



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, May 27, 2020

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members of City Council were physically present in City Council Chambers: Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Curtis, Councilman Hobbs, and Mayor Tuck. Vice Mayor Gray and Councilwoman Snead participated from home by Zoom.

During roll call, Vice Mayor Gray and Councilwoman Chris Snead requested approval of their participation in the City Council legislative session meeting today in an electronic fashion pursuant to Section (1)(a) of the City Council's Electronic Meeting policy in that, due to a health condition, they were in the category of individuals more susceptible to severe complications from the coronavirus or COVID-19. Both indicated that they were participating by Zoom from their homes.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

[20-0156](#)

Motion to approve the electronic participation of Vice Mayor Gray and Councilwoman Snead.

A motion was made by Councilmember Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Linda Curtis, that the electronic participation of Vice Mayor Gray and Councilwoman Snead be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Abstained: 2 - Vice Mayor Gray and Councilmember Snead

INVOCATION - Councilwoman Chris Snead

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Snead.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck shared that typically during the second meeting of May, Council recognizes the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Hampton's High Schools. He then shared the names of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Hampton's High Schools. Since the usual recognition was not possible with social distancing, the Mayor asked the Clerk to read their names and a brief summary of their accomplishments.

Katherine Glass, Clerk of Council, presented information on the following students and some general statistics of the graduating class of 2020 and some of the colleges and universities where they have been accepted.

Caitlyn Jung, Bethel High School Valedictorian, has a GPA of 4.54. Jung's activities include Varsity Cross Country, Model United Nations, Scholastic Bowl, National Honor Society, Summer Residential Governor's School for Math, Science and Technology at the University of Lynchburg, and the Governor's School for Science and Technology-Engineering Strand. She was accepted to Virginia Tech, early decision, and is planning to major in biomedical engineering with minors in psychology, physics, and disabilities studies. After her undergraduate degree studies, she plans to continue at Virginia Tech for a masters in Biomedical Engineering and pursue a career in biomedical research or possibly continue research to work on a Ph.D.

Michelle Nguyen, Bethel High School Salutatorian, has a GPA of 4.51. Nguyen's activities include participation in the Great Computer Challenge and the UVA coding competition. She also attended the Governor's School for Science and Technology

and the Virginia Tech fall visitation. She was accepted to the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Rochester Institute of Technology. She has decided to attend the University of Virginia to major in Computer Science. Following college graduation, she plans to seek employment in the computer science field while working on personal art projects.

Jay Patel, Hampton High School Valedictorian, has a GPA of 4.61. Patel's activities include NASA Knights First Robotics Team, cancer research with Dr. Yakisich, Hampton High School soccer and swim team, VIP United F. C. Soccer, Science National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society. He was accepted to the University of Virginia as an Echols Scholar, Virginia Commonwealth University's Honors College, the College of William and Mary as a James Monroe Scholar, and was waitlisted at Dartmouth College. Patel will attend the University of Virginia in the fall and major in biology. He plans to attend medical school.

Helen Dong, Hampton High School Salutatorian, has a GPA of 4.6. Dong's activities include serving as treasurer of Rho Kappa and manager of the JV/Varsity Boys Soccer team, participation in Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. She was accepted to the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University, Christopher Newport University, Longwood University, and Mary Baldwin University. Dong will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall. She is unsure of her major at this time, but hopes to pursue a career in a field she is passionate about.

Megan Geith, Kecoughtan High School Co-Valedictorian, has a GPA of 4.56. Geith's activities include sailing, dive team, Foxhill softball, Youth in Action at Wallace Memorial, and St. Joseph's Youth Group. She was accepted to the University of Virginia, Hofstra University, Fordham University, Old Dominion University, University of South Carolina, and the University of Mary Washington. Geith will be majoring in Accounting and Business Analytics at Old Dominion University in the fall. Following college, she plans to pursue a career in accounting, possibly in the family business.

