

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Hampton City Hall

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham, Councilpersons Tarpley, Meeks, Byrd, Hearn and Moore. Also present City Manager, Tommy Engram, City Attorney, Scott Mayfield, City Clerk, Kim Drinkall and Chief Austin. Mayor Hutchison was not present due to illness.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the workshop to order and asked Mrs. Hutchison to give the Council and Citizens and update on the Mayor's Condition. Mrs. Hutchison stated the Mayor and her felt the love of the citizens through their prayer. She stated the infusion treatments the Mayor has been receiving to fight the melanoma have been making him very sick and has caused several problems. The doctors decided to do plasma transfers to clean his plasma from the infusion treatment. Mrs. Hutchison stated the Mayor is doing really good and the doctors say he can come home on Friday. Mrs. Hutchison stated the Mayor sent his love to everyone and thanked everyone for their prayers. Mrs. Hutchison also stated Art in Unusual Places will be held on Saturday the 14th, and encouraged everyone to get their tickets, which could be purchased at City Hall for \$5.00.

City Manager Tommy Engram gave his report stating he has initiated an administrative change in the flow of proposals. He stated this would slow down the process of approving items, however, it would give the Council more information and time for them to ask questions and give options to the Manager. Tommy Engram gave the proposal for the pavilion and concession stand at McBrayer Park. He stated this would be funded through service upgrades and the cost would be determined by a bid. Tommy Engram gave the proposal for the tiny tot playground at McBrayer Park, stating this will be placed on the Southside of the existing pavilion by the splash pad. The cost would be \$23,910.00 of which \$11,000.00 would be funded from service upgrades and \$12,910.00 would come from capital improvements.

Tommy Engram gave the proposal to re-shingle the mansard portion of the roof on the Fortson Community Center. The cost will be \$5,280.00; this is a capital expense from the SPLOST IV in the proposed budget amendment.

Tommy Engram gave the proposal to change GPS vendors. The purpose of this proposal to replace Sprint with Verizon as our GPS vendor is to achieve a savings in monthly charges. This will fall under the annual operating expense under departmental budgets.

Tommy Engram gave the proposal for one digital message board near the depot, he stated this would cost \$21,650.00 and would be a capital expense, that would come from service upgrades.

Tommy Engram gave the proposal for the design of City Hall renovations, stating this would cost \$11,750.00 funded out of the SPLOST IV for the budgeted year 2017.

Tommy Engram discussed the option of transferring the Wilson House to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the purpose of conveying that property to the Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center and Child Advocacy Center (SCSAC-CAC) Board. He stated this would come before the Council for a vote at the June meeting.

Tommy Engram asked Main Street Director Denise McKay Sharpe to present the next two items.

Denise McKay Sharpe informed the Council that she has received \$10,535.00 in donations for the Summer Concert Series. Four Concerts have been scheduled beginning May 14, after the Jail House 5K, then on June 17, July 15 and August 19. She stated that Councilperson Moore was making no parking signs to place on one side of the road. The time for the concerts has been changed to 7:30 pm to 9:30

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pm so they can get the people out of there before 10:00 pm. Mrs. Sharpe encouraged all the Councilmembers to attend.

Mrs. Sharpe stated two Main Street board member's positions are up for reappointment, Mr. Glenn Golden and Mr. Britt Evans. Both Mr. Evans and Mr. Golden are business owners within the City of Hampton, and both have agreed to serve an additional term. Mrs. Sharpe stated by-laws limit members to two consecutive two-year terms; both are eligible for one additional consecutive term.

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to adjourn the workshop meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham adjourned the Workshop meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the Regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm; invocation was given by Councilperson Hearn.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham received consensus from the Council to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Council meeting April 12, 2016 and the Special Called Council Meeting May 4, 2016 as published.

