



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Linda D. Curtis
Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with all members of the City Council present except for Councilwoman Snead who has the flu.

Present: 6 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Chris Snead

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilman Steven Brown

Councilman Brown asked all to share a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Katherine Johnson and then gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck noted the passing of Dr. Katherine Johnson, an American icon and recipient of the City's highest honor, the Distinguished Citizens Award. A short video featuring Dr. Johnson was played.

Mayor Tuck noted that there have been two very disturbing incidents of vehicles deliberately passing a stopped school bus with red flashing lights. This is against the law, unless a person is on the other side of a divided street with a median. He stated

that these individuals showed no regard for the safety of the children waiting to board the bus. He has also observed individuals speeding through School Zones when the lights are flashing and the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. He reminded citizens to drive safely, children's lives are at stake.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Katherine K. Glass, Clerk of Council, read the protocol for the Consent Agenda and a summary of the items therein.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

1. [20-0066](#) Approval of the minutes from the special session of January 22, 2020, and the work session of February 12, 2020.

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

2. [20-0076](#) Motion to accept the donation of equipment valued at approximately \$90,000.00 from the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System to the City for use by the Hampton Fire Division.

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

3. [20-0082](#) Resolution Amending the FY20 Council Approved Budget and Appropriating Donations Received During FY19 Totaling \$4,322.00 from the General Fund Restricted Fund Balance to the Division of Fire and Rescue's Operating Budget

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Glass read the protocol for Public Hearings.

Ordinances

4. [20-0084](#) Ordinance To Amend And Re-Enact Chapter 2 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Hampton, Virginia Entitled, "Definitions" To Add Definitions for Business Park/Shopping Center 1; Business Park/Shopping Center 2; Business Park/Shopping Center Outparcel, Dependent; and Business Park/Shopping Center Outparcel, Independent

Attachments: [Redline](#)
[Presentation](#)

This item was presented with Item #20-0085. A joint Public Hearing was held.

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Mr. Donald Whipple, Chief Planner, who provided a presentation to Council.

Councilman Brown asked if current business owners who have multiple signs are grandfathered and do not have to update their signs aesthetically. Mr. Whipple stated that businesses would be initially grandfathered, but if they opt into this incentive program, they are given a certain amount of time to come into compliance with any nonconforming signs.

Councilman Brown asked if there was some sort of relief for businesses since this was essentially an unfunded mandate. Mr. Whipple stated that this is not a mandate, it is an option businesses can take if they would like additional signage. The City does not offer financial incentives, but the Coliseum Central Business Improvement District (BID) does have financial assistance opportunities.

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Raymond Tripp, executive director of Coliseum Central, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm here tonight to speak on the Agenda

Items #20-0084 and #20-0085. Since the creation of our BID, we've labored to enhance the physical structures in our district by working with the property owners to see the value of developing and redeveloping their properties to a higher quality, all in an effort to create a sense of place which clearly stands out above the norm. Over the years, the BID has struggled with a sign ordinance, which would improve the quality of our signage while not imposing restrictions that would prohibit growth. I would like to thank the City staff for working diligently with our property owners to find a balance for these two objectives. We've been working on the sign ordinance for over three years. During those years, staff has met with most, if not all of our property owners that are affected by this ordinance. The amendment before you tonight does not solve all our problems with the property owners, but this is where I'd like to commend our property owners. They have come together to find a solution that's the best for the whole versus their personal interest. These proposal amendments tonight that you've been given, the owners agree with and can live with, and they think it's a fair opportunity and a compromise for using variances through incentive based programs. In conclusion, we support the amendments that you have before you tonight and I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing and called for a motion.

Item #4 20-0084 and Item #5 20-0085 were presented together by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner, and a joint public hearing took place.

Raymond Tripp of Coliseum Central spoke in favor of both 20-0084 and 20-0085.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Zoning Ordinance - Text be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

5. [20-0085](#) Ordinance To Amend And Re-Enact Chapter 10 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Hampton, Virginia Entitled "Signs" By Amending Article 1 Pertaining to Freestanding and Wall Signs Permitted and Article II Section 10-13 Pertaining to O-CC District Sign Regulations

Attachments: [Redline](#)

[TABLE Permitted Sign Combinations](#)

[TABLE Freestanding Incentive Signage Requirements](#)

[TABLE Wall Incentive Signage Requirements](#)

[CC Design Standards](#)

[Presentation](#)

This item was presented with Item #20-0084. A joint Public Hearing was held.

