

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Council Meeting  
March 8, 2016 @ 6:00 pm  
Hampton City Hall

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham, Councilmembers Meeks, Tarpley, Byrd, and Moore. Also present: City Manager, Tommy Engram; City Attorney, Scott Mayfield; City Clerk, Kim Drinkall, and Chief Austin.

City Manager, Tommy Engram, gave an overview of a five year Capital Program. He stated a five year plan would help elected officials and staff understand vision for the community. He also stated Grant funding is available in cycles that do not match the City's budget, and having a five year plan would allow the City to apply for grants that could fund projects in future years. City Manager, Tommy Engram listed the service areas on the five year capital plan, Administrative, Electrical system, Water and Sewer, Streets and Sidewalks, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Main Street\Economic Development, and Sanitation\Recycling.

Public Work Director, John Spraggins, stated the last system study of the electrical system showed we are at max capacity in certain areas; he stated we have one feed that comes into the City. The system study was also for another alternative feed.

Mr. Spraggins also stated he had contacted a leak detection company, they could come in the City and check all 41 miles of water lines to look for leaks for a minimal amount of money. Councilperson Tarpley asked if the City had the equipment to detect water leaks. Mr. Spraggins stated we did have the equipment to detect for leaks however we did not have the time or manpower to cover all 41 miles. He did state if they know of a leak they are going to fix it.

Main Street Director, Denise McKay Sharpe, stated she is looking for sponsorship to cover the cost for the concert series they are trying to coordinate. She stated they are looking to have it at the old city shop location, they have the stage, and have talked to some of the residents in the area to see if they were receptive to having a concert there. The reason for this concert is to see if the citizens would be prospective to an amphitheater. Councilperson Byrd asked if all the residents in that area wanted a concert to be held there. Mrs. Sharpe stated some of the residents in the area were contacted but not all of them.

Ms. B.J. Bloom, 17 James Street, stated she did not want the concert to be held there, she stated this is not the place to hold a concert, it would be right in her backyard. This would do nothing but bring trouble. She stated she likes going into her back yard and listen to the birds not to music. Councilperson Moore stated they could look at an alternate location like McBrayer Park.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to adjourn the Workshop meeting. The motion passed (4-0). The Workshop meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and invocation was given by Councilmember Meeks.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting, January 30, 2016, as published. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Council Meeting, February 9, 2016, as published. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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Mr. Bill Dodgen, 15 Shelby Street, asked the Council to approach the County over the recreation center they removed from the SPLOST list. He stated this recreation center was on SPLOST 3, and was never built due to lack of funding. He stated they did not put the recreation center on SPLOST 4. He stated the same amount of people use a recreation center as a senior center. On SPLOST 3, \$ 2.8 million was marked for the recreation center and \$ 2.9 million for the senior center. Now on SPLOST 4, the senior center went to \$3.5 million with no recreation center.

Mr. Alfred Williams, South Hampton, stated all the building is going on by I-75, he stated the City needs to make demands on the County to support the City. He stated if kids do not have a place to go they will get into trouble. The City needs this recreation center.

Mr. Ed Toney, 894 Upper Woolsey Road, stated he served on the SPLOST board, what is on a list has to be built at some point in time if funding is an issue. He informed the Council they scaled the recreation center way back.

Linda Dodgen, 15 Shelby Street, stated according to the rules, Hampton should have three senior centers, now the County needs City property to put a retention pound on for the senior center. She stated the Council in other Cities raise hell and get things they want, Hampton just continues to eat the bird seed the County feeds us. She stated this administration needs to step up and stop eating the bird seed the County feeds us.

Cindy Hearn stated she had to address something that was stated earlier about kids need some place to go to stay out of trouble, she disagrees with this statement, she believes we as parents have to take control of our children, and parents have to get behind their kids. Ms. Hearn also thanked the Police department over an incident that happened to her daughter-in law, Mrs. Hearn informed the Council a man knocked on her daughter in laws door at night and her husband was not home, she opened the door thinking it was her husband only to find a man stating he was from AT&T and wanted to discuss her bill. The Hampton Police were called immediately and apprehended the man. Mrs. Hearn asked the Council if there were any laws that could prevent door to door solicitation. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham said she would like to put this in the Public Safety Committee, to make all of Hampton no door to door solicitation. City Attorney, Scott Mayfield, stated the First Amendment gives people right to go door to door. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham stated maybe the committee could discuss times to allow door to door solicitation.

