

# **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, March 11, 2020

6:30 PM

**Council Chambers** 

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Tuck was out ill and Councilwoman Curtis was out of town. Katherine Glass, Clerk of Council, was also out of town, and Jennifer Green, Deputy Clerk of Council, filled in for her.

Present: 5 -

- 5 Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs and Councilmember Chris Snead
- Excused: 2 -
- Councilmember Linda D. Curtis and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

#### JIMMY GRAY PRESIDED

#### **INVOCATION - Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray**

As Vice Mayor Gray presided over the meeting, Councilman Brown gave the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Gray read the proclamation declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

The members of Council joined Vice Mayor Gray in presenting the proclamation to Jane Hobbs of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Barbara Stewart of the Human Services Department.

Ms. Hobbs made brief remarks about individuals with disabilities, thanked Council for the proclamation, and encouraged everyone to support those with special needs.

Ms. Stewart thanked the City for its support of the Human Services Department and those in our community with disabilities.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Clerk of Council Jennifer Green read the protocol for the consent agenda and a summary of the consent items.

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown,
Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and
Councilmember Snead

 20-0096 Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Add and Delete Certain Streets to Those Classified as Principal and Minor Arterial Roads and Collector Roads and Local Streets

Attachments: Hampton VDOT Maintenace Street Sumittal - 3.11.20

Street Deletions Request - 3.11.20

Street Additions Request - 3.11.20

Sketch of Street Deletions Request - 3.11.20

Sketch of Street Additions Request - 3.11.20

Item approved.

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown,
Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and
Councilmember Snead

2. 20-0094 Approval of the Minutes from the Legislative Session of February 12, 2020, and the Work, Ceremonial, and Legislative Sessions of February 26, 2020

Item approved.

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Councilmember Snead

#### PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Deputy Clerk read the protocol for public hearings.

#### Rezonings

3. 20-0097 Rezoning Application by STM Properties, Inc. to rezone 2135 W.

Pembroke Avenue and 658 Vaughan Avenue [LRSN: 1003830 and 1003828] from General Commercial (C-3) District to One

Family Residential District (R-9)

Attachments: Application

**Articles of Incorporation** 

Survey
Narrative
Proffer
Staff Report
Presentation

The Deputy Clerk read the title for the item.

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Planning and Zoning Division Manager Mike Hayes to make the presentation.

Mr. Hayes shared information about the proposal including the approximate acreage being rezoned (2/3 of an acre); site location; proposal to construct two single family homes with access from Vaughan Avenue and meet infill housing overlay standards; configuration of the lots; proffers; existing zoning; proposed rezoning to R-9 with proffers; the Future Land Use Plan as it relates to this application; and Public Policy/the Hampton Community Plan as it relates to this application.

Mr. Hayes reminded everyone that a similar rezoning took place a few years ago that was approved by Council allowing new homes to be built. He noted that this proposal will provide an opportunity for new investment in an older neighborhood.

Mr. Hayes concluded the presentation and stated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning application with seven proffered conditions. He then opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

Councilwoman Snead commented that she is certain that the residents of Vaughan Avenue are in support of this rezoning and are interested in improving not only Vaughan Avenue, but also the entire neighborhood.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Vice Mayor Gray opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ryan Corbelli spoke on behalf of the builder for this project. He noted that Mr. Hayes did a wonderful job of explaining the proposal and added that the same builders did a similar project on Greenbrier Avenue which helped beautify the area. He then opened the floor for additional questions; however, no questions were posed.

Vice Mayor Gray closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Steve Brown that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown,
Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and
Councilmember Snead

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Deputy Clerk read the protocol for the public comment period.

Mr. Aijalon Cordoza greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am a resident of Hampton. I recently put out an email line for citizens to send any complaints or requests or questions that they would have to bring before City Council. A lot of them work nights and aren't able to come. So, I've volunteered to provide that service on their behalf. Tonight I have one question from a concerned citizen named Shareela Smith, and she is a registered nurse living in Hampton. She says "I want to know what plans the City has for elderly residents living in our community with limited income and dilapidated living conditions that need assistance. The cost of medication and copays takes away from an already limited income. No one should have to choose between paying for medications or purchasing food. What will the City Council put in place to address this issue in the community?" Mr. Cordoza continued: That is her question and I would request that you answer.

During the meeting, Mr. Cordoza received a notification from another individual, Duane Albaugh. "What are your thoughts on term limits for City Council?"

Mr. Cordoza continued his statement: I would request that you consider these matters and give an answer for the public for the citizens of Hampton who are concerned about these issues. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Gray suggested that Mr. Cordoza share these questions with the Clerk to be forwarded to the City Manager to make arrangements for a response to be provided to the appropriate people.

#### **GENERAL ITEMS**

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

<u>20-0093</u> Manager's Report: City Preparation for COVID-19

Attachments: Presentation

Ms. Bunting provided an update on the City's internal Emergency Management Team's preparation and preparedness activities as they relate to the coronavirus. She also spoke about what is being done on state, local and regional levels to address this concern. She shared information about: the definition of coronavirus; risks associated with the virus; ways in which the City is preparing for the virus; ways in which the City is preparing for mass gatherings or large community events; how individuals can prepare; and the various websites citizens can visit to obtain the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus.

Ms. Bunting noted that citizens may also contact the 311 call center for information regarding this and any matter related to the City.

Vice Mayor Gray thanked the City Manager for this informative report. He also encouraged everyone to remain informed until the virus is under control and to contact the 311 call center for updates or information as needed.

Presented by Mary Bunting, City Manager

#### **MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Donnie R. Tuck Mayor
Katherine K. Glass, CMC Clerk of Council
Date approved by Council _