

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. 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 invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda**. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

The Mayor read the **City Leadership Statement**.

Council Workshop Report: The Mayor presented the Council Workshop Report from October 20, 2025.

Public Comment: Matt Johnson addressed the council regarding another dog incident he recently had. Jennifer Gruelke and Sarah Kolb addressed the council regarding their pending chicken requests.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Consider awarding the **October 2025 Image of Pride award to Marv and Carole Kracht** for property located at 122 Wilshire Circle. Motion by Palmer, second by Davies to award the October 2025 Image of Pride award to Marv and Carole Kracht. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider request for **street closure by Elisa Van Wert, Greater Franklin County Chamber, for Halloween Howl**. Motion by Lamos, second by Holmstrom to approve request for street closure for Halloween Howl. Motion approved unanimously.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, presented **Change Order #1 for 2025-2026 Street Rehab Program in the amount of \$7,385.00**. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve Change Order #1 for 2025-2026 Street Rehab Program. Motion approved unanimously.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, presented **Contractor Pay Request #1 to Heartland Asphalt in the amount of \$250,261.04 for the 2025-2026 Street Rehab Program**. Motion by Lamos, second by Davies to approve Heartland Asphalt Pay Request #1. Motion approved unanimously.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, presented **2025-2026 Street Rehab Program**. Retainage in the amount of \$13,171.63 was withheld and will be released no sooner than 30 days from the date of acceptance. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve the 2025-2026 Street Rehab Program and release retainage no sooner than 30 days from date of acceptance. Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt presented **FY2025 Street Finance Report**. Motion by Palmer, second by Lamos to acknowledge receipt of FY2025 Street Finance Report. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider request for **chickens on property owned by La Varne Arnold Gruelke Jr. and Jennifer Gruelke** at 1000 4th St SE. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve request for chickens on property owned by La Varne Arnold Gruelke Jr. and Jennifer Gruelke at 1000 4th St SE for a period of 1 year. Ayes: Davies, Holmstrom, Palmer, Grefe. Nays: Lamos, Roode. Motion passed.

Consider request for **chickens on property owned by Taylor J. Kolb and Sarah Marie Kolb** at 1620 140th St. Motion by Palmer, second by Davies to approve request for chickens on property owned by Taylor J. Kolb and Sarah Marie Kolb at 1620 140th St for a period of 1 year. Ayes: Grefe, Palmer, Holmstrom, Davies. Nays: Roode, Lamos. Motion passed.

Consider request for **chickens on property owned by Maricela Rodriguez Muratalla** at 1013 4th St SE. Motion by Palmer, second by Davies to approve request for chickens on property owned by Maricela Rodriguez Muratalla at 1013 4th St SE for a period of 1 year. Ayes: Davies, Palmer, Grefe. Nays: Lamos, Roode, Holmstrom. Mayor: Nay. Request denied.

Approval of claims. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the **claims as submitted by Staff** in the amount of \$368,624.33. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: The Council considered the **third and final reading of Ordinance 407: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 69.08 OF THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS THERETO DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL NO PARKING ZONES.** City Manager Dunt read a written statement from Dustin Halverson opposing the ordinance. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 407. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Lamos, Roode, Grefe. Nays: Palmer and Davies. Ordinance 407 approved and adopted, effective upon publication.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Grefe, second by Roode to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, October 9, 2025 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by Police Chief Morrison, Public Works Director Tarr, and City Manager Dunt. **Dunt announced the burn ban will be lifted from November 1, 2025-November 30, 2025.** Burning during said 30 days shall only be allowed from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until darkness, “darkness” being defined as when the streetlights come on, and for yard waste only.

Burning of yard waste shall not occur at a proximity of less than 20 feet from any structure or building and shall be supervised by a competent person at all times and shall not be left unattended until the fire is completely extinguished.

NOTE: If the smoke generated is excessive, persons may be instructed to extinguish the burn until items are drier and likely to create less smoke. Windy conditions may also result in the need to refrain from or stop open burning. Violations will be enforced with the potential for citations and fines for non-compliance.

Council Reports given by Davies, Holmstrom, Lamos, Palmer and Grefe.

Mayor’s Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Lamos, second by Roode at 7:19 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Steve Birdsall