

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham, Councilpersons Byrd, Hearn, Meeks, Moore and Tarpley. Also present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk, Pat Watson, City Attorney, Scott Mayfield and Chief Austin. Mayor Hutchison was not present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham opened the floor for any questions or comments on the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Hampton FY '17. No comments or questions were brought forward. The Public Hearing was closed and the workshop was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham asked Acting City Manager, Pat Watson to go forward with her report. Mrs. Watson began by informing the council and residents:

- The City of Hampton was awarded CDBG money for the widening of West Main Street. Unfortunately, we have not been able to move on the project quickly enough due to considerations with Norfolk Southern Railway as the property lies next to railroad right-of-way. Mark Whitley, Engineer, feels that it would be in the best interest of the City to have the CDBG funds reallocated to the McBrayer Park project. The council agreed to discuss this at the next special called meeting on September 27, 2016.
- Hampton Locust Grove Road and McDonough Street currently intersect at an angle sharper than recommended by the DOT. Due to the construction of the school complex on Hampton Locust Grove Road, traffic has increased in the area and with the construction of the new Henry County Senior Center near the intersection there is a safety concern. Realigning the intersection could prove to be costly. An inexpensive and temporary fix would be to make this a three way stop. Council approved Mrs. Watson to move forward with this project.

Mrs. Watson asked the council if they would like to give updates on any recent Committee Meetings. Councilperson Meeks indicated that the Public Buildings and Property Committee had been informed that the original ceiling changes that were thought to have been the best for the Train Depot would ultimately damage the integrity of the Historic Depot and that the committee was now looking at a Sister Depot in Carrollton. In Carrollton the roof was left as it was and insulation was added so that they were able to expose all the old trusses that are there now.

Councilperson Moore stated that there had been money allocated in this year's 2016 budget for the Depot and these repairs should begin the next week, repairing windows and lighter, smaller outdoor projects.

Pro-Tem Mitcham asked Chief Austin if he would give us an update on last Saturdays, activities, the COPS day out. Chief Austin began by thanking all of the council for helping and volunteers. Chief Austin indicated that approximately 600 hot dogs were given away and lots of kids came and went throughout the day playing games with the officers. The weather and turnout was perfect.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Pro-Tem Mitcham called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., invocation was given by Councilperson Hearn.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to amend the agenda, under old business remove Stifel Merchant Capital Division to pursue the refinancing of the City of Hampton's GEFA loan and place first under new business; adopted a master bond resolution with Stifel Merchant Capital Division to refinance the GEFA loan. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Pro-tem Mitcham read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23, 2016 to be constitution week marking the two hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Mayor Pro-tem Mitcham received consensus from the Council to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Council Meeting August 9, 2016, the Public Hearing/Called Council Meeting minutes August 30, 2016 and the Budget Review/Called Council Meeting minutes September 9, 2016, all stand approved as presented.

Mayor Pro-tem Mitcham yielded the floor to Councilperson Moore. Councilperson Moore received two requests from the American Legions that he would like to make public. First, they would like the City to identify four needy families in the Hampton area as they would like to adopt these four families for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Also, they would like to be given a location for a toy drop and permission was given to place the drop box at Hampton City Hall.

Mr. Don Ash, Mt. Zion Baptist Church/Community Center request that the Council look into helping the Community Center with an excessive water bill that occurred due to an unknown tap in the main and a water leak that was identified. Council requested that Attorney Scott Mayfield look into the legal ramification of forgiving a debt in full.

Ms. Diane Crispen Williams, 25 Tom Eason Drive, asked if she could get a variance to open her thrift store without a paved parking lot. Ms. Williams was told to speak with JD Matthews, Community Development Director.

Ms. Katie Queen, 30 Woolsey Road, requested again that the City move the Council meeting into the Depot, as our current chambers are too small.

Mr. Arley Lowe, 171 Lake Hampton, representing the Governor's Council for Charter Schools, invited everyone to visit Hampton's Charter School. Mr. Lowe passed out a pamphlet showing how the grade average has improved greatly over the past three years.