Item #4 20-0084 and Item #5 20-0085 were presented together by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner, and a joint public hearing took place.

Raymond Tripp of Coliseum Central spoke in favor of both 20-0084 and 20-0085.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Zoning Ordinance - Text be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

6. [20-0087](#) Ordinance To Amend And Re-Enact Chapter 11 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Hampton Virginia Entitled Parking By Amending Section 11-8 Pertaining to Parking Credits Exemptions and Reductions

Attachments: [Redline](#)

[Presentation](#)

Ms. Bunting introduced Ms. Hannah Sabo, Zoning Administrator, who provided a presentation to Council.

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing and called for a motion.

Presented by Hannah Sabo, Zoning Administrator. There were no speakers on the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and

seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Zoning Ordinance - Text be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

7. [20-0089](#) Ordinance To Amend And Re-Enact Chapter 3 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Hampton, Virginia Entitled "Uses Permitted" By Amending Section 3-2(b) Pertaining to Uses Permitted in the Hampton Roads Center North (HRC-2) District

Attachments: [Redline](#)
[Special Zoning Districts Use Table - Clean](#)
[Special Zoning Districts Use Table - Redline](#)
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Bunting introduced Ms. Sabo who provided a presentation to Council.

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing and called for a motion.

Presented by Hannah Sabo, Zoning Administrator. There were no speakers on the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Eleanor Brown, that this Zoning Ordinance - Text be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Glass read the protocol for Public Comment.

Mr. William Gage greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: Thanks to the City Council for hearing what I got to say. To start off with, my issues are the drainage ditches that are not being maintained by the City. They should be, and should not be spending money on signs when we need so much more, you know, new bridges, channels dredged, and certainly we don't need million dollar

signs to tell me where I am. My other grief today is Codes and Compliance has regressed. Instead of being faster and quicker, it's "how much can we slow you down." Thank you for hearing my comments.

Ms. Gaylene Kanoyton, president of the Hampton Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I just come tonight, today, to applaud City Council for the name change of Magruder to Neil Armstrong, who was an American hero. It is only appropriate to name, to do the name change to our Neil Armstrong Parkway, after all, you have Commander Sheppard, who was also an astronaut, and all of these surround our beloved Langley NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) research area, which we are so fortunate to have here. But on a personal note, as being a part of the civil rights organization, it is really important to note that this historic week, with the passing of Katherine Johnson, that Neil Armstrong, before he stepped foot on the moon, had asked that Dr. Johnson would verify the numbers to make sure that they were correct. And that speaks volumes, because that was during the Civil Rights Movement. It tells you the type of character he was. And so, it is only appropriate for that street to be named after him. And we're proud that, you know, that he'll be honored, and also Dr. Katherine Johnson is a part of that as well. We only hope that in the future, the near future, that Dr. Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, and Mary Jackson will be honored as well with some type of memento. Thank you.

Ms. Ghana Smith greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I support the changing of the name of Magruder Boulevard. Magruder came all the way from Yorktown with his troops and burned down Hampton, Virginia. He burned down houses that - with every earthly comfort the homeowner possessed in the way of mementos and furniture. One person described the City of Hampton after the burning of our town as a place that had 500 houses, many of them elegant brick buildings, but which now lay a blackened mass of ruins. Why should the City continue to give the honor of a street name after a person who burned down the City? My Hampton pride will not let me sit back and allow our City's legacy to be marked with a street that is named after a man who sat on Back River Street and commanded his troops to torch our City in the middle of the night. Again, I ask, why should the City continue to honor - give the honor of a street name after a person who burned down our City? Instead, my Hampton pride wants our City to be known as a place that is home of NASA/Langley by renaming the street after the American icon Neil Armstrong. I want to remind the world about the crucial part the hard workers at NASA, especially our City icon Dr. Johnson, contributed to making his landing on the moon and back to Earth again was safe. It will give me great pride to see tourists take the Neil Armstrong exit the next time America comes to Hampton to celebrate the moon landing. Some people say changing the name is erasing history,

but trust and believe, the monuments for him, including the one in Williamsburg, will not crumble if the street name is changed. And changing the name of the street will not magically erase what has been written in numerous books about him. In closing, as a proud Hampton citizen, I am asking you today to change the name from Magruder Boulevard to after the American icon Neil Armstrong. Thank you.

