

Minutes of December 8, 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 6:04 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through ZOOM and YouTube. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, Patrick Palmer, and Kristin Roode. 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. There was none.

City Manager Dunt discussed the two underground fuel tanks at the airport. The water department does ground water monitoring periodically since there is a drinking water well withing 300 feet of the underground tanks. When tested this fall, a sample came back with higher-than-normal TPH levels. The airport capital improvement plan includes a project that would remove the underground fuel tanks and replace them with an above the ground fuel tank. Given the age of the underground tanks, and the recent testing, Dunt is suggesting prioritizing this project and seek FAA funds to help fund the project in fiscal year 2027. Carl Byers from Bolton & Menk, provided additional details regarding the project and grant funding. Consensus of the council was to proceed.

The council had a lengthy discussion regarding potential chicken regulations in the City of Hampton. The council discussed various topics and suggested combining ideas to one list. A draft list will be created. Chicken owner Jennifer Gruelke was in attendance and provided information to the council.

Parking regulations in 300 block of 3rd Ave SE was discussed. The consensus of the council was to have no parking on the north and south sides of 3rd Ave SE from 4th St SE west to the alley. After the ordinance is drafted, the first reading will be held.

City Manager Dunt informed the council the public works employees union agreement has been dissolved. He recommends at the regular session Thursday, the council votes to recognize the union has been dissolved and the public works employees will be 100% covered by the employee handbook with no other agreements. The consensus of the council was to include it on Thursday's regular session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.