Mr. Sammie Russell, 257 Sandstone Drive, indicated that he had an issue with the Utility Department. Mr. Russell put a \$300.00 deposit on his account when he began his service in 2012. In 2013, he asked that a note be placed in his file that he traveled a lot and that he would pay his utility bill when he returned. Mr. Russell stated that he was disconnected due to being out of town. When he returned Mr. Russell lost \$200.00+ food in his refrigerator. Mr. Russell was unable to get the stench out of his refrigerator, and had to purchase another one.

Mrs. Candy Franklin, 39 West Main Street, thanked the city, especially JD Matthews, for helping to get her shop opened, All My Treasures.

Mrs. Eve Dahlke, 67 Wall Street, ask that the City Council deny rezoning and business request for ADM from M1 to M2 for the property located at 120/124 East Main Street, Hwy 3.

Mr. Chad Hiddle, Wall Street, agrees with Ms. Dahlke and would like to continue by saying that both he and his wife have hearing problems and with the added noise that a recycling center would produce, it could continue to cause the damage to increase. Also, the smell from the recycle center would be awful. Mr. Hiddle asked that the City take all that into consideration before making a decision.

Mrs. Wanda Meeks, 112 East Main Street, lived in her house for 29 years and has never had an issue, but the type of business that ADM has, does not belong in a residential area. She is asking the city to deny the business license.

Ezma Oliver, 20 College Street, expressed thanks for approving the electronic sign. Hopefully, the public hearings can be placed on the sign along with other important information. She also wanted to thank the Mayor for putting in the newsletter an invitation for the citizens to attend the council meetings. Ms. Oliver would like to ask the Council to put a speed bump on College Street due to speeders. Lastly, at the last council meeting, Ms. Oliver talked about a new City Manager coming in, but no information has been given to date. Ms. Oliver would like to go on record, that she would like the Citizens Academy to continue with the next City Manager.

Ms. Lisa Young, 132 East Main Street, was totally against the business at 120/124 East Main Street. There is a lot of noise and the smell would be bad.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Moore, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 424, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of the City of Hampton Code of Ordinances Entitled Environment; to amend Article II entitled "The City of Hampton Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and pollution control Ordinance", to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Tarpley made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the Second reading of Ordinance No. 425, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of Code of Ordinances of the City of Hampton, Georgia, which provides for traffic and vehicles; to amend Section 82-2 "Speed Limits" to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to authorize Resolution No. 16-21, a resolution authorizing Mayor Pro Tem Mitcham to sign and adopt the master bond resolution from Stifel Merchant Capital Division, to enable the City of Hampton to refinance the GEFA loan. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mark Whitley with the DDA ask the Council to freeze the payment on the loan amount currently owed to the City by the DDA, due to the fact that there was not a tenant for the property on which the loan was made. The DDA has put the building up for sale or lease. Mr. Whitley indicated that the DDA would pay back the City everything that it owes, including the interest once the building is sold. Mr. Whitley indicated that if another tenant was found, then the payment would resume as before.

Councilperson Hearn made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to freeze the account temporarily on the DDA loan. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to pass the first reading of Ordinance No. 426, an Ordinance to adopt an appropriations ordinance for the operating budget of the City of Hampton, Georgia, to be in effect for the 2017 Fiscal Year. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Tarpley, to pass Resolution 16-20, a resolution to authorize the execution of a pole attachment license agreement for distribution poles with Zayo Group, LLC; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Moore made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to allow the City of Hampton to sponsor the Hampton Reunion to be held at the Hampton Depot on October 15, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Before discussion began on the issuance of a temporary business license for 120/124 East Main Street Councilperson Meeks recused himself citing that his and his families' property are located next to 120/124 East Main Street and O.C.G.A. 36-30-6, 36-67A-2 and provisions in the City code and Ethics Ordinance required him to.

Councilperson Hearn made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the temporary business license for 120/124 East Main Street, pending Planning and Zoning recommendation for Conditional Use. Temporary License will be granted as long as hours are to be no longer than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. No work on Sunday. The chipper will only run during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., the chipper will also be moved to the wooded area and away for residential areas. Approximately 100 feet of privacy fence will be added to the residential side of the property between 112 East Main Street and ADM. ADM Rolloff's hours will remain the same. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilperson Meeks returned to the meeting.

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Hampton City Hall

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Ann Mitcham

City Clerk, Pat Watson