Ms. Constance Latta greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I believe I'm going to have to get a paycheck if I keep coming down here. I'm a lifelong resident, for those of you that don't know me. I have lived in Hampton all my life. My father was employed at NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics), he was a very proud space program advocate. My mother was a very proud Christian day school principal/teacher for the City of Hampton. I could go on and on about the history, like the City of Hampton could basically, secretly, been named after General Wade Hampton, but that's not the principle. The principle is the money. Our children in these schools. Take a tour of some of the schools. Kecoughtan High School gym - when is the last time that's been refurbished? How about Lindsay? How about Barron Elementary School? I appeared at the City School Board meeting when they were going to take the money and change the name of, I believe it was Jefferson Davis. All that money. There's so many single parents that can't afford to have extras for their children. School breakfast is a very important thing. All the money, and I know this might sound redundant, but a name or a structure can't hurt you. It's an inanimate object. But the children are our next generation. The money that you all are putting into the - what is the swim park that they're having over there off of Pine Chapel Road? That's going to be great to keep the children busy and interested. But there's computer programs that families cannot afford for their children. And everybody's not rich, and everybody's not famous, but all children are important. It's like the saying goes, no child should be left behind. And that's my principle. A name is a name, but the children are there and they need our support. They need their breakfast, they need their little field trips. That keeps them interested in what's going on. That's get them where they're interested in what our City is doing. It's the education. The teachers need more money. Our police officers. Our fire department. We're understaffed with the police department, make it so they want to come. I know that might sound petty, but a name is a name. And I would like to see Katherine Johnson and those ladies have a wonderful street and avenue made, and that was my bell. I'm sorry. Thank you so much for listening.

Mr. Chauncey Brown greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I have a story, this being the last of Black History Month. And my story is "Heroes Among Us - The 779." On Saturday, September 21, 2019, as part of Queen Street Baptist Church's 154th Anniversary, a commemorative wreath was laid in honor of the American heroes that lay reposed in the National Cemetery here in Hampton. To my knowledge, they have never been so honored before, at least not in my lifetime. I

traversed the campus of Hampton University throughout my elementary and high school years, never knowing that the heroic sacrifices made by these men culminated in a resting place so close to me. Such knowledge would have encouraged me as I, like so many African Americans, struggled to make sense of the hypocrisy and false images that were contrived to keep us thinking that we were not worthy of honor or recognition. Yet these men understood the meaning of the flag and what it stood for. They understood it so well that they never let it touch the ground while in battle. William H. Carney, from Norfolk, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his battlefield protection of the flag. The USCT (United States Colored Troops) fought in defense of country, the USA, and for the ideal of freedom that the Emancipation Proclamation and the Constitution spoke of. Here in the Hampton National Cemetery there rests 779 US Colored Troops. I have not done the research to verify, but I highly doubt if there is any other location where there is such a high number of US Colored Troops buried with the documentation to prove the fact. This is a fact that should be taught in our schools so that this generation won't be ignorant of it as we were. As a matter of fact, I was a bit angered when I learned this at such a late stage in my life, and that I had been deprived of this "local history" knowledge. In this month of Black History, I bring this to you because I think it should also be added to the list of Civil War sites that are published by the Hampton Convention & Visitors Bureau. This will balance off the fact that one of the sites mentioned has a prominently placed statue of a Confederate soldier, which I have no problem with since it is on private property and is in fact a part of our City's history. I have included ceremonial pictures and a Hampton National Cemetery brochure plus one page from the song "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground," which was sung by the US Colored Troops and was written by James Weldon Johnson - the words were and the music was written by his brother Rosamond Johnson. And of course, the pictures that you have there, courtesy of Ray Lidell, who is our photographer. Thank you very much.

Mr. Kenneth Elazier greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I wanted to speak today - today I was alerted to the fact that the Courts upheld the President's decision to withhold Federal funding for sanctuary cities, so I'd like to give my concerns on that topic. I'm going to read it briefly because of the timeframe. Over the past few sessions, I have listened to many arguments, pro and con, regarding guns and the Second Amendment. It seems to be an important enough issue to bring out so many people willing to wait for long periods of time to speak. I've been in this chamber several times over the past couple of years and the two largest audiences that I've observed have been for sports awards and for gun control legislation. I wonder what this says about our priorities. The arguments for gun possession center primarily on self-protection and sport. I'd like to speak to the issue of self-protection; sport is a separate set of concerns. Fearing crime has been stated as the prime motivation for self-protection. If the level of crime in the region is

