

Minutes of November 20, 2025 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 and YouTube. Council Member Kristin Roode participated via ZOOM. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Greffe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr.

Mayor Birdsall read the Mayors Leadership Statement. Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. Jeanne Fay shared the results of a Facebook poll she sent out asking if the Hampton City Council should amend the ordinance to allow backyard chickens within city limits. 5 people voted yes, 4 people voted no, and 10 said yes, but with restrictions.

The council then had a lengthy discussion regarding chickens in the City of Hampton. Topics covered included property size, coop size, chicken run size/fenced in area, hens only, maximum number of chickens allowed, egg sales, property inspections, and not allowing at properties that have been convicted of a nuisance in the last year. Chicken owners Butch and Jennifer Gruelke and Sarah Kolb were in attendance and gave information to the council.

The consensus of the council was to include the topic of chickens on the Monday, December 8, 2025 council workshop. This will give each council member ample time to do additional research before finalizing what to include on a proposed Ordinance for review by an attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.