Ms. Candy Franklin, 39 West Main Street, informed the Council the City web site still does not list any City Parks, also there grammar mistakes throughout the site. She stated the City paid almost \$10,000.00 for this site and it has several errors. She also asked the Council if City businesses could be put on the website.

Mr. Jeff Robinson stated he was running for District 2 Commissioner along with Mr. Ed Toney.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, for reason of discussion, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 416, 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, Section 2 (h) regulating parking was still unclear, Councilperson Tarpley asked why the City is excluding the property that does not have a standing building on it. Councilperson Byrd stated if the property were to be built out with apartments on top and there were no parking regulations, there is a possibility the apartments would use up a lot of the commercial parking.

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Mayor Pro-Tem stated the Ordinance in front of them did not state that, she recommended postponing the second reading until the proper documents were in front of them. Councilperson Meeks withdrew his

motion to pass the second reading. Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to postpone the second reading of Ordinance No. 416, until the next scheduled Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the second 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. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the request from Mayte Castillo Arreola of La Michoacana Mexican Restaurant for a malt beverage, wine and distilled spirits by the glass. The restaurant is located at 1074 Bear Creek Blvd., Hampton GA. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to appoint Tiffany Wilson as the Pension Secretary for the City of Hampton. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Tarpley recommended Mr. Alfred Williams, Ms. Veronica Adkins, and Mr. Keith Strickland, to serve on the Ethics Committee for the City of Hampton. Councilperson Meeks recommended Mr. Myron McIntyre. During discussion, Councilperson Meeks suggested the Council interview the citizens that were recommended to serve on the Ethics Committee, since only three positions were open and there were four recommendations. Councilperson Tarpley stated she would withdraw her recommendation of Ms. Veronica Adkins. Council agreed to appoint Mr. Alfred Williams, Mr. Keith Strickland, and Mr. Myron McIntyre.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve Resolution No. 16-02, a Resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with Stallings Financial Group Inc. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve Resolution No. 16-03, a Resolution to authorize the adoption of a pay scale for employees. During discussion Councilperson Meeks stated he had a lot of questions that needed to be answered, he suggested they have a called Council meeting to discuss the pay scale. The motion failed 3-0, with Councilperson Byrd abstaining from voting.

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Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to postpone Resolution No. 16-03, to call for a Special Called Council Meeting to discuss this Resolution. Councilperson Meeks restated his motion to include an executive session at the Special Called Council Meeting. The motion

passed unanimously 3-0, Councilperson Byrd abstained from voting. The special called Council meeting was set for Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 9:00 am.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore to postpone Resolution No. 16-04, a Resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with Tantalus Systems, Inc., to revisit this again in June. The motion passed 3-1 with Councilperson Tarpley voting no.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve Resolution No. 16-05, a Resolution to accept an application of Southern States, LLC, for annexation of 17.64 +/- acres pursuant to O.C.G.A §36-36-20, *ET SEQ.*; to confirm that the application satisfies certain conditions under State Law; to direct the City Attorney to notify Henry County of the proposed annexation. During discussion, the City Attorney, Scott Mayfield, stated the Resolution presented to the Council states the property would be rezoned. He stated the applicant has not applied to rezone the property and he would correct the Resolution to read the applicant has not applied to rezone the property. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, for reason of discussion, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 420, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of code of Ordinances of the City of Hampton, Georgia, entitled "Business Regulations"; to create a new Article X11 to be entitled "The Hampton Downtown Enterprise Zone" and sections thereunder. During discussion questions were asked about the incentives that would be offered to the new business. Main Street Director, Denise McKay Sharpe, stated the business would have to apply for these incentives, and they would not apply to the residential in the Enterprise Zone. She stated each business would be required to produce at least five jobs, and that a husband and wife would count as one job. After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the following items as surplus.

1983 GMC Bucket Truck - VIN# 1GDG7D1B1EV503687  
 Castrol Oil Tank - Serial# 28174  
 Castrol Oil Tank - Serial# 27988  
 Staples Paper Shredder – SPL-XC240P  
 Sharp Calculator – 6D01996Y  
 Fujitsu Fi-6110 Scanner – 508811  
 HP C6280 Printer – SDG08-0714  
 Cash Drawer Media Plus – 226125161372E5  
 Cash Drawer ECD 200 – 645-0243-00  
 Ithaca Series 150 Receipt Printer – MOD-153-P  
 IBM Monitor – 88- n6879  
 IBM Monitor – 88-K4481  
 2 Itron Hand Held Units – 419623, 419615  
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The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm to go into Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem called the Regular meeting back to order at 8:51 pm.

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:52 pm. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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Mary Ann Mitcham, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Kim Drinkall, City Clerk