



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

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

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

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Briefing / Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with all members of the City Council present.

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

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilmember Moffett

Councilmember Moffett gave the invocation and asked for comfort for the Bane family in their time of loss.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck extended condolences to the Bane family on the loss of John Bane.

Mayor Tuck read a proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as Hampton Bike Month. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Alison Alexander, Placemaking Planner. Mr. Tregg Hartley, President of the Peninsula Bicycling Association, gave brief remarks. Councilwoman Schmidt also announced that a bike event, Tour De Fort, will take place on Sunday, May 21st at 2 p.m. at Fort Monroe.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass read the protocol for the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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 Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

1. [17-0144](#) Resolution Requesting Programming of the Pavement Data Collection Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation

Attachments: [VDOT Project Administration Agreement.pdf](#)

Item approved.

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

2. [17-0150](#) Resolution Accepting and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year 2018 Children's Services Act (formerly Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families)

Item approved.

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

3. [17-0151](#) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2017 Third Quarter Budget Adjustments

Attachments: [MODIFIED 4/25/17 - FY17 3rd Qtr Budget Adjustments](#)
[AS PUBLISHED - FY17 3rd Qtr Budget Adjustments](#)

Item approved.

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

[17-0153](#) Resolution Authorizing Advances from the City's General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$966,000 to the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Projects; \$146,630 to Public Works Capital Projects to include \$100,000 for Pine Chapel Road and \$46,630 for Pembroke Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 3; \$628,354 to the Buckroe Acquisition Project; and \$1,448,206 to the School Maintenance Projects
Item approved.

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

5. [17-0056](#) Approval of the minutes from the work session of September 28, 2016, and the ceremonial session of February 22, 2017.
Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Glass read the protocol for the Public Hearing Session

6. [17-0143](#) FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan

Attachments: [FY18 Action Plan Draft 4.26.17 CORRECTED FOR MEETING.pdf](#)

[FY18 Proposed Budget](#)

[FY18 Action Plan](#)

[FY18 Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Chief Neighborhood Development Specialist Ms. Arkesia Whitley presented an overview of Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan.

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers present, Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing.

Presented by Arkesia Whitley, Chief Neighborhood Development Specialist. This item was on the agenda for a public hearing but there were no speakers. A vote on the plan is scheduled for May 3, 2017.

7. [17-0118](#) Public Hearing and Vote on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Attachments: [21-5 FY18-22 CIP Council Strategic Priorities](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting stated that this is an opportunity for a public hearing.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Mr. John Krulis made the following statement: Is Station #3 still there and Councilman Gray responded yes. My primary concern is the aquatics center as I do not see it listed. Has it been hidden somewhere? Is it lurking someplace and next week or next month will we suddenly hear it is a go. Along with that question is there nothing there for a community pool or the community center that is no longer. Is it there, I do not see it. If the aquatics center is there, is that the only way you can get that done for the community, for the people. In the presentation for the capital budget there are some extraordinary numbers. For example the Buckroe Bayfront for between half a million and nine million. Is that a range or is that a range? Brights Creek, three million to 7.5 million. Brights Creek is one of those things that really bugs me, I bet nobody in the room knows what Brights Creek is. It has been the purchase of millions, millions, millions and millions of dollars with no earthly plan in place to use. The extension of Commerce Drive from Pine Chapel to Mercury for over one million dollars. What Godly reason do you have for doing that? When I see money spent like this I really, really question. In that same connection I said something way, way back about the New Market thing, keep your eyes on what happens at Pine Chapel. Please do not forget and ask yourself how much did this cost and what is it going to look like when it is completed. It is God-awful and I would like some answers on a couple of those things.

As there were no additional speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

In response to Mr. Krulis, Ms. Bunting gave explanations of the Capital Improvement Planning process and does not include the strategic priorities that are over and above the baseline. Ms. Bunting explained how to understand the ranges given on said projects. If a larger aquatics center was not done there would be a community pool replacement to go hand and hand with the Old Hampton Neighborhood Center. The Old Hampton Neighborhood Center and the Fox Hill Neighborhood Centers were pre-funded by Council and that is why it is not in this budget. The City has a revenue sharing project with the Virginia Department of Transportation and Commerce Drive would be extended and the goal is to increase business traffic and open up sites for redevelopment. If the City can get Brights Creek cleaned up, it may provide good sites for office space.

