



City of Hampton

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Notice of Action City Council Legislative Session

Mayor Jimmy Gray
Vice Mayor Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Randy C. Bowman, Sr.
Councilmember Carolyn S. Campbell
Councilmember Michelle Taylor Ferebee
Councilmember Hope L. Harper
Councilmember Martha M. Mugler

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Courtney R. Sydnor, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, MMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all members of the City Council were present.

INVOCATION: Councilman Randy Bowman

Councilman Bowman gave the invocation.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Randy C. Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Carolyn S. Campbell, Councilmember Michelle T. Ferebee, Councilmember Hope L. Harper, Councilmember Martha Mugler and Mayor Jimmy Gray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

Cub Scouts from West End Baptist Church Pack 2413 came forward to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Mayor Gray and members of City Council presented the scouts with City pins, coins and small American flags. The scouts were: Colton Manney, Webelo; Joy'salin (Joy) Beatty, Bear; Gaberial Carlisle, Wolf; Jurnee Lassiter, Tiger; Josiah Cook, Tiger; and Mvaya Carlisle, Lion. They were accompanied by: Pastor Paul Thomas, West End Baptist Church; Nicolas Oney, Cubmaster; and Jamar Lassiter, Assistant Cubmaster.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Gray recognized Victoria Martin, Arts Education Teacher,

from Captain John Smith Elementary School who shared information on a student art project where a mural was made from plastic bottle caps. Also assisting in the presentation were students Samantha Decker, Bailey Robinson, Evelyn Howell, Zaid Meriwether-Holley, and Helena Moore. Council presented them with City coins.

Mayor Gray also recognized John Campbell and Mike Riley (not present) for being the Team Leaders of a City Council team who participated in the Habitat for Humanity Joint-City Home Repair Blitz which took place on May 4, 2026. Mayor Gray shared that members of the City Council participated and recognized Airman from Joint-Base Langley Eustis who assisted in the effort. He recognized Airman First Class Trenton Harbour; Airman First Class Angel Mondragon; Airman Nabila Muna; Senior Airman Cameron Rogers; Airman First Class Caleb Rosales; Airman Brandon Vargas; and Airman First Class Miroslava Osorio and presented them with City coins.

The Mayor also mentioned some upcoming events to include the Blackbeard Pirate Festival, Juneteenth, and the Virginia Parade of Sail.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk indicated that it was requested that Item #2 26-0196 be pulled from the consent agenda and would be considered under General Items later in the agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Mugler, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

1. [26-0189](#) Resolution to Amend FY26 Council Approved Budget and Appropriate the Increased Allocation from the Virginia

Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2026 Urban
Maintenance Program

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown,
Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee,
Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and
Mayor Gray

3. [26-0198](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved
Budget to Accept \$3,100,000 in Public Assistance State and
Federal Revenues and to Appropriate those Revenues to the
Human Services Budget

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown,
Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee,
Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and
Mayor Gray

4. [26-0199](#) Resolution of Endorsement of Round Seven SMART SCALE
Projects

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown,
Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee,
Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and
Mayor Gray

5. [26-0200](#) Resolution Renaming a Portion of Butler Farm Road and a
Portion of Thomas Nelson Drive to College Drive

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown,
Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee,
Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and
Mayor Gray

6. [26-0197](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of
Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article

III, Officers and Employees Generally, Section 2-108, to Authorize Criminal History Checks for City Volunteers, and to Make Other Amendments to Mirror State Code Provisions
Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

7. [26-0209](#) Approval of the minutes from the April 22, 2026, work session
Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Gray read a proclamation for Men's Health Week. He then read and presented a proclamation for Juneteenth to Gabe Diaz, Executive Director of the Unity Office, and for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day to Vivian Austin, Chair of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

The Mayor also recognized Delegate Virgil Thornton who was attending the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Use Permits

8. [26-0154](#) Use Permit Application by Delwyn Cosby to Allow Vehicle Repair, Heavy at 611 Copeland Drive [LRSN 1000432]
Presented by James Randolph, Senior City Planner. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers signed up so Mayor Gray closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., to approve Use Permit Application 26-0154 for Heavy Vehicle Repair at 611 Copeland

Drive, subject to seven (7) conditions as presented in the agenda packet. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Ordinances