Mr. Brad Jones, ASLA Landscape Architect from Jacobs Engineering, presented to the Council a conceptual plan for the McBrayer Park and the proposed park behind the senior center. He stated the estimated cost for this conceptual plan for the McBrayer Park would be \$1,000,000.00. The estimated cost for the park behind the senior center would be \$800,000.00. He stated these improvements could be done in increments. Mr. Bill Dodgen made a suggestion to move the basketball court to the Coley Park. Councilperson Tarpley stated the County did take out the recreation center at the senior center, she said it will take a concentrated effort on Hampton to voice our opinions to the County. Councilperson Tarpley also informed the Council that she has polled several children about moving the basketball court to Coley Park; she stated the children she polled were not in favor of moving the basketball court. Several stated they walk to the basketball court now and if it were moved to Coley Park that it would be too far for them to walk to it. Mrs. Linda Dodgen stated it needs to be moved because she has taken her grandchild to the playground next to the basketball court and has had to leave due to the language the older kids were using. She stated there needs to be a true separation of age groups.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting Ms. Lisa Maye, 1181 Warm Springs Court, asked the Council to please enforce the Ordinance for times of construction work in the City of Hampton. She stated the builders are starting at 6:40 am and working until 8:00 pm. She stated they are playing loud music and banging away. She does not want to hear all that noise so early or late in the evening, she asked the Council for help on this matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham asked the City Manager and the Code Enforcer to please check into this.

Mr. Matt McCord stated he was running for Distract Attorney for Henry County, Mr. McCord gave the citizens a little background on his qualifications.

Ms. June Wood stated she was running for Henry County Commission Chair.

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Mr. Jeff Robinson stated he was running for District 2 Commissioner.

Mr. Ed Toney stated he was running for District 2 Commissioner.

Ms. Oliver, 20 College Street, encouraged everyone to pick up a Community needs assessment form off the counter at City Hall and fill it out and return them to the City. She stated this could improve the dialogue between the County and the City. She believes this would be a good place to start.

In the next agenda item Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 421, an Ordinance to adopt an amendment to the operating budget of the City of Hampton in effect for the 2016 fiscal year. During discussion Councilperson Byrd asked the lined item for the dumpsters be adjusted, since this was finished and did not cost \$45,000.00. City Manager Tommy Engram stated one dumpster has been completed and if a restaurant goes in where the State Farm business was we will need to build another dumpster pad with concrete walls. Councilperson Byrd asked where the placement of the security cameras would be. Chief Austin stated they would be placed at Oak Street and US 19-41, US 19-41 and Woolsey Road, Woodlawn Avenue and East Main Street, and on Cherry Street. Councilperson Hearn asked why the dumpster pad was built when the Council had not approved budget amendment. City Manager Tommy Engram stated according to the procurement policy, the City Manager could approve up to \$10,000.00 without taking it to the Council. Tommy Engram stated the dumpster that was preciously built cost \$6,000.00. Councilperson Hearn stated they did not get any details on the dumpsters, Tommy informed him this was an item that had been covered at the retreat. Councilperson Hearn asked what was the cost to the City to monitor the new AMI meters. Tommy stated the Council had passed the contract with Central Georgia EMC to monitor the AMI meters at a cost of \$5,000.00 per year plus \$.08 per meter. Currently we have 370 meters, when all the meters are installed the cost will be \$174.00 per month plus the \$5,000.00 per year for monitoring them. The City Manager stated these meters will allow us to find the dynamic load measurements for engineering purposes, we will not have to dispatch personnel to do turn on/turn offs. Another feature of the meters, allows a customer to prepay how much electricity they wish to purchase. These meters have a 20-year service expectancy. The motion ended with a tie vote: Councilpersons Meeks and Tarpley voting yes, Councilpersons Hearn and Moore voting no, Councilperson Byrd abstaining from voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham broke the tie by voting yes to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 421, to adopt an amendment to the operating budget of the City of Hampton in effect for the 2016 fiscal year. The motion passed 3-2 with one abstention.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the seconded reading of Ordinance No. 423, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of Code of Ordinances of the City of Hampton, which provides for Alcoholic Beverages; to amend Article II entitled "Alcohol License Required". The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Byrd made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the request for a licenses to sell malt beverage and wine sales by the drink from Mr. Michael L. Landrum for Sticks located at 106 A Woolsey Road, Hampton, GA. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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Councilperson Hearn made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Ms. Johanna Johnson from the Tree Board. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve amending the personnel handbook to include "Tuition Reimbursement Plan". The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the Letter of Agreement from Stevenson & Palmer Eng. For the 2016 Annual Monitoring and Reporting City of Hampton Watershed Protection Plan. During discussion the City Manager, Tommy Engram stated this is a legal requirement of the EPD to measure pollutant levels in water. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham adjourned the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the regular meeting back to order at 7: 30 pm.

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Ann Mitcham

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City Clerk, Kim Drinkall