



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

*Mayor George Wallace*  
*Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis*  
*Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs*  
*Councilmember Will Moffett*  
*Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt*  
*Councilmember Chris Snead*  
*Councilmember Donnie R. Tuck*

*STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager*  
*Vanessa T. Valldejuli, City Attorney*  
*Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Will Moffett, Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt, Councilmember Chris Snead, Councilmember Donnie R. Tuck and Mayor George Wallace

**GEORGE E. WALLACE PRESIDED**

**INVOCATION - Councilmember: Chris Snead**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wallace noted that items 3 and 10 are being pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. He requested a motion to amend the agenda to take item 10 concerning LV's Sports Bar and Grill out of order.

### 15-0383

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Moffett that item 15-0383 be taken out of order. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

10. [15-0383](#) Use Permit Application No. 15-00014: by Elvie Wilson for live entertainment inside LV's Sports Bar and Grill located at 1565 Briarfield Road [LRSN 3005371]

**Attachments:** [Updated Memo for February 10, 2016](#)

[UP15-00014 Conditions](#)

[UP15-00014 Complete Application](#)

[UP15-00014 Public Comments](#)

[UP15-00014 Staff Report](#)

[UP15-00014 Presentation](#)

[UP15-00014 PC Resolution](#)

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass read the title for item 10.

Mayor Wallace explained that Council considered a use permit for LV's Sports Bar and Grill in December; however, the item was deferred until this evening. The timing of the holidays made it difficult to schedule a meeting between the applicant and adjacent neighbors; therefore, the item is being deferred until February 10, 2016 to allow the parties to convene. He noted that this information is being announced so that those attending the meeting regarding this matter will not be inconvenienced.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Snead that this agenda item be deferred to February 10, 2016. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt,  
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor  
Wallace

1. [16-0001](#) Approval of the minutes from the legislative session of October 14, 2015, the work and evening sessions of November 12, 2015, and the special, afternoon and evening sessions of December 9, 2015.

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt,  
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor  
Wallace

2. [16-0006](#) Resolution Determining TSI Incorporated to be the Only Source Practicably Available From Which to Procure Testing and Calibration Services for SCBA Equipment and Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Purchase Contract with TSI Incorporated as "Sole Source"

**Attachments:** [Letter from TSI Inc. declaring Sole Source](#)  
[Model 8083 Portacount Respirator Fit Tester](#)

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt,  
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor  
Wallace

3. [16-0007](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 40, Article II Entitled, "Firearms, Air Guns, Spring Guns and Similar Implements," by: Adding Section 40-15 to Include Definitions of Firearm and Pneumatic Gun; Amending Section 40-16 to Provide a Requirement that Minors Obey All Laws and Regulations Pertaining to the Use of Pneumatic Guns; Amending Section 40-17 and 40-18 to Clarify Penalties for Discharge of a Firearm or a Pneumatic Gun; Adding Section 40-19 to Regulate the

Transportation of Loaded Shotguns and Rifles; and Amending Sections 40-20 and 40-22 to otherwise Bring the Article into Compliance with Amendments to the Virginia Code

Attachments: [Redline](#)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda to allow additional information to be presented.

City Attorney Vanessa Valldejuli noted that these housekeeping changes are being done to comply with some Virginia Code Sections and to add an additional section. She introduced Senior Assistant City Attorney Brandy Law and Hampton Police Division Chief Terry Sult to provide information regarding the changes made to section 40 which deal with fire arms and pneumatic guns.

Ms. Law clarified that the new amendment does not prohibit people from having guns in vehicles; instead, it prohibits them from carrying loaded shotguns and rifles in vehicles while driving on public streets in the City. This amendment is authorized by the Virginia Code and carries a maximum fine of \$100. She noted that the new amendment does not affect hand guns.

Chief Sult emphasized that this change was not precipitated by a specific issue; instead, the City's Ordinance was in need of review because it was not in compliance with the State Code with regards to pneumatically Beebe, pellet type guns.

Ms. Law noted that the City's Ordinance with regard to pneumatic guns was more restrictive than the Virginia Code allowed because the Virginia Code had changed; therefore, that portion is now less restrictive in accordance with the Virginia State Code.

Chief Sult also clarified that the change does not impede upon a person's right to open carry outside of the vehicle nor does it impede on a person's right regarding concealed carrying. Anything that affects those decisions would be something for legislative bodies to consider.

