

City of Hampton
Workshop/Council Meeting
February 09, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Hampton City Hall

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham, Councilmembers Tarpley, Moore, Meeks, and Byrd. Mayor
Hutchison and Councilperson Hearn were not present. Also present: City
Manager Tommy Engram; City Attorney, Scott Mayfield; City Clerk, Kim
Drinkall and
Chief Austin.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the Public Hearing to order and turned it over to Stacey Jordan, Planner II from Henry County Planning and Zoning. Mr. Jordan gave the Council an overview of the Main Street Overlay District, Ordinance No.416, is regarding residence above commercial buildings, this would allow a permanent use. Mr. Jordan stated at the present time it is a conditional use. There was no public input.

Mr. Jordan stated at the current time the City of Hampton has no regulations regarding cemeteries. If the Council passes Ordinance No. 417, it would regulate new cemeteries and the expansion of existing cemeteries with specific guidelines. He stated this was based on the County's cemetery Ordinance. The public gave no input.

Mr. Jordan stated Ordinance No. 418 would change the zoning from R2 to C2 for properties located at 9 James Street, as well as the AT&T property to the east, as well as City owned property to the north, which includes the maintenance yards and fire station. Mr. Jordan stated historical uses for these properties has been commercial. No public input was received.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 pm; and opened the workshop meeting.

City Manager, Tommy Engram, presented to Council a proposal for monitoring our water meters, stating a onetime fee of \$81,747.00, this would be the built out cost. After that, the yearly data hosting fee would run \$15,468.00. City Manager, Tommy Engram, stated this system would let us know if there is a water leak at a residential home before they get billed a large amount. The City would contact the resident and inform them they have a large usage of water so they could check to see if they had a leak.

The City Manager, Tommy Engram, informed the Council that Sterling Bank extended the period of the bond for Hampton Court, LP for an additional 6 months to allow Hampton Court, LP to do any repairs, remediation, stabilization, or maintenance needed for soil, erosion, and sedimentation control in Hampton Court Apartments.

Community Development Director, JD Matthews, informed the Council that Henry County needed a letter from the Mayor authorizing a reduction in the required parking spaces for the new Senior Center. She stated according to our regulations would be 31 spaces short.

Community Development Director, JD Matthews, asked the Council which weekend they would like to have the Spring Cleanup. After a brief discussion; it was decided the Spring Cleanup would be held on April 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to adjourn from the workshop meeting at 6:22 pm. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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Mayor Pro-Tem called the regular meeting to order, invocation was given by Councilperson Moore.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Council meeting minutes January 12, 2016 as published. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council meeting minutes January 25, 2016 as published. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the Special Called Council meeting minutes January 29, 2016 as published. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Bud Dover, 4003 Emmerson Court, McDonough, stated he was with the Hampton Youth Association. The Youth Association was once again asking the City for their support. Mr. Dover stated the money they receive from the City goes to help the children whose parents cannot afford the registration fee also for operational expenses. Councilperson Moore asked Mr. Dover how much the City had given in the past. Mr. Dover stated last year the City gave \$4,000.00, but the years before that they had given \$6,000.00. Councilperson Moore asked if this was a budget item. The City Clerk informed him it was not in this year's budget. Councilperson Tarpley asked if the association only services Hampton children. Mr. Dover stated it only services children in Hampton. Councilperson Moore asked Mr. Dover what percent was needed over the operating budget to operate. Mr. Dover stated their operating budget was around \$60,000.00 dollars and an estimate of the amount needed was approximately \$8,000.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham informed the citizens that on the advice of the attorney the city could not give charitable contributions. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham informed Mr. Dover the city would give a letter in writing of their decision.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to amend the agenda to discuss the Mayor writing a letter to the County authorizing the reduction in parking spaces from 134 to 103 at the new senior center. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Bill Dodgen, 13 Shelby Street, asked the Council if the retention pond at the senior center was on the County side or the City side. Mr. Dodgen complained to the Council at how long it took the County to start this project that was voted on by SPLOST. He encouraged the Council not to give any property for a retention pond, he also questioned who would do the storm water. Mr. Dodgen, also expressed his concerns at the City for not donating to the Youth Association, he stated he hopes this was not a trend. He also suggested that Council go to the County Parks and Recreation and asked them for the operating budget. He stated it seems they should be able to provide the City for the information they are requesting.