Ryan Nguyen, Kecoughtan High School Co-Valedictorian, has a GPA of 4.56. Nguyen's activities include sailing, Rho Kappa volunteering, and math tutoring. He was accepted to the University of Virginia, Christopher Newport University, and Old Dominion University. Nguyen has decided to attend the University of Virginia and major in computer science. He would like to work for Google or Facebook after he earns his degree.

Mary Campbell, Kecoughtan High School Salutatorian, has a GPA of 4.54.

Campbell's activities include playing the French horn in the Symphonic Band, being a mellophone player in Marching Band, and a lector at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She participates in Irish Dance, Rho Kappa Honor Society, National Honor Society, Music Honor Society, and the Principal's Advising and Consulting Team. She was accepted to Christopher Newport University, Old Dominion University, and James Madison University Campbell. She has decided to attend Thomas Nelson Community College in the fall then transfer to Old Dominion University and major in computer science. She hopes to find a career in Hampton involving software engineering after earning her degree.

Maia Baumbach, Phoebus High School Valedictorian, has a GPA of 4.68. Baumbach's activities include Varsity Field Hockey, National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis Team, English Honor Society, German Honor Society, and Class Secretary. She also volunteers at the Cat Corner. She was accepted to the University of Virginia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Purdue University, University of South Carolina, and Colorado School of Mines University. Baumbach has decided to attend Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall and major in biomedical engineering. She hopes to enroll in medical school and one day conduct medical research.

Davon "DJ" Young, Phoebus High School Salutatorian, has a GPA of 4.54. Young's activities include serving as captain of the Varsity Swim Team, Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team, Board Game Club, and Coding Team. He was also a TRIO participant, completed a mentorship in The Mitre Corporation, served as a junior counselor at Wythe Presbyterian Preschool, and served as a volunteer for the Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association and the Wythe Pool. He was accepted to the Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, University of Mary Washington, Virginia Wesleyan University, Albion College, Bridgewater College, and Hartwick College. Young has decided to attend the Batten Honors College of Virginia Wesleyan University in the fall where he will major in computer science. After graduation he hopes to start a career in programing.

The Clerk of Council recapped the following statistics for Hampton City Schools for this school year: 387 highest honors graduates for the division; 311 honors graduates for the division; and 1,425 total prospective graduates.

The Clerk of Council also shared post-secondary continuing education plans. They include: Citadel, the Apprentice school, the Army National Guard, Virginia Tech, Virginia State, Hampton University, James Madison University, The United States Naval Academy, Howard University, Georgia Institute of Technology, All Military branches, Oglethorpe University, The College of William and Mary, University of Virginia, The Air Force Academy, University of Central Florida, Norfolk State

University, Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, Spelman College, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Cleveland State University, Christopher Newport University and Mary Baldwin University.

The members of Council and staff joined the Mayor is wishing these young people well.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk of Council read the protocol for the consent agenda and a summary of the consent items.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

1. [20-0068](#) Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Funds for the Fiscal Year 2021 Children's Services Act (Formerly Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families)

Attachments: [CSA FY2021 Allocation.pdf](#)
[CSA Expenditure Reorts FY17 18 19 \(2\).pdf](#)
[CSA FY2020 Admin Allocation.pdf](#)

item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

2. [20-0106](#) Resolution of the City Council of Hampton, Virginia to Amend the Approved Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget by Accepting and Appropriating \$547,000 in Grant Funds Awarded by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to the City of Hampton, Virginia to Elevate One (1) Severe Repetitive Loss Property, Grant FMA-PJ-03-VA-2018-002, awarded December 20, 2019

Attachments: [Award Letter](#)
[Grant Proposal Overview](#)
[Grant Application](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

3. [20-0124](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate the 2020 Byrne/JAG - Community-Based Gun Violence Prevention Grant ("Byrne Grant") Awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to the City of Hampton, Virginia

Attachments: [Award Letter](#)
[Grant Application - Amended](#)
[Grant Proposal Overview](#)
[Grant Routing - Signatures](#)
[Itemized Budget - Page 2 modifications](#)
[Email Approvals - etc](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