so severe, then the issue of gun control would be secondary. A reduction of crime would logically reduce the motivation for carrying a gun for protection. One person I interviewed spoke of a need to have a pistol in his car within easy reach. For this person to be so fearful of traveling unarmed, then our law enforcement efforts have fallen short of the safety and security goals for our region. If this indictment is true, then a host of self-defense measures would be desirable, including lethal force weaponry. But wouldn't it be more prudent, then, to increase the number and visibility of policing officers, for example, than to adjure that responsibility to an armed citizenry? Otherwise, there's no need for our police force. Simply authorize everyone to defend themselves through their own ingenuity. So another topic that arose was the sanctuary city. This, too, may be a self-defeating remedy. It might result in unintended consequences that reinforce the need to further restrict gun possession, especially for those advocating open carry. An influx of lawbreakers that they fear could be drawn to a sanctuary city for safe harbor for reasons unrelated to gun possession, such as avoiding deportation. These newcomers will now be allowed to congregate and arm themselves with impunity. This could open the door to all sorts of lawless behaviors, including gun related crime. This will place an increase pressure on the already overburdened police force. So to support a sanctuary city, solely for the Second Amendment, is to defend an illogical proposition. The concept of a secondary city is to resist an imposition of a Federal mandate considered unlawful or unconstitutional. The Second Amendment is not a Federal mandate that requires everyone to bear arms. The sanctuary city rationale is intended for opposition to Federal laws, specifically those cities in opposition to Federal immigration laws and policies. There is no constitutional issue involved, so to support a sanctuary city for Second Amendment rights to bear arms is to place oneself in opposition to the Constitution and Federal law supports the Constitutional Amendment. I have further, but thank you, my time is up.

Mr. Robert Anderson chose not to speak.

Mr. Craig Knopp greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm here to talk about a few things, if the time allows, first off, the Magruder renaming. I've been in Hampton 15 years. Never, never did I know that the name Magruder was associated with a Confederate General until either yesterday or today. So I've been here 15 years, never heard anything of this. But, that's fine, I understand you guys want to rename it to Neil Armstrong. That's great. My issues are with the cost. The cost associated with doing this. So, I don't fully understand what was published in the Daily Press and what we have with the Agenda. So it looks like that the signs out on (Interstate) 64 are going to cost \$60,000? I wasn't real sure if that was each or for all three signs that are needed. Then we have 11 localities that are going to be \$7,500 in expenses. So, it looks like the expenses are anywhere from \$142,000 to \$262,000. Last couple meetings we've had a group here, VA Organize, they've been

asking for some HRT (Hampton Roads Transit) bus stop improvements. Some of the improvements that they are asking about were lights, to illuminate these dark areas at night; a bench, maybe they're out working all day, somewhere to sit; and a covered area, to escape the elements or rain or the sun or something like that. So I sent an email to City Council asking for the price for each one of these items to what - you know, if we use that money for something else, you know, how many stops could we help with this? I got an email today from HRT saying that they would be free to talk with me over the phone. So, I wasn't able to do that today, I will be doing that tomorrow. But I'm here to ask that City Council vote "no" on this, or vote for it to be down the road, so that way we have a chance to look at other City improvements that this money could go towards to help out with. Thank you.

Mr. Aijalon Cordoza approached the dais and made the following statement: I've spoken before you guys twice now. A little less nervous than the last two times. But, what I came to talk to you about is today I learned that they planned - that you guys planned on changing the name of Magruder Boulevard from Magruder to Neil Armstrong. I, as well, did not know that it represented a Confederate General. If I had, maybe I would have had something to say about it. This is my problem, as he was - as the last person was saying, there's an enormous cost to this, which, again, I have no problem renaming it. I don't want a Confederate General's name anywhere in Hampton, especially if he burned it down. However, two hundred and - the highest amount that that could be is \$262,500 on the high end. The low end is \$122,000 to rename signs - to put new signs up? We have Jones Middle School - has potholes in the drop-off area, the drop-off and pick-up area. We have Barron Elementary that people are parking in the grass whenever there's an event because there's no parking. Kecoughtan High School's gym, as was said before, needs to be remodeled. As you said Mayor, there's people speeding past buses. We could use that money to put cameras on those buses so they can be ticketed, so they can learn not to speed past buses and hit children. There are so many things, including the HRT - the buses - it's raining outside right now. If there's someone waiting for a bus, they're getting rained on right now. I don't think they're really worried about a sign right now. I'm not saying we shouldn't change it in the future, but I think they're more worried about the rain on their head. So, I would ask you to table this until we can see, compare what is a better use for that money. If we have the money, it's just there, okay, rename it. But all these improvements need to be made, why don't we make these first? And then we can go back to talking about changing a name. Neil Armstrong was a great man; I'd love to see him on one of those areas. However, I'd much rather people not being rained on right now. And as to the sanctuary city argument, I believe we have a Constitutional Amendment that says equal protection under the law. If people don't oppose a Second Amendment City for illegal aliens, why are we then trying to oppose for a Constitutional Amendment - the Second? If there's a sanctuary city for one, and people support it, then there should be a

sanctuary city for the other, especially since one is mentioned in the Constitution specifically. Thank you guys so much. I'm also a resident of Hampton - excuse me, I'm very dry.