The City Manager, Mary Bunting, introduced the item. There was one speaker, John Krulis, during the public hearing. Ms. Bunting provided some additional information concerning the recommended CIP.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, that this Fiscal Year 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. [17-0066](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments Relative to the City Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 and Proposed Tax and Fee Changes

City Manager Mary Bunting reminded everyone that a presentation on this item had already been given. This is an opportunity for citizens to speak.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Ms. Martha Messersmith made the following comments: There are approximately 400 motor homes, 900 trailers and 5,000 boats in Hampton. In order to compete for marina business Hampton eliminated the boat tax. Subsequently, to be fair the personal property tax on RV vehicles was removed. RV's are stored at local storage facilities just as boats are stored at marinas. RV's have their maintenance and repairs done at local businesses in Hampton just as the boats do. If indeed it is

necessary to reinstate personal property tax on recreational vehicles I hope that once again the City Council will act in fairness and apply the same tax rate on boats as they do on RV's.

As there were no additional speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

This item was on the agenda for a public hearing. While no individuals signed up to speak on this item, Mayor Tuck noticed that Martha Messersmith had signed up on the Public Comment sign-in sheet to speak on the proposed recreational vehicle tax. As such he called upon her and she spoke at this time.

There will be another public hearing on the budget at the May 3, 2017, special meeting of the City Council.

Ordinances

Resolutions

9. [17-0138](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Use Agreement Among the City of Hampton, Y. H. Thomas Community Center, Incorporated and the Urban League of Hampton Roads, Inc. to Use Room "E", Restroom Facilities and Corridor Totaling ±1653 sq.ft. of the Y.H. Thomas School Building at 1300 Thomas Street, LRSN:8000281

Attachments: [2017 Use Agreement](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting stated that these agreements are an extension of arrangements that are already in place.

There were no speakers for the public hearing. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. [17-0139](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Use Agreement Among the City of Hampton, Y. H. Thomas Community Center,

Incorporated and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Virginia Peninsula to use Computer Office "2", Restroom Facilities and Corridor Totaling ±1653 sq.ft. of the Y.H. Thomas School Building at 1300 Thomas Street, LRSN:8000281

Attachments: [2017 Use Agreement](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting recommended that this be deferred to the May 24, 2017 meeting.

There were no speakers for the public hearing. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Snead, that this Resolution be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 5/24/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. [17-0141](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Use Agreement Among the City of Hampton, Y. H. Thomas Community Center, Incorporated and Girls Incorporated of the Greater Peninsula to Use Rooms "B" and "C", Restroom Facilities and Corridor Totaling ±4051 sq. ft. of the Y.H. Thomas School Building at 1300 Thomas Street, LRSN: 8000281

Attachments: [2017 Use Agreement](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting stated this too is a continuation of an existing relationship.

There were no speakers for the public hearing. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Snead, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Comment period. Ms. Katherine Glass read the protocol for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. John Krulis made the following comments: I wanted to make clear that when I spoke about Mr. Silver having 16 pit bulls next door that is not his current address. Where Mr. Silver and I were neighbors was on Armstrong Drive in Sussex thirty years ago. I may have been having a senior moment and did not hear that Mr. Charlie Wornom was recognized fully for who he was at City Council. I may be wrong about him being the longest serving councilmember, I don't know for sure but that is what I understood. I have fond memories of Charlie Wornom, mostly sitting up at the pharmacy and looking down over his glasses at you. Charlie Wornom was Mr. Coliseum, he was very proud of the fact he was one of the principals in bringing about the Coliseum. I hear from people in city government all the time when something is brought up about some difficulty "it was before my time". I have heard it as recently as this week. In the instance of the Coliseum, Charlie Wornom is the only person that I know of who could have said that he was - it is before anybody's time up here is what I am getting at. The Coliseum has paid for itself over and over again - I think I have this right, 1970 - this building was not even built yet, it was so far reaching. It is a sobering fact that I want you to really think about. The City has not done anything like it since. Everything has been on the cusp of what that brought about, even the name as if the Coliseum would carry it and it does not. The Convention Center will never pay for itself, never; an aquatics center will be a huge burden; the town center is a flawed concept to begin with and that is why it is in trouble; and Power Plant Park. Every one of those is premised on what the Coliseum did and be sober about the next dollar spent, please.

City Manager Mary Bunting shared with the audience that Mr. Wornom was honored with the Distinguished Citizen's Medal, Hampton's highest honor.

GENERAL ITEMS

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REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tuck reminded citizens that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and people may see others wearing blue

ribbons and also displaying pinwheels in support. City Hall is also being lighted blue on some evenings for this reason.

He also indicated that he is holding a town hall at North Phoebus Community Center tomorrow night from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Vice Mayor Curtis shared that on Saturday, May 24th at 7 a.m. and going until Sunday, May 25th at 7 a.m., is the Ultra Run, a 24 hour run, which is being held at Sandy Bottoms Nature Park. She encouraged citizens to stop in to cheer for the runners. This event benefits the American Cancer Society.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____