Ms. Candy Franklin, 39 West Main Street, gave compliments to the City for the new website, however she stated there were several grammar mistakes, McBrayer Park was not listed also Councilpersons Mitcham name was misspelled. She stated these mistakes make the City look bad.

Ms. Kathy Pillatzki, 13 Emory Street, congratulated the new Councilmembers, she stated while she was out campaigning several items were mentioned over and over. She stated although she did not get

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elected she would still like to address the items that were brought to her attention and try to get them resolved. The first item was the north side of Hampton there are no sidewalks. She stated citizens living there mentioned they have no sidewalk to walk to the downtown area on. The second item, Ms. Pillatzki ask the Council to revisit the recycling, she stated several citizens were wanting some sort of recycling in Hampton. The next item was Ms. Pillatzki's concern over the citizens of Hampton paying property tax for Parks and Recreation at the same rate the County does. She stated she went to the County to ask if tennis lessons could be taught at the McBrayer Park, she was told they would think about it, yet nothing gets done. She asked the Council to put pressure on the Commissioners for District 2, to see if they could offer something while the senior center is being built. The last item Ms. Pillatzki mentioned was a lot of the customers did not understand their utility bills. They were asking how long it will take to pay the sewer debt off. She stated the City should not only communicate the good stuff, but also should communicate the bad stuff to the citizens. Ms. Pillatzki mentioned she had a lot of compliments on the Police Department and thanked them for their service.

Councilperson Moore stated just this week he witnessed three different times a Hampton Police Officer was assisting a citizen with changing a tire or opening a locked car. He complimented the Hampton Police Department for a job well done.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 414, to amend Chapter 2 of the code of Ordinances entitled "Administration"; to amend Article II entitled "City Council"; to amend Chapter 2-99 entitled "Effective Date of Ordinances". The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 415, to amend Chapter 6 of code of Ordinances, which provides for alcoholic beverages; to amend Article II entitled "Alcohol License Required"; to amend Article VIII entitled "Permit Required; Employment of Minors". The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the request by Ms. Jessica America Vazquez for a licenses to sell malt beverage, wine beverage and distilled spirits sales by the drink at Tierra Mia Mexican Cuisine Inc., located at 14-16 East Main Street, Hampton, GA. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham read a Proclamation proclaiming February 19, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Hampton.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 416, An Ordinance to amend multiple sections of Chapter 67 of Code of Ordinances, which provides for zoning; to create a new code section entitled "Main Street Historic Overlay District". During discussion, Councilperson Byrd said he would like to change section 67-168 (h) from "regulating parking shall not apply to properties located in the Main Street Historic Overlay District" to "regulating parking shall not apply to existing properties located in the Main Street Historic Overlay District". During discussion, the City Attorney stated he would have to research if the City could regulate only certain properties, he stated this is treading on constitutional rights. He stated the Council could approve the first reading with that amendment, and before the second reading he would research it. After a brief discussion,

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Councilperson Byrd stated to leave the Ordinance the way it is presented and they would wait until the City Attorney researched it. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 417, An Ordinance to amend Chapter 67 of Code of Ordinance, which provides for zoning; to create a new code section entitled "Cemeteries". The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No.418, An Ordinance for the purpose of rezoning multiple properties in the City of Hampton, and to amend the official zoning map of the City of Hampton. During discussion, Councilperson Tarpley asked if it would be conducive to C-3 High Density instead of C-2. Mr. Jordan Planner for Henry County stated the reason for C-2 was to accommodate the historical use of the thrift store. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 419, An Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Places"; to create a new Article V to be entitled "Utility Accommodation Policy". The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the County to authorize the reduction of parking spaces from 134 to 103 at the senior center. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to surplus the City hall sign, to remove the sign and to investigate the possibility of repurposing the sign. The motion passed unanimously (4-0)

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Mary Ann Mitcham, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Kim Drinkall, City Clerk