Ms. Valldejuli emphasized that this is not a gun rights amendment; instead, it is a public safety issue. She noted that this is Commonwealth-wide and neighboring cities including James City County and Virginia Beach also have

this prohibition.

For the benefit of the public, City Manager Mary Bunting reminded everyone that we typically do not put new ordinances on the consent agenda; however, this was placed there with the understanding that it was a housekeeping issue to fix the pneumatic gun portion that was not fully in alignment with the State Code. She continued stating that once we realized a component was being added, staff requested the item be pulled from consent for full discourse.

Mayor Wallace defined a pneumatic powered gun as one which is primarily propelled by air. Chief Sult agreed.

Ms. Valldejuli added the definition of a pneumatic powered gun, as set forth by the Code of Virginia, is a gun that will expel a Beebe or a pellet by action of pneumatic pressure. This excludes pneumatic nail guns, for example, tools used for construction work.

Vice Mayor Curtis commented that she was under the impression that it is essential that City Ordinances with counterparts' in State Code be identical; if they aren't, any charge brought under the City Ordinance that doesn't mirror the State Code would be dismissed because the statute is not valid.

Ms. Law agreed and added if we exceed our enabling authority then the Ordinance is invalid.

Ms. Valldejuli added that the provision which was not in compliance with the Code was that we prohibited the possession or use of a pneumatic gun even on your own property. The Ordinance Amendment is that the discharge of a pneumatic gun by an adult or minor over the age of 14 on or within private property with the permission of the owner or legal possessor thereof, when conducted with reasonable care to prevent a projectile from crossing the bounds of the property is allowed.

Vice Mayor Curtis asked whether this allows someone to shoot such a weapon into someone else's yard or off their own property.

Ms. Valldejuli replied no and added that there is another provision we added from the Virginia Code which states that any minor, whether permitted by the

parent or guardian to use a pneumatic gun, shall be responsible for obeying all laws, regulations and restrictions governing such use. She reiterated that this not only applies to adults, but also to minors who have permission from a parent or guardian.

Mayor Wallace opened the floor for additional comments and/or questions. No additional comments were made.

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

4. [16-0011](#) Resolution Appropriating \$106,625 from the Stormwater Management Fund Restricted Fund Balance for Operating Costs of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

5. **16-0015** Resolution Determining the International Association of Fire Fighters/Fire Chiefs (IAFF/IAFC) to be the Only Source Practicably Available From Which to Procure the IAFF/IAFC/ACE Peer Fitness Trainer Certification Program and Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Purchase Contract with IAFF/IAFC as the "Sole Source"

**Attachments:** AFG Application Wellness and Fitness Initiative 2015  
Sole Source - Hampton, VA 2015-16  
AFG Award Document Wellness and Fitness Initiative 2015

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

6. [16-0017](#) Resolution to appropriate \$417,701 in fiscal year 2015 State carryover funds for the School Operating Fund of the School Board of the City of Hampton, Virginia to offset the impact of fiscal year 2016 State revenue adjustments

Attachments: [VDOE Superintendent's Memo](#)

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

7. [16-0037](#) Resolution Determining Hampton University to be the Only Source Practically Available From Which to Procure Student Design Services Associated With the City's Plan to Construct a Memorial Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

#### PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

8. [16-0035](#) Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Attachments: [GFOA - Press Release](#)

Ms. Bunting gave the following background regarding the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award: The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is an international awards program in governmental budgeting. The award was established in 1984 by the Government Finance Officer's Association to encourage exemplary budget practices and to provide peer recognition of government finance officers preparing budget documents. The award for the distinguished budget presentation is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a governmental entity, its budgeting staff and its management.

Ms. Bunting noted there is a rigorous application and review process done by peer organizations, and this is a difficult honor to achieve. She expressed pride that our City has achieved this recognition for many years by providing a document in a form that everyone can understand.

Director of Budget and Strategic Priorities Brian Deprofio recognized budget staff members for their effort in producing the budget document. He also recognized various City departments, the Councilmembers, the City Manager, and the citizens for their participation during the budget process.

Mr. Deprofio and Budget Department staff members who were in attendance were photographed with Mayor Wallace as he (Mayor Wallace) presented the award.

