looked into but falls under State and Federal standards, not city level. The council will hold a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Data Center Policy at Thursday's regular session.

Chief Morrison presented the updated **draft of an e-bike ordinance**, that included the requested changes from the previous council workshop. Chief Morrison will look into the "average watt" reference and the first reading will be on the regular session agenda for Thursday.

The workshop ended at 6:25 p.m.