



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, December 10, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All members of the City Council were present.

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

INVOCATION - Vice Mayor Steven L. Brown

Vice Mayor Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Gray recognized Lakesha Brown-Renfro, Nzinga Teule-Hekima, and Tanecia Willis (also known as 'The Mango Ladies') as they complete their ten year business plan with respect to the Mango Mangeaux Restaurant.

Mayor Gray also recognized the Hampton City Schools students who created the City's holiday cards. Ms. Ai Choo Ashe introduced the students: Bethel High School - Naima Gregory, Phoebus High School - Jaelyn Harris, Kecoughtan High School - Aliyah Boyce, and Hampton High School - Anastasia Ivanenciuc.

Mayor Gray asked City Manager Mary Bunting to share the good works of the employees of the city's Public Works department during the recent snow event.

Mayor Gray announced that he was going to take the public hearing on item #14 25-0343 out of order as the first of the public hearings scheduled tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Mugler, seconded by Councilmember Bowman, Sr., 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. [25-0301](#) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2025 Year-End Budget Adjustments

Item approved.

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

2. [25-0334](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate a total of \$1,012,526 from the General Fund's Assigned and Committed Fund Balance accounts to the General Fund Operating Budgets of the City Attorney; City Sheriff - Jail; Clerk of the Circuit Court; Commonwealth's Attorney; Hampton Animal Response Team (HART); and, the Office of Family Resilience and Economic Empowerment to complete activities started in Fiscal Year 2025

Item approved.

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

3. [25-0338](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate a total of \$3,550,000 from the Capital Budget (Projects) Committed Fund Balance Account to the Capital Budget (Projects) Fund to Complete Capital Projects for Community Development and Information Technology
Item approved.

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

4. [25-0341](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate a total of \$992,719 from the General Fund's Assigned Fund Balance account to the Contributions to Outside Agencies; and, Non-departmental accounts for Various City Initiatives
Item approved.

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

5. [25-0335](#) Resolution Approving the Assignment of a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement from HII Technical Solutions Corporation to Huntington Ingalls Incorporated
Item approved.

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

6. [25-0347](#) Resolution to Adopt the Safe Streets and Roads for All Hampton Safety Action Plan
Item approved.

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

7. [25-0339](#) Resolution to Approve an Encroachment Agreement Pursuant to Hampton City Code § 34-86 Between the City of Hampton and Teleport Communications America, LLC to Allow an Encroachment into the City's Right of Way for Installation of Fiber Optic Cable and Conduit to Serve Property and/or Customers Located at 925 Old Buckroe Road.

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All members of the City Council were present.

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

8. [25-0298](#) Correction to City Council 2026 Meeting Schedule
Item approved.

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

9. [25-0318](#) Approval of the minutes from the work and legislative sessions of November 12, 2025.
Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. [25-0343](#) Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact Chapter 12 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia to Amend an Existing Precinct, Establish a New Precinct, and Establish a New Polling Place for the New Precinct

Presented by Angela King, Deputy City Attorney. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke: Jeion Ward, Lance Jones, Virgil Thornton, Darrell K. Williams, Rosa Riddick, Dr. Richard Mason, Betty Koonce-Johnson, Jaden Watson, Kevin Jones, Aaron Weaver, Stephanie Durrah, Cassandra Alston Townsley, Courtney Johnson, Malachii Townsley, Tamara William, Neva Beierle, Ken Elaziel, and Natalie Kidd. DeLevay Miner, Calvin Jones, and Jade Abu Bakr yielded their time to speak and Linda Holmes was not present when called.

A motion was made by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to approve amendments to Hampton City Code establishing a new Hampton University precinct and polling place as presented in Item No. 25-0343, such amendments to be effective upon issuance of a certification of no objection by the Office of the Attorney General in accordance Virginia Code § 24.2-129(D); to authorize the General Registrar to request a certification of no objection from the Office of Attorney General; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed Polling Place License Agreement presented in the agenda package. 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

Mayor Gray called for a ten minute recess from 7:47 pm to 7:57 pm.

10. [25-0336](#) 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Amendment
- Presented by Monica Meharg, Community Engagement Manager. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no speakers so the Mayor closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Amendment, as presented. 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
11. [25-0322](#) Rezoning Application No. 25-0322: by Gloria Higuera Lopez to Rezone +/-0.15 acres at 1700 E Pembroke Ave [LRSN: 12003841] from Limited Commercial (C-2) District to the One-family Residential (R-9) District with Proffered Conditions in Order to Construct a Single-Family Dwelling on a Vacant Lot
- Presented by Han Vu, City Planner. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. Aaron Weaver spoke on the item. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Vice Mayor Brown inquired about why a community meeting wasn't held. Ms. Vu said that there was a language barrier. Ms. Bunting indicated staff can make resources available for an interpreter.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr. and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Zoning Ordinance be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 1/28/2026. 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
12. [25-0285](#) Use Permit Application No. 25-0285 by Southern Comfort Restaurant & Lounge, LLC to permit a Restaurant 3 for Extended General Hours of Operation, to Include Alcohol Sales and Indoor

Live Entertainment, at 2163 & 2165 Cunningham Dr [Portion of LRSN: 7001532].

