

City of Hampton's City Council Sponsored Initiatives on Non-Profits Policy

- a.** All Mayor and Council initiatives must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council prior to expenditure being made.
- b.** The determination for approving the spending is whether the initiative benefits the greater public of Hampton.
- c.** The spending cannot be gratuitous in nature and must comply with Ga. Const. Art. III, § VI, Para. VI which provides the General Assembly shall not have the power to grant any donation or gratuity or to forgive any debt or obligation owing to the public. This provision applies to municipalities. *See Grand Lodge &c. v. City of Thomasville*, 226 Ga. 4, 7 (3) (b) (172 S.E.2d 612) (1970). The Council shall not by vote, resolution, or order, grant any donation or gratuity in favor of any person, corporation, or association. *Id.*
- d.** Those funds that are raised from individuals, businesses or organizations by an individual councilmember or Mayor and are not taxpayer funds collected by the City may be used for any Mayor and Council initiative but still requires a majority vote to accept said raised money into the City coffers.
- e.** As the funds contemplated by this policy are taxpayer dollars, all checks written pursuant to this policy must be in the name of the "City of Hampton" and not an individual councilmember. This in no way prohibits an individual councilmember from presenting a City check to an intended recipient.
- f.** Any vote taken pursuant to this policy must specify what line item in the budget the funds shall be taken from or placed into, whichever is applicable. Monies donated to the City shall remain in the budgeted line item for which the funds are received.