Presented by Mayor Wallace to Brian Deprofio, Director of Budget and Strategic Initiatives. Mr. Deprofio introduced members of the Budget staff Lori Green, Tory Askew, and Vahid Dejjakh, who were present, and also Sunshine Torrey, who could not be present, and Marcie Dunn, who is now with the Finance Department.

9. [16-0046](#) Briefing on Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification Summary Report

Attachments: [2015 ISO PPC Report](#)  
[ISO Presentation](#)

Ms. Bunting announced that Hampton recently had its Insurance Service Office (ISO) public protection classification upgraded to the highest level available to any locality in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Hampton was the 5th locality in Virginia to receive this designation. She emphasized the importance of this classification stating the ISO assesses the fire insurance rating for a community, one of many factors insurance companies take into account when assigning premiums.

Fire Chief David Layman greeted those on the dais and presented the findings of the December 2015 ISO Classification Summary Report.

Chief Layman noted that the last City of Hampton ISO survey evaluation was conducted in 1986; and, therefore, this report indicates improvements to the fire service delivery over many years under the direction of many fire chiefs.



He emphasized that this report only applies to fire protection features as they relate to suppression of first-alarm structure fires and does not apply to emergency medical activities.

Chief Layman also emphasized that this was a total team approach. He shared some of the groups, organizations and stakeholders that were involved in this comprehensive effort which began in January of 2015.

Chief Layman spoke about the purpose of the ISO classification and the various classifications. He explained that ISO helps communities evaluate their public fire protection services by classifying communities' abilities to suppress fires. The program provides an objective country-wide standard which helps fire departments plan and budget for facilities, equipment and training. Chief Layman noted that the Public Protection Classification (PPC) program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting capabilities.

Chief Layman explained the PPC Program evaluation process and announced that Hampton received a 1/1X classification, ISO's best rating. He added that Hampton's current rating proves that Hampton has improved over the years. He noted that the current rating will be effective April 1, 2016.

Chief Layman noted the new classification model was created to improve the predictability value for the insurer while benefiting both the commercial and residential property owner.

Chief Layman said the only 1X classification area in Hampton is at the intersection of Harris Creek Road and Farm House Lane. There are no additional fire hydrants in the area; therefore, to compensate for the lack of fire hydrants, we receive a water tanker from Langley Air Force Base (LAFB) to bring additional water to fight fires in that area.

In response to Mayor Wallace, Chief Layman clarified that the water supply from LAFB is in addition to the water supply already available in the tank on the fire truck when it arrives at the scene of a fire.

Chief Layman provided countrywide statistics regarding the distribution of

PPC class ratings. He noted that the number of class 1 ratings is small compared to the overall fire service throughout the United States. He added that only 6 out of 766 communities in Virginia have the Class 1 fire service rating.

Chief Layman elaborated on the points earned in various categories to determine Hampton's overall score/rating. The categories include emergency communications, fire department, water supply, and community risk reduction. He shared information which compares points earned in each category for both the 1986 and 2015 evaluations.

Chief Layman announced that Hampton's overall ISO 2015 evaluation point score was 92.86 points out of a maximum score of 105.5 points, a great improvement from Hampton's score in 1986 of 60 points. He noted that this progress is largely based on the investment Council made toward the fire department and the initiatives that have been put forward together as a team to improve our fire service protection.

Chief Layman shared information about future improvements and how the ISO classification affects insurance ratings. He noted that he cannot predict how this will affect rates of individual residential and business owners; however, he suggested property owners contact their individual insurance carriers regarding their coverage.

Chief Layman thanked staff, all stakeholders and City Council for their continued support. He opened the floor for questions and comments from those on the dais.

In response to Councilman Tuck, Chief Layman stated the assessment process began prior to January of 2015 and the information package was submitted to ISO in May of 2015.

Vice Mayor Curtis and Councilman Hobbs commended Chief Layman and his staff for their incredible work in making this happen and for what they do for our citizens. Mayor Wallace noted that we all share in Vice Mayor Curtis and Councilman Hobbs sentiments and are sure the community joins us in commending the fire department for all they do.

Presented by David Layman, Fire Chief.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Clerk read the protocol for Public Hearings.

