

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Council Meeting  
July 12, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Hampton City Hall

**Present:** Mayor Hutchison, Councilmembers Byrd, Hearn, Meeks, Mitcham, Moore and Tarpley. Also present, City Manager, Tommy Engram, City Attorney, Scott Mayfield, City Clerk, Pat Watson, and Chief of Police, Derrick Austin.

**Mayor Hutchison called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hutchison turned the workshop meeting over to City Manager, Tommy Engram.**

**City Manager, Tommy Engram, proposed that the City resume spraying for mosquitos and the council agreed that we should move forward.**

**Tommy Engram informed the Council that the attorney was drafting a resolution for their consideration to approve right of entry for drilling a test well.**

**Tommy Engram advised the Council that the GDOT had raised the speed limit signage on portions of SR20 and that the Hampton Police could no longer use lasers for traffic enforcement until a new radar list is approved. The Radar List for the City of Hampton will be ready for approval at the August council meeting.**

**Tommy Engram with the assistance of Denise Sharp, Main Street Director, discussed the possibility of increasing rental rates for the Depot. Ms. Sharp indicated that the surrounding facilities were substantially higher, providing statistics to the council. This was presented only to gather feedback.**

**Tommy Engram presented a slide show presentation on public art and introduced Ms. Gloria Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer of Henry Art Alliance. Ms. Hughes expressed her desire to continue working closely with Hampton in hopes that the Art Alliance can help revitalize the Hampton art community. Ms. Hughes indicated that the Art Alliance was close to providing art to Hampton City Hall for display.**

**Mayor Hutchison adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:28 p.m.**

**Mayor Hutchison called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and invocation was given by Councilperson Tarpley.**

**Council gave their consensus to approve the minutes of the workshop/council meeting held on June 14, 2016 as published.**

**Zackery Daniel introduced our invited guest Representative John Yates. Representative Yates gave a brief history of his relationship with the City of Hampton, as well as his time served in the military. Representative Yates asked for support in the upcoming runoff.**

**June Wood introduced herself and asked for support in the upcoming runoff for Henry County Chair Board of Commissioners.**

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**Karen Mathiak introduced herself and asked for support in the upcoming runoff for the 73<sup>rd</sup> District, Georgia State House.**

**Mr. Jeff Robinson stated he was running as the Republican Party, District 2 County Commissioner and that the seat is now vacant. He hoped that the Commission seat would be filled in November rather than waiting until January. He stated that he was thankful for everyone's support.**

**Ms. Lottie Greer thanked everyone that made the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade a success and said RW Coley would be pleased.**

**Ms. Linda Dodgen, 15 Shelby Street, indicated that she was not pleased that the City of Hampton would allow a movie company to come in and remove the stored Veteran Crosses. She felt that this would be a dishonor.**

**Mr. Bill Dodgen, 15 Shelby Street, stated that he was opposed to transferring the Wilson House to the DDA.**

**Ms. Oliver, 20 College Street, thanked Denise for the Party in the Park indicating that it was well structured and put together.**

**Councilperson Hearn made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to postpone Resolution No. 16-08, a Resolution to authorize the transfer of certain real property to the Hampton Development Authority. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve Resolution No. 16-14, a resolution to authorize the Elections Superintendent to call for a vote on the November 2016 General Election ballot; the question of whether to permit Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages by the drink in the City of Hampton, Georgia; to provide an effective date; to appeal inconsistent provisions. The motion passed 5-1, with Councilpersons Byrd, Meeks, Mitcham, Moore and Tarpley voting yes and Councilperson Hearn voting no.**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd to approve the request for a package store from Mohindar Yadav for Yadavs, Inc. doing business as Cheers, located at 104 Woolsey Road, Hampton, Georgia. Chief Austin reported that his department saw no reason not to move forward. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 422 an Ordinance to annex approximately 17.64 +/- acres of property owned by Southern States, LLC, into the City of Hampton, Georgia ("City") pursuant to the Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the appropriate entries upon or additions to the official map of the City of all other records; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date of annexation. The motion passed unanimously (6-0)**

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**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks to approve Resolution No. 16-15, a Resolution to authorize the execution of an agreement with J & T Environmental Services, Inc. to provide private contract service to assist with the management and supervision of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilperson Byrd requested that Wayne Selman give his opinion for the need of such a contract. After discussion the motion failed (0-6)**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks to approve Resolution No. 16-16, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Hampton to execute a grant agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The motion failed 3-4, with Councilperson Meeks, Mitcham and Tarpley voting yes and Councilperson Byrd, Hearn and Moore voting no. Mayor Hutchison voting no.**

**Resolution No. 16-17, a Resolution to authorize the execution of a contract with CivicPlus; to provide an application (app) for the City Website to allow for the City to keep citizens more informed. Due to the lack of a motion Resolution No. 16-17, died.**

**Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley to disapprove allowing the City Manager to execute a temporary business license prior to final zoning approval for 124 East Main Street. Councilperson Meeks recused himself citing that his and his families' property was located next to 124 East Main. He did not want it to appear that he could benefit from any possible future financial gains. After much discussion, it was determined that because this business is such that Hampton has never experienced, that in the best interest of the City, further information needed to be gathered. The motion passed unanimously (5-0)**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore to approve allowing the City Manager to execute a temporary business license prior to final zoning approval for 140 Oak Street. Councilperson Meeks recused himself citing that he went to church and was friends with Mr. Nelson (applicant). Councilperson Byrd recused himself citing ownership of said property. After much discussion, it was determined that this establishment was similar to the previous establishment. The motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

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**Steve Hutchison, Mayor**

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**Pat Watson, City Clerk**

Special Called Council Meeting  
Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Hampton City Hall

Present: Mayor Hutchison, Councilmembers, Byrd, Hearn, Meeks, Mitcham and Tarpley.  
Councilmember Moore was not present. Also present, City Attorney Scott Mayfield and  
City Clerk Pat Watson.

Mayor Hutchison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. into executive session.

At 9:55 a.m., Mayor Hutchison called the meeting back to order. Mayor Hutchison announced that City Clerk Pat Watson would be acting as City Manager until an interim could be appointed.

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Steve Hutchison, Mayor

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Pat Watson, City Clerk

**Present:** Mayor Hutchison, Councilmembers Byrd, Mitcham, Moore and Tarpley. Also present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk, Pat Watson. Councilmembers, Hearn and Meeks were not present.

**Mayor Hutchison called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve allowing the Interim City Manager to execute a temporary business license prior to final zoning approval for 124 East Main Street. After much discussion the motion passed (3-1) with Councilperson Tarpley voting against.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.**

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**Steve Hutchison, Mayor**

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**Pat Watson, City Clerk**