4. [20-0135](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget and to Accept and Appropriate funding from the Military Installation Resiliency Project Study Grant Funding Program through the Office of Economic Adjustment Community Planning Assistance Program Services

Attachments: [Resiliency Plan Abstract](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

5. [20-0110](#) Request for Approval of Refund of Certain Erroneously Assessed Personal Property Taxes
Item approved.
Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck
6. [20-0113](#) Approval of the minutes from the work and legislative sessions of March 11, 2020, from the special sessions of March 23, 2020, April 8, 2020, April 22, 2020, and the work and legislative special sessions of May 6, 2020, and May 13, 2020.
Item approved.
Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

GENERAL ITEMS

Since the time limit for individuals to sign up for public comment had not yet been reached, the Mayor asked the Clerk to proceed with General Items and the Appointments.

Resolutions

7. [20-0140](#) Resolution Approving the Terms of a Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Hampton and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Said Cooperation Agreement for the Acquisition, Maintenance, and Rental of 1 South Mallory Street

Attachments: [Cooperation Agreement](#)
[Agreement of Sale](#)

The Clerk of Council read the title for the item.

City Manager Mary Bunting made the following statement regarding the item: The

said address, 1 South Mallory Street, is the current location of the Phoebus branch of the Hampton Public Library. The City has operated the Phoebus Branch Library at this location for many, many years through a leasing arrangement with the property owner, Old Point National Bank. They acquired the property in 2009. Since that time, we have leased the first floor of the property for the continued operation of the library. The property's second floor is ready for occupancy, but is not currently vacant. Our current library lease with Old Point expired in November of 2019. Prior to that expiration, Old Point offered to sell the property to the City and suggested a structure wherein we would get the property for roughly equivalent to what we pay for the lease over ten years' time. The Council did agree that this was a fair price and we have structured a deal such that the Economic Development Authority (EDA) will purchase that building and if effectively continue to allow us to use the first floor as the Phoebus Library, we would give them the amount of the library rent and then they have the opportunity to lease the second floor to small businesses that might want to locate in Phoebus. The sales price for the property is \$925,000. It's being financed through ten years with 2% interest per year. We will pay \$92,500 at closing with the balance payable in ten annual installments, each nearly equivalent to the annual rent that the City would have otherwise had to pay for the continued use of the property through our annual lease payments. Staff recommends approval of this cooperation agreement which assures the EDA that we will transfer that rent payment to them each year to make the payments on this effective lease purchase agreement.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions from the members of Council. No questions were posed.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

Appointments

8. [19-0360](#) Consideration of appointments to the Purchasing and Procurement Oversight Committee (PPOC)

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis that James Gervais and Tammy Waldroup be appointed to second terms expiring on June 30, 2023, and appoint Reginald Woodhouse to a first term as the School Board representative and to also

appoint Nina T. Britton and Dina S. Reid to first terms expiring on June 30, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

9. [20-0018](#) Consideration of appointments to Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG)

A motion was made by Councilmember Curtis that Joiecel Riviera be appointed as the Citizens Unity Commission representative to a term expiring March 31, 2024, Angelo Suggs, Jr. be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of a term until December 31, 2021, and that Kenndel Ray-Shawn Thompson and Isaiah K Morton be appointed to youth positions for terms expiring June 30, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

10. [20-0112](#) Consideration of appointments to the Peninsula Town Center CDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis to reappoint Judy Miller to a second term which will expire on March 31, 2024, to appoint Nick Hobbs to a second term as an alternate until March 31, 2023, and to appoint Ava Green to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

11. [20-0114](#) Consideration of Appointments to the H2O Community Development Authority

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and

seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 6/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

12. [20-0117](#) Consideration of appointments to the Hampton Commission on the Arts

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis to reappoint Brian DeProffio as the City Manager's representative and Charles Winslow to second terms ending on June 30, 2023 and to appoint Cherelle Cotton and Rebekah A. Hill to first terms expiring on June 30, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