### Use Permits

11. [16-0012](#) Use Permit Application No. 15-00013: by Benita Taylor to permit a daycare at 950 Big Bethel Road

**Attachments:** [UP 15-00013 Application](#)  
[UP 15-00013 Conditions](#)  
[UP 15-00013 Staff Report](#)  
[UP 15-00013 Presentation](#)  
[UP 15-00013 Resolution](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

City Planner Tolu Ibikunle presented on this item. Ms. Ibikunle noted that in the Hampton Zoning Ordinance, daycare 3 is categorized as having children of up to ten or more.

Ms. Ibikunle clarified that the property is zoned neighborhood commercial (C-1) and the future land use plan calls for mixed use development on this site. She also noted that the proposal before us is in keeping with what the Comprehensive Plan recommends.

Ms. Ibikunle spoke about the conditions attached to the application. She elaborated on the hours of operation (Sunday – Saturday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm) stating it was determined, through staff analysis, that other daycare hours of operation range from 5:30 am to 1:00 am; and, therefore, staff thought it was appropriate to expand the hours to give the applicant further flexibility with regards to hours of operation. She also spoke about the capacity which is limited to twenty-five individuals including children and employees.

Ms. Ibikunle opened the floor for questions from those on the dais. She noted that the applicant was also present to answer questions.

In response to Councilman Hobbs, Ms. Ibikunle stated the facility does have an outdoor fenced playground.

In response to Councilman Tuck, Ms. Ibikunle clarified that a use permit is necessary because, based on the zoning analysis, there has been a daycare near the site, but never a daycare at the site of 950 Big Bethel Road.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing.

Presented by Tolu Ibikunle.

Held Public Hearing - there were no speakers on this item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Snead that this agenda item be approved with ten (10) conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt,  
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor  
Wallace

**Ordinances**

12. [16-0036](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Chapter 12, Article III Entitled "Precinct Voting Places" of the Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia, By Amending Section 12-84 Entitled "East Hampton precinct."

**Attachments:** [Redline Sec. 12-84](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

Ms. Bunting stated the Electoral Board is requesting relocation of the East Hampton Precinct polling place from the Woodlands Golf Course to Phoebus High School as a result of a congestion concern.

Hampton Registrar, Tara Morgan, and members of the Electoral Board came forward to be recognized.

Ms. Morgan expressed concern that voters at the Woodlands Golf Course,

mainly Hampton University students, are inconvenienced by the small size of the room; and, therefore, the Electoral Board is requesting a larger area to accommodate these voters.

In response to Councilman Tuck, Ms. Morgan clarified that the distance between the Woodlands Golf Course and Phoebus High School is under a mile.

Councilman Moffett commended the Electoral Board for thinking of voters as they have in the past with their efforts at the Thomas Precinct which is now user friendly to senior citizens and other Hampton citizens.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing.

Tara Morgan, Voting Registrar, provided information on this change. She was accompanied by members of the Electoral Board: Matthew W. Scott, William E. Lewis, and Margaret Wilson.

Held Public Hearing - there were no speakers on this item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**Ordinances**

**Resolutions**

13. [16-0013](#) Resolution Appropriating \$1,163,402.28 (one million, one hundred sixty three thousand, four hundred and two dollars and

twenty eight cents) In Delinquent Special Assessment Payments Received for the H2O Community Development Authority From The City's General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the H2O Community Development Account

The Clerk read the title for this item. She noted that Director of Budget and Strategic Initiatives Mr. Brian Deproffio was available to answer questions, if any, on this item.

For the benefit of the public, Ms. Bunting clarified that the City acts as a collection agent for the Community Development Authority (CDA). When payments are made for the CDA, the treasurer receives those payments and the City pays them out with an appropriation. She explained that when the FY16 budget was developed, we were unaware that the owners of the property would make this payment; however, now that the payment has been received, we are required to pass them to the CDA. She emphasized that the City will lose no money in this transaction; instead, this action requires Council to make an appropriation to transfer the money from one account to the other.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Snead that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

## **REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES**

Ms. Bunting introduced the new Parks and Recreation and Leisure Services Director, Mr. Kevin Myers, to Council and the community. Mr. Myers comes to the City of Hampton with more than 15 years of experience serving as Director in three different communities.

Mr. Myers came forward to be recognized and expressed excitement to be a part of the Hampton team.