Presented by Kim Mikel, Interim Director of Community Development. There was discussion about security staffing. The applicant also spoke. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Gray called for a recess from 8:53 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. He then proceeded with other agenda items and this item will be revisited later on the agenda.

At 9:24 p.m., Mayor Gray indicated that Council was going to deviate from the agenda and take things out of order. The Clerk read the title for item #15 25-0342.

15. [25-0342](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement between the City of Hampton and the HamptonBMX Volunteers Association, Inc. to use approximately 2.6 Acres of Gosnold's Hope Park
- The Clerk read the title for item #15. The City Manager presented background information. The Mayor opened the public hearing and, since there were no speakers, he closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler that the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing execution of a license agreement between the City of Hampton and HamptonBMX Volunteers Association, as presented. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke during public comment: Velma Gause-Price, Aaron Weaver, William Moore, Rita Taylor, Teresa

Roundy (played a recording from her phone), and Craig Knopp. Cody Beckner was called but no longer present. The City Manager provided responsive comments.

[25-0285](#)

Use Permit Application No. 25-0285 by Southern Comfort Restaurant & Lounge, LLC to permit a Restaurant 3 for Extended General Hours of Operation, to Include Alcohol Sales and Indoor Live Entertainment, at 2163 & 2165 Cunningham Dr [Portion of LRSN: 7001532].

The Council returned to agenda item #25-0285. Ms. Mikel presented additional information on the City's revised proposed conditions. The applicant proposes 7 security, 2 of which will be HPD officers. He'd also like to be able to return in 90 days for a check-in on how things are going.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers so the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr. and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Use Permit be approved with fourteen (14) conditions as found in the agenda package, modifying Section 8 per Ms. Mikel's comments. 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

13.

[25-0323](#)

Consider Revocation of the Use Permit Issued to Karma Restaurant and Lounge for a Restaurant 3 in the Downtown Business (DT-1) District at 85 and 87 Lincoln Street [Portion of LRSN: 2003249] Due to Violations of Conditions contained in the Use Permit

Presented by Steven Lynch, Interim Deputy Director of Community Development and Officer Zminkowski of the Hampton Police Division. The applicant, Mr. Ray, and his legal representative, Amina Matheny-Willard, presented information to Council and requested a deferral. The applicant's ten minutes

expired and Ms. Amina Matheny-Ward did request rebuttal time.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and the following individuals spoke: Brittney Brown, Charles Kelley, Johnson Tirado, Tiffany Powell, Alex Barrow, Nakita Bellevie, Eric Montgomery and Dominique Cutchin. Ciera Moore and Justin Birch were not present when called to speak.

The applicant and his attorney returned to the podium for their three minute rebuttal time. Mr. Ray addressed City Council during the rebuttal time and then Councilmembers had an opportunity to ask questions.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Mugler that the Use Permit 24-0489 be revoked for failure to comply with the use permit conditions. 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

[25-0353](#) Motion to extend the meeting beyond the 11 p.m. time limit set by the City Code.

A motion was made by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown to extend the meeting beyond the 11 p.m. time limit set by the City Code. 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

GENERAL ITEMS

16. [25-0252](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority (HRHA)
No action taken.

18. [25-0290](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Animal Response Team Advisory Committee
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilwoman Mugler that Amanda Wroten be appointed to a first term until December 31, 2028. 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. [25-0344](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Coliseum Advisory Committee
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilwoman Mugler that Linda Curtis be reappointed and that Ann Cherry be appointed, both to terms expiring on December 31, 2028. 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. [25-0345](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning Commission
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilwoman Mugler that Keisha Samuels be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of a term until November 30, 2028. 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. [25-0346](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Towing Advisory Board
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilwoman Mugler that George Salyers be appointed as a towing and recovery operator representative until December 31,

2027. 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. [25-0349](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harper and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 1/28/2026. 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

Councilwoman Ferebee stated: I did not participate in any discussion and will not vote concerning appointments to the Virginia Air & Space Science Center because my spouse currently serves on that board and is under consideration for appointment.

Councilwoman Mugler stated: I did not participate in any discussion and will not vote concerning appointments to the Virginia Air & Space Science Center because my spouse currently serves on that board and is under consideration for appointment.

17. [25-0275](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Virginia Air & Space Science Center Board of Directors

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harper and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown that the following reappointments be made:

Reappoint Ross Mugler and Ann Bane to second terms expiring on January 31, 2030; reappoint Melvin Ferebee, Jr., Michael Hamar, Gaylene Kanoyton, Stephen Miller, Dr.Chandra

Oaks-Garcia and John Ishon to second terms expiring on February 28, 2030; and reappoint Brian DeProfio to a third term expiring on June 30, 2030. One vacancy remains.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Harper and Mayor Gray

Abstained: 2 - Councilmember Ferebee and Councilmember Mugler

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

Councilmembers shared holiday wishes with the community.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

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