



**CITY OF HAMPTON
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES
January 28, 2026
5:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
17 EAST MAIN STREET SOUTH, HAMPTON, GA 30228.**

1. Opening Ceremonies

- A. Call to Order
Mayor Tarpley Called the Meeting to Order.

2. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Appointment of a City Manager.

Councilmember White-Williams motioned to enter into executive Session at 5:02 pm, seconded by Councilmember Duchesne.
Passed (5-0)

Councilmember White-Williams motioned to reconvene the Regular Special Called Meeting at 5:30 pm, seconded by Councilmember Duchesne.
Passed (6-0)

Councilmember White-Williams motioned to hire Jeff Baker as the City Manager, according to the terms of the modified employment contract discussed in executive session, seconded by Pam Duchesne.

Yea: Councilmembers: White-Williams, Duchesne, Chaney, Brooks,
Abstained (Councilmember Meeks)
Passed (5-1)

3. Council Discussion and/or Approval on Resolution 2026-07 for the purpose of submitting

and advancing legislation to state legislators to establish a 100% homestead ad valorem tax exemption within the corporate limits of the City of Hampton and to have it placed on the November 2026 ballot for voter consideration.

Councilmember Mitchell motioned to approve Resolution 2026-07 advancing legislation to the state legislature to establish 100% homestead ad valorem, seconded by Councilmember Duchesne.

Passed (6-0)

4. Adjournment.

Councilmember White-Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, seconded by Councilmember Duchesne.

Passed (6-0)

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