



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, April 22, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 shared additional information about the recent 'Teen Takeover' at Buckroe Beach. He shared a follow-up story about a young man who organized the event and then later connected with David Spring of Buckroe Coffee Company. Mr. Spring has created a public gathering space / community park. He recently reached out to the young man who organized the takeover and they are now partnering and will do another 'takeover' but this time to clean up Buckroe Beach. Mayor Gray thanked them for their efforts and recognized Mr. Spring who was in the audience.

Mayor Gray also spoke of Marcellus 'Boo' Williams and his many contributions to the sport of basketball and to the City of Hampton. Boo will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame on April 25th in Henrico County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Out: 1 - Councilmember Harper

1. **26-0125** Resolution Authorizing the Donation of a Fire Boat to the Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Department

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Out: 1 - Councilmember Harper

2. [26-0068](#) Approval of the minutes from the special session of April 9, 2026.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Gray read a proclamation for Administrative Professionals Day and another for Earth Day (April 22, 2026) which was presented to members of the Hampton Clean City Commission.

3. **26-0144** Hampton City Schools - Cuts and Conversations

Mayor Gray asked the City Manager to introduce this item which was presented by Sheldon Wallace, Jr.; Janiah Stanley; Kyhler Synaker; Javion Thomas; Darius Jones, Jr.; and Malachi Thomas.

4. [26-0140](#) Finance Committee Recommendation Based on the Revenue

Guideline for Real Estate Tax Rate Adjustment

Presented by Linda Curtis, Finance Committee member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. [26-0096](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments relative to the Proposed Real Property Tax Increase; Proposed Tax Rate is to Maintain \$1.14 Per \$100 of Assessed Value
Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and Aaron Weaver spoke. The public hearing was then closed. No vote was required on this item.

6. [26-0097](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments Regarding the City Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2027
Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and Jane Foge (speaking on behalf of Allison Moore), Brenda Marks and Aaron Weaver spoke. The public hearing was then closed. No vote was required on this item.

7. [26-0098](#) Public Hearing and Adoption of FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan
Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. Aaron Weaver was the only speaker and then the Mayor closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilwoman Mugler and seconded by Councilwoman Harper that the City Council approve and adopt Item 26-0098, Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan.

Prior to the vote, Councilwoman Campbell gave a statement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period: Keith Walker, James Stephens, Erin Flannigan, Jamill

Beach, Deena Hughes, Alexis Tharpe, Ashley Jenrette, Lapha Morrison, Aaron Weaver, Veronica Parker, Edwin Barrett, Doane Nellie, and Brenda Marks. Aaron Hawkins, Tony McKeithen and Edwin Barrett signed up to speak but did not speak when their names were called.

The City Manager provided brief responsive comments.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. [26-0145](#) Appointment to Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilwoman Harper to appoint Brian DeProfio as an alternate to the City Manager. The motion passed on the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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