9. [26-0146](#) Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia Chapter 2, Section 2-2 Entitled "Definitions" to Amend the Definition for "Amusement Centers;" "Amusement or Skill-based Devices, Accessory;" "Off-track Horse Race Betting Facility;" and "Physical Recreation Facility;" Chapter 3, Section 3-2 Entitled "Table of Uses Permitted" to Add "Amusement or Skill-based Device, Accessory" and "Off-track Horse Race Betting Facility" to the Use Table; Chapter 3, Section 3-3 Entitled "Additional Standards on Uses" to Add Additional Standards for "Amusement or Skill-based Device, Accessory" and "Amusement Centers" Uses, and Chapter 9, Section 9-23 Entitled "Modifications to Permitted Uses"

Presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers signed up so Mayor Gray closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilman Randy Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper to approve and adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment 26-0146 concerning amusement devices and other recreational uses as presented in the agenda packet. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

10. [26-0192](#) Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement to Lumos Telephone LLC to Occupy and Use the Public Streets and Public Rights-of-Way Located in the City of Hampton for Providing Telecommunications Services

Presented by Mary Bunting, City Manager. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. Marissa Okes, Senior Manager of Market Development for Lumos, signed up to speak on behalf of the applicant if needed. Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilwoman Michelle Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown to approve and adopt Item 26-0192, Ordinance Approving Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement to Lumos Telephone LLC as presented in the agenda packet.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

11. [26-0212](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Non-Coded Ordinance Adopted on June 12, 2024 Setting the Salaries for the Mayor and Members of City Council Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1414.6

The item was introduced by Mary Bunting, the City Manager. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers so Mayor Gray closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Ferebee asked a clarifying question and the City Attorney responded. Mayor Gray and Ms. Bunting provided additional information. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Ordinance-Non-coded be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke: Linda Seely, June Sullivan, Chris Bowman, Joan Weaver, Aaron Burke, and Cherrylisa Burke. The City Manager, Mary Bunting, provided brief responsive comments.

GENERAL ITEMS

2. [26-0196](#) Resolution to Approve an Encroachment Agreement Pursuant to Hampton City Code § 34-86 Between the City of Hampton and Matthew Sterling Crockett and Elizabeth Mae Crockett to Allow an Encroachment into the City's Right-of-Way for Installation of Plants for Landscaping and a Privacy Fence Within and Along the City's Right-of-Way Known as Sunset Road East

The City Manager, Mary Bunting, introduced the item. Councilwoman Campbell briefly spoke and then made a motion to defer action on this item until August 12, 2026. The motion did not receive a second. Another motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Martha Mugler to approve the encroachment agreement with Matthew and Elizabeth Crockett. The motion passed on the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

Appointments

12. [26-0033](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Virginia Peninsula Community College Board of Trustees

Prior to the vote, Councilwoman Ferebee stated: I will not participate in any discussion or vote concerning appointment to the Virginia Peninsula Community College Board of Trustees because my spouse is under consideration for appointment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mugler and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Melvin Ferebee to a first full term until June 30, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Abstained: 1 - Councilmember Ferebee

13. [26-0036](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Animal Response Team Advisory Committee
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 7/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
14. [26-0151](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG)
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to reappoint Anthony Sandifuer to a second term until June 30, 2030; and to appoint Grady McLean, III and Darius Copeland as business community representatives to first terms expiring June 30, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
15. [26-0166](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Economic Development Authority
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Robert Shuford be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of a term until March 31, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

16. [26-0201](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Neighborhood Commission
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to appoint Brenda Cole for District 4 to fill the unexpired portion of a term until June 30, 2027; Caroline Peabody as a Business Representative to fill the unexpired portion of a term until December 31, 2026; and Jason Mitchell as the City Manager’s Representative. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
17. [26-0202](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to appoint Dr. Edward Eule to fill the unexpired portion of a term until May 30, 2029; and appoint Robert Guerin to fill the unexpired portion of a term until March 20, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
18. [26-0203](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to reappoint Karen Bowden to a third term until June 30, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
19. [26-0204](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Grievance Board

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper to appoint Caroline Peabody to serve a first term until June 30, 2030; and Shelley Lawrence to a partial term ending on June 30, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

20. [26-0205](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program Advisory Board

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper to reappoint Tramaine Brown to a first full term until June 30 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

21. [26-0206](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Hampton Commission on the Arts

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to appoint Richard C. Press to a first term until June 30, 2030; and Jason Mitchell as the City Manager's Representative. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

22. [26-0208](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Peninsula Airport Commission

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper to reappoint Jay Joseph to a

four year term which will expire on June 30, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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