



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Ceremonial Session

*Mayor Donnie R. Tuck*

*Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray*

*Councilmember Chris L. Bowman*

*Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown*

*Councilmember Steven L. Brown*

*Councilmember Billy Hobbs*

*Councilmember Chris Snead*

*STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager*

*Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney*

*Katherine K. Glass, Clerk of Council*

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**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All members of the City Council were present with the exception of Councilwoman Snead who is expected later in the evening.

**Present** 6 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

**Excused** 1 - Councilmember Chris Snead

### DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS: Spotlight on Hampton City Schools' Summer Business Institute

Mayor Tuck called upon Brian Marchese, Outreach and Creative Coordinator of Marketing INC, who presented information on the various Hampton City Schools' Summer Business Institutes. These institutes provided a great and unique opportunity that Hampton City Schools offers its students in an authentic, real-world business challenge where students, through teamwork, collaboration, research and on-site visits, design and develop a solution to address a specific business challenge. This opportunity allowed student teams to work directly with local businesses and industry partners over the summer. The 2021 Summer Business Institute was offered to rising juniors and seniors. From July 9 - August 5, 2021, students participated in the challenge for their 2021-2022 selected academy. Over four weeks, students worked with their assigned employer to address an authentic challenge faced by the business. Students created a product and then presented it

to the participating business partner. Each challenge-based learning experience is correlated to the academic and technical curriculum of its related career academy and demonstrates the integration of academic, technical and research skills in creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration and communication in career exploration.

Mr. Marchese recognized the businesses and industry partners that worked with Hampton students and they were presented with awards from members of City Council. Also in attendance were principals and executive staff members from the high schools.

Bethel High School: Executive Principal Ralph Saunders (not in attendance) and Extended Learning Coordinator Miya Sumpter.

Challenge 1: The Governor's Health Science Academy project, "Vaccination Nation". Yvonne Young, CEO, Professional Technical Learning Center, LLC, was the business partner that participated in this project.

Challenge 2: The Academy of Law and Public Safety project, "Crime Files". Sgt. Eric Rummel, Community Engagement Unit, Hampton Police Division, was the community partner that participated in this project.

Challenge 3: The Academy of Media Arts and Sciences project, "MAD about Business". Erica Spencer, Senior Business Development Manager, Small Business/Workforce Development, City of Hampton Economic Development Department, participated in this project.

For the next award, Mr. Marchese invited Kecoughtan High School Executive Principal, Dr. Violet Whiteman (not in attendance) and Extended Learning Coordinator Sharyna Smith to come forward.

Challenge 4: A joint project with Kecoughtan High School and Bethel High School, the Governor's STEM Academy of Architecture, Environment, and Engineering / Academy of Transportation, Analytics, Information and Logistics Academy project, "Drone Soar". Queen Crittenden (not in attendance) and Angela Parsley, Education Coordinator, Virginia Department of Transportation, partnered in this project.

Challenge 5: Academy of Teaching, Education, and Learning project, "The Little Genius". Vondella Gregory, Executive Director and Sherry Custis, Program Director, Downtown Hampton Child Development Center (not in attendance) partnered in this project.

Challenge 6: Academy of Entrepreneurship and Information Design project, "Collaborate to Make It". The partner for this program was Shannen Atkinson, Business Manager, Gather, Inc.

Challenge 7: On-Stage Performing Arts project, "Behind the Scenes". David Messic, Owner, Rainbow Puppets, partnered in this project.

Hampton High School: Executive Principal Shameka Pollard (not in attendance) and Extended Learning Coordinator Lonnette Heckstall (not in attendance).

Challenge 8: The Academy of Health, Human and Financial Services project, "On My Own, Earning My Way". Kenita Ricks of VersAbility (not in attendance) was the business partner that participated in the project.

Challenge 9: The Maritime Academy project, "Shore to Sail". Rosemary Hobart of Youth Sailing (not in attendance) partnered in this project.

Phoebus High School: James Harris, Executive Principal (not in attendance) and Tina Jackson, Extended Learning Coordinator.

Challenge 10: A joint project with Hampton High School and Phoebus High School, The Hampton Academy of Technology and Engineering / Academy of Cybersecurity, Engineering & Robotics worked together on the project, "Breathe Easy". Dr. John Olson, Campus President and Chris Frizel, Instructor, ECPI, partnered in this project.

Challenge 11: The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism project, "Turn up the Heat". Stephanie Rolla, Owner, Sinful Treats (not in attendance) partnered in this project.

Challenge 12: The Academy Digital Video Production project, "A Brand New Story". Kathy Yevak, General Manager, SKY-4 TV, partnered in this project.

Mr. Marchese made closing remarks and thanked the business partners for providing our students with opportunities to become involved in the real world to learn about new businesses and have these opportunities which will expand their future.

Mayor Tuck also made closing remarks and thanked all of the partners for their partnerships with our schools.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Donnie R. Tuck  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, CMC  
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council \_\_\_\_\_