13. [20-0127](#) Consideration of appointments to the Fort Monroe Authority

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis to reappoint Mary Bunting and Jay Joseph to second terms expiring on June 30, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

14. [20-0137](#) Consideration of appointments to the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments

A motion was made by Councilmember Curtis that Julie Cyr be reappointed to a second term. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tim Kines greeted everyone and made the following statement: I want to talk about two things real quick. First, was the research grant from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. I think doing research is great. I have no real problem with accepting money from them. I merely just want to point out that they can be a particularly biased organization, particularly an anti-gun organization, so any research that is going on, I just want you to keep that in mind. Hopefully, they have some good things to say and will help the community.

Mr. Kines continued speaking on another topic: I'm a member of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL). I'm also here to express my concern over Mayor Tuck's comments to limit lawful carry of firearms in parks and libraries. So, the Mayor cited a Buckroe Beach incident from last July as the reason that he would like these measures. However, I want to point out that that crime was committed by a 15-year old who was already in violation of numerous laws including possessing that weapon. Instead, I think we should take steps that Shani Buggs, Research Analyst for Gun Policy and Research of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, recommends. She advocates the concentration of violence theory and how a tiny percentage of population is responsible for a disproportionate amount of crime. She recommends group violence intervention and cure violence models for community-based violence reduction. These are scalpels that surgically target the real cause of violence in the community and punish criminals. These are not hammers that disarm citizens. However, even she admits the long-term effects of those are uncertain, but what is certain is that limiting access to self-defense correlates to increased violent crime. Buggs stated how in 2013, Baltimore saw a reduction in gun violence with the said policies; however, that same year, Maryland passed a Firearm Safety Act of 2013 which is one of the most restrictive gun control laws in the country. In 2014 to 2015, while limiting access to guns and the right to self-defense, murders in Baltimore went from about 150 to 300, and they have stayed close to that ever since. The Government took a hammer to the issue instead of a scalpel and they caused more damage. So, I urge you to target the real cause of violence in Hampton. The hundreds of thousands of concealed weapons permit (CWP) holders are not the issue, so please don't punish us. I leave you with this question that I haven't had an answer to from any politician I've asked this to: So, given that the majority of mass violence happens in gun-free zones, how can you justify expanding gun-free zones? Thank you.

Mr. Craig Knopp greeted everyone and made the following statement: I'm here to talk about a few things. One thing is item number 3 on the agenda, the grant. I just had a few questions about it. Basically, if you guys could give a little more of a description on what we are trying to accomplish with this grant. Also, a couple of questions I emailed everybody on a couple of different items. I see that there are three people, I believe (three people in the research group here). One from the

Commonwealth Attorney's Office; one from (what it says) the research partner; and one from Johns Hopkins. The research partner: I'm kind of a little concerned about that. I'd like to know who that would be, actually, along with the other people, but that one not being called out who the research group or research person is, that one does concern me a little bit. Also, along with this, the dates that we are looking for research. I am very much concerned that they may group in - when the City shut down which was March 16th. Anything from then until now or whenever the end of the COVID pandemic ends. I think that heightens our violence on that area. Even last week or so during a public speech, Mayor, you addressed that and said this is not the norm, so I would like to have that taken out of the research, so that way, we are not doing anything that is not the norm. Also, I'm just kind of curious how the bi-monthly meetings are going to go. Also, another issue I would like to address is the attendance for both the board and the Councils for the City. I'm just wondering if we have anything outlined. From the knowledge I had, it looks like all of the Boards and Commissions kind of have different criteria for it, along with the State which has a criteria, too. So, I was just wondering if we can maybe align some of the criteria's if it is possible. Thank you.