The City Manager, Mary Bunting, introduced Kevin Myers as the new Director of Parks and Recreation.

## **MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Clerk read the protocol for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Frank J. Ottofaro Jr. greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm here to continue my father's fight for equality and fair treatment when his property was taken from him illegally through the misuse of the State's granted power to the City of Hampton of eminent domain, for 16 years, and now going on one month, the City of Hampton to make the Ottofaro family whole and equal and to give them what everyone else at the same church meeting was told they would get of two and a half times the value for their properties. They owe the Ottofaro family \$240,000 including 16 years and one month accrued interest on that amount. Sixteen years. A lot of people would say (ask) how can you last so long? Well, my dad did for twelve years until his death. Even on the night he died, he tried to get out of that bed at the hospital to come here and to disconnect his life support systems to come here. He couldn't make it. We had to have him restrained to the bed by having his hands and legs tied and we had to have him re-sedated. Now, that's a fighter. That is somebody who just wanted equality. That is just somebody who wanted equal justice for his family. This was part of his income that was taken from him. When that second map came out and changed the path of the road just to take him out, that was wrong. That was wrong. One of the Ten Commandments (is) you don't steal. This City stole. It's not only against the law, it's against God's law. A lot of you, up there, are Christians. You go to church all the time. You know what those words mean. I even asked one of you if you even looked at the video of the October 2001 City Council meeting that was filmed right here in this room where two of the seven Councilmembers at that time said the road was purposefully moved. Do you know what I was told? They never even looked at it. That is shameful. That is shameful. My mother is going to be 82 years old in February. She is the only one left who had a name on that property. She deserves to be treated with the same equal fairness that every taxpayer in the City should have gotten or did get. After I leave the podium, you will talk about the Supreme Court. We went to the Supreme Court. They wait until I leave and then talk about it later because they don't want to answer any questions so that I can't respond back. The Supreme Court Justice was a former attorney for the law firm that this City hired up in Richmond. He didn't recuse himself from hearing our case. You get five

minutes on that Supreme Court (to talk to them) and that is it. After five minutes, that is it; they make a decision. Two of the Justices decided with us.

Mayor Wallace thanked Mr. Ottofaro for his comments indicating that his speaking time had expired. For the benefit of the public, Mayor Wallace noted that there were more than two Justices involved in the Ottofaro case.

Mr. Bill Thomas greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I came here today to applaud the City of Hampton. I came to a meeting maybe two weeks ago, and one of the things I've learned is that a lot of people have a lot of complaints and a lot of people don't want to participate. A lot of people want to say things happened to them that are bad, but they don't come out to give a kind word. I came by here today, especially, just to give a kind word to the Mayor and the City Councilmembers because if you look at the world today, there are a lot of people saying let's make America great again. But America is great. The Commonwealth of Virginia is good and the City of Hampton is good. I think if we can start looking at a half full cup versus half empty and look at some things in particular. I was taken so aback by the effort of the City Council to give some students a chance to express their expressions of how they saw Dr. Martin Luther King. I was just taken aback at how millennials took some of the things they thought and mixed it with old baby boomers like me and talked about Martin Luther King in ways I have never thought. That opportunity wouldn't have happened if the Mayor and other Councilmen and Councilwomen had not given them the chance. Mostly, that is all people ask for. Just a chance. Just an opportunity. Just a chance to be a part of a great City, a great Commonwealth and a great America. So, I am going to make it a point to be more participatory. I can write well, and sometimes I pen things well and sometimes people don't like them and sometimes people do like them. I just wanted to come back to say thank you for giving those guys and ladies a chance to express what they thought was good. It will go a long way in making this City to continue to be great again. Thank you very, very much.

**COMMENTS FROM THOSE ON THE DAIS:**

Mayor Wallace noted that today marks the first meeting of the New Year which provides for new opportunities and chances for progress in our



community. On behalf of Council, he thanked the citizens of Hampton for all they do to make our City the best it can be, and for choosing Hampton. He urged everyone to embark upon a new year full of health, happiness, peace and good will.

Frank Ottofaro spoke on the Ottofaro case and Bill Thomas thanked Council spoke on a Martin Luther King, Jr. monument.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wallace expressed good wishes for the New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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George E. Wallace  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, CMC  
Clerk of Council

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