Ms. Glenda Watson greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I've lived here 56 years. I never knew Magruder was a Confederate soldier. Thank you, I didn't know anything that you talked about, but I do want to say that I agree with everything, except the sanctuary city the other guy said. He is correct, we shouldn't be spending that kind of money when - I've even rode by bus stops in Hampton and wondered why there's no benches. People - three and four people standing around a bus stop on Little Back River Road, there's nowhere for them to sit. These are people that cannot afford a car, yet they're forced to sit and wait by a pole. That's terrible. And then spending all - and the schools, it's not right. The kids need computers, they need an education, they need the food, the schools need to be improved on, the potholes in the road - everything they said, I just think it's a waste - a total waste of money to spend that kind of money to change a street name. And even though I think, you know, Neil Armstrong was a great man, it'd be nice to have a street named after him. There's enough roads being built we can name it then. I just don't think we should change that name. Thank you.

Mayor Tuck closed Public Comment.

Mayor Tuck gave the following statement: Let me say, this is a very frugal Council. We do not have a reputation for wasting money, and we fully recognize that there are lots of needs in our City. In fact, from about 1:00 p.m. this afternoon until twenty minutes to 6:00 p.m., give or take time for us to get our dinner, we were engaged in establishing priorities for the upcoming budget year, and in establishing those priorities, we looked at everything that you have mentioned, including bus stops and infrastructure improvements, as well as school maintenance and almost everything you could imagine, quite an extensive list - some seventy, I think some sixty-seven items. Actually, we invite you, once we start our public budget session, to come out and help us with some of those priorities. But that said, we fully fund our schools. In fact, we have a formula that we utilize, and in fact, we give them above what the State requires. We also give them additional monies for school maintenance projects, so I will not put it on the School Board in terms of saying what they establish as priorities, but we do fund them. We are concerned about our children. About five years ago, we started an initiative that was called, I think, the 2+2 Initiative that put in the hands of every - I think it was starting in eighth grade, we gave them an iPad. Now, everybody from that time, I think everyone now who's a senior in high school should have either an iPad or even now, they changed it from being an iPad to a Chromebook. So we are aware of that. And in addition to the fact that not everybody at home has the capability of having the internet, we've even provided for

them to have access, I think, to the internet so they can do their school assignments. So we are very, very concerned about the welfare of our children, as well as concerned about the welfare of all the individuals in our City. I'm aware, and before I got on Council, even while I was on Council, about the need for benches. I used to go past Saville Row and see individuals out sitting on basket carts as well as sitting on the transformers, and my heart went out. So now they have the shelters and benches behind it. We've tried to talk to HRT and, in fact, again, that was one of the things we were looking at in terms of providing bus seating arrangements. We're not necessarily able to provide shelters, because there is a qualifier - there's something, there's a criteria that's required for HRT to put either benches as well as shelters - so we're looking at doing that ourselves, again, because we are concerned about our residents. Neil Armstrong, as you said, is an American hero and it was presented to me by a Hampton resident who's also an employee of NASA/Langley Research Center back in July of last year, who said this is the 50th Anniversary of man walking on the moon, wouldn't it be great to tell individuals that the way you get to NASA/Langley Research Center is to take Neil Armstrong Way to Commander Sheppard Boulevard. We thought it was a great idea, we talked about it among the Council. We had, I think, our Public Works Director and our City Attorney explore it, and yes, initially we thought the cost was prohibitive. But, we later found out the cost was not beyond the realm of something that we could do. Earlier this evening, we had a segment called Spotlight on the City, and we talked about things that you do to show your love for your City. This, we believe, is something that is truly special. It brands us. If you go around our City, you will find bridges that are named after the early Mercury astronauts. We have the oldest NASA research center in the country. NASA/Langley Research Center was the very first one. It is 102 years old. We have a - we have the official NASA/Langley Research Center Welcome Center, the Virginia Air & Space Museum, in our downtown. There is a close, close alliance and association with NASA/Langley. We enjoy that, we try to celebrate it, and we believe that, in this particular instance, it is nothing beyond the realm of a possibility, and there's nothing wrong with doing something to honor this individual. Yes, I've answered a number of emails and tried to return phone calls, saying this is unnecessary, it's a waste of time, maybe we should do it after Katherine Johnson. We are planning to honor Katherine Johnson. We are planning to honor Mary Jackson, as well as Dorothy Vaughn. In fact, we have a community center that is being named after Mary Jackson that will be under construction probably within the next several months. We are also looking at other ways of acknowledging and honoring those hidden figures. Again, we recognize the alliance, the association that we have with NASA/Langley Research Center and yes, I think the cost is about \$130,000 to \$140,000. Again, we are not a wasteful Council and this is something that we believe should be done, and this is something I believe as a Council we are going to do this evening.