Mr. Aijalon Cordoza made the following statement: Some of my questions are also in regard to item 3 of the consent agenda. I looked up a lot of the research from that organization, and while I do think they have a certain level of bias, I cannot say they are 100% biased because they are the ones who debunked the so called assault weapons bans as being effective ways to help stop mass shootings. They debunked that and openly published it, so I can't say they are 100% biased, but there are some inherent biases in their research. What I would ask is that since you've accepted the grant money, if you could appoint a board of equal members of gun organization members and opposing to filter through their findings to make sure that they aren't biased so that we get an opinion that is not too to the right and too to the left, that way we can have a filter. Also, in regards to the comments that other people have mentioned, everyone has their own opinion and I just would like to know, Mayor, if that is your opinion or if that is something you intend to put into practice (the law) and if you could just clarify exactly what that means. Is that an open carry thing? Is that a field carry or a thing that covers concealed carry and why you believe that would be a good measure if it is a measure you intend to bring to the toolbox. Generally, that is it. Normally, I go my whole three minutes, but not a lot going on. I hope everyone is feeling good and no one has the COVID-19. Have a good one.

Ms. Levita Jones greeted everyone and made the following statement: I am here to speak on behalf of VCDL, the Virginia Citizens Defense League. It's in reference to me speaking on the new grant by the City of Hampton which has put in an application for a grant through Johns Hopkins for gun violence with the focus on the

demographic that has been affected by the gun violence. So, we have come to know that it is the minorities so far for the City of Hampton. So, I'm just here to read the Second Amendments rights and ask that the Council take that into consideration - that all gun regulation is in one way or another an attack on our Second Amendment rights. Under the Second Amendment and the U.S. Constitution, A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free state and the right of the people to keep and bear arms and their rights shall not be infringed. Any hand gun or firearm restrictions that interfere with self-defense is also a violation of our Second Amendment rights and to keep and bear arms for all purposes of self-defense. So, I'm just here to ask the Council to keep that in mind as these new laws are imposed. Thank you.

Ms. Haley Smith greeted everyone and made the following statement: After reviewing the items for today's meeting, agenda item #3 20-0124, it grabbed my attention for the fact it mentions gun violence prevention. I propose the set of questions that I have and hopefully, I can get some answers to clarify the agenda. 1. What is your hypothesis of the study? 2. What type of research are you planning on conducting? 3. What is the scope of this research and what does it entail? I noted back on March 19th, you had published a video on your Facebook page and it talks about targeting certain areas in our community, and I know that the money comes from research from Johns Hopkins which Michael Bloomberg has donated to and I know that that was for educational purposes and grants for scholarships, but what concerns me is that anything with Michael Bloomberg's name tied to it is worrisome, especially in our communities that are experiencing such strife as violence. I wonder if the stop and frisk is going to come to Hampton Roads. That's very scary especially for my family members that I have. Those questions just need to be answered as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mr. Tim Cullen greeted everyone and made the following statement: I wanted to talk to you guys tonight. I heard Mayor Tuck on a radio show - he was interviewed and said he wanted to ban carry at parks and libraries. I think this is very dangerous because citizens that want to defend themselves would be defenseless. The kid that perpetrated the crime - he was a 15 year-old. He wasn't supposed to be in possession of a hand gun in the first place. So, if you guys put a sign up that says "No firearms allowed", do you think they will really follow the signs, the City ordinance if he is going to break the law in the first place? Another thing, given that most mass shootings occur in gun-free zones, why would you want to expand gun-free zones and make people defenseless? One other thing in addition to that, the study that is going on. I'm glad you are doing the study, but I just want you guys to kind of know that their results and their recommendations are going to be very biased because of where they are coming from. Thank you.

Mayor Tuck provided some history on gun violence in Hampton and the City's efforts to address that. He also clarified that with respect to the carrying of weapons in our libraries and parks, it is not his decision, concept or thought; instead, it is that of the City Council. He added that the individuals who elected Council and the leaders who represent them in Richmond acknowledge the fact that we believe that we should have the right to regulate the carrying of weapons in public spaces, primarily libraries and parks.

City Manager, Mary Bunting, and the City Attorney, Cheran Cordell Ivery, provided additional information on the grant which is the subject matter of item 20-0124 and on gun laws which are not yet in effect, but will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____