Ms. Bunting stated that she believes some of the confusion in cost could be from a reference in the Agenda Package that staff had estimated that the most it would cost any individual business as a result of the name change would be \$7,500. That is not something that the City would be paying for. The Mayor visited each one of those eleven businesses to determine whether they would be supportive of this change, and every single one of those businesses indicated that they were supportive of the change. They did not ask, nor do they expect, the City to cover the cost. They thought it was appropriate that the City provide this recognition. Furthermore, the Resolution states that because of timing, if the Resolution is approved, the renaming will be ceremonial upon the adoption and formally take effect July 1, 2021. This gives the businesses the time to make the change and the City to budget and work with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make the change. This is not something the City will be spending money on overnight; expenditures will be made over the next year and a half.

Mayor Tuck noted that the businesses were supportive, and one of the business groups suggested changing it from "Way" to "Parkway."

GENERAL ITEMS

Resolutions

8. [20-0005](#) Resolution Approving the Change of the Name of Magruder Boulevard in the City of Hampton, to Neil Armstrong Parkway

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Appointments

Ms. Glass read a summary of the appointments.

9. [19-0361](#) Consideration of an appointment to the Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis that Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson be appointed to fill an unexpired term until September 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following

vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

10. [20-0091](#) Consideration of appointments to the Hampton Federal Area Development Authority (HFADA)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis that Stacy Harden be appointed to fill an unexpired term until December 31, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

11. [20-0092](#) Consideration of appointments to the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments
- A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis that Clifford Moore be appointed to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2021, and that Asa Jenrette, Jr., and Michelle Handy be appointed to first terms expiring on February 28, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

12. [20-0090](#) Consideration of appointments to the Golf Advisory Board
- A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis that Mark Hilleren be reappointed to a second term and that Dr. Norman Merrifield be appointed to a first term, both which will expire on February 29, 2023. One vacancy will remain. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

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13. [20-0075](#) Briefing and Update on the Mission of Animal Control

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Bunting introduced Ms. Angela Taylor, Deputy Manager of Animal Control, who provided a presentation to Council.

Vice Mayor Gray thanked Ms. Taylor for the presentation. He stated that he does not know all of the officers, but he does know some of them, noting that the ones he knows have been with the department for a number of years. He understands that turnover has been a challenge, and he thanked the current staff for the commitment and dedication to the work.

Councilman Hobbs stated that he just got a text from his wife and she wants the two kittens from the video, and shared stories about his pets. He appreciates what the Hampton Animal Response Team (HART) does.

Councilwoman Curtis shared that she first got to know Ms. Taylor when they went to see the “Kitten Lady.” She shared that kittens often have to be euthanized because they are like babies and require feeding every two or three hours. Very few shelters in the country have 24-hour staff, so there is no way for the kittens to survive through the night. She stated that she plans to foster kittens when she has more time. She thanked HART for all they do and noted that her interactions with them have always been positive.

Ms. Taylor stated that they host several workshops for those who wish to foster kittens.

Ms. Bunting stated that there are many times when the officers have to deal with sad situations. Although they have happy moments, this job is probably one of the hardest jobs because of the emotional toll. To have a great team is very critical.

Presented by Angela Taylor, Deputy Manager.

Ms. Bunting shared dates for community budget input, noting that Hampton was the first city to offer input on the budget prior to a Manager’s Recommended Budget is released, and it continues to do so.

March 14, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

In-person meeting at Sandy Bottom Nature Park meeting room

March 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Facebook Live online

March 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Facebook Live online

March 10, 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Budget & Brews - Willow Oaks McDonald's coffee

March 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Budget & Brews - Oozlefinch

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____