



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Chris L. Bowman
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Billy Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Councilwoman Snead was not present at roll call and Mayor
Tuck indicated that she is expected later in the evening.

Present: 6 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember
Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L.
Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy
Hobbs and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Chris Snead

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilwoman Eleanor Weston Brown

Councilwoman Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Mayor this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of Council, Katherine Glass, read the protocol for the consent agenda and a
summary of the consent items.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Hobbs, seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

1. [21-0250](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2022 Department of Motor Vehicle Highway Safety Grant (Selective Enforcement - Speed) through the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Motor Vehicles

Attachments: [Award Letter](#)
[Council Documents](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

2. [21-0243](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$3,000,000 from the Equipment Replacement Fund's Unrestricted Net Position to the Equipment Replacement Fund's Operating Budget to Fund Replacement Cost for Emergency Equipment

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

3. [21-0256](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$2,767,491 of Fiscal Year 2021 State Carryover Funds to the General Fund's School Operating

Budget to Offset the Impact of Fiscal Year 2022 State Revenue Adjustments

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

4. [21-0258](#) Resolution of Support of Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation to Request \$2,056,326 from the Virginia Department of Transportation's FY27-28 Revenue Sharing Program and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Necessary Agreements for the Pine Chapel Road Corridor Improvements Project

Attachments: [Pine Chapel Rd Improvements Plan](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

5. [21-0197](#) Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustments

Attachments: [FY21 4th Quarter Adjustments](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

6. [21-0202](#) Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Right of Way Agreement Granting a Variable Width Easement to Dominion Energy Virginia Over Property Located at 901 E. Little Back River Road in Order to Provide Underground Electrical Services and Utilities to a Public Facility Located on Property Owned by the City of

Hampton, Virginia for Public Use for Gosnold's Hope Park

Attachments: [Exhibit A 901 E. Little Back River Road - 8-2021](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

7. [21-0266](#) Resolution to Approve an Encroachment Agreement Pursuant to Hampton City Code § 34-86 Between the City of Hampton and Phillips - Brown LLC to Allow an Encroachment Into a Portion of City Line Road for the Installation of Conduit and Cable.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Signed Encroachment Agreement](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Glass read the protocol for public hearings.

Resolutions

8. [21-0252](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Hampton and the Peninsula Golf Center, Inc. to Use 13 Acres of Real Property Located at 100 Seldendale Drive

Attachments: [Driving Range Lease 100 Seldendale \(final draft\)](#)
[Lease Exhibit A](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

City Manager Mary Bunting provided the following information regarding the item: The Peninsula Golf Center, formerly known as the Peninsula Driving Range, desires to continue to use the property at 100 Seldendale Drive to operate a golf driving range as well as to offer golf lessons and sell golf equipment. The Peninsula Golf Center's current lease for the same property expires on September 30, 2021. The attached lease is for a term of five years from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2026. The rent for the lease agreement is \$10,821 per year; it's a 6% increase from the rent and the current lease arrangement. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Mayor Tuck opened the public hearing, announced that no one had signed up to speak, closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

9. [21-0254](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Hampton and the Newport News Shipbuilding Employees' Credit Union, Inc. to lease a Portion of the Property located at 22 Lincoln Street

Attachments: [Bayport Lease 22 Lincoln St. \(partially executed\)](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting provided the following information regarding the item: Previously, the Hampton Employees' Credit Union operated a branch on the third floor of City Hall. In 2014, the Hampton Employees' Credit Union merged with the Newport News Shipbuilding Employees' Credit Union that does business as Bayport Credit Union. In order to affect a smooth transition for operations and for employees to use other Bayport branches, in 2015, the City executed a lease with Bayport for the operation of a branch in the same location as the prior Hampton Employees' Credit Union Branch. Bayport desires to continue to use that space which is approximately 1,200 square feet on the third floor of the City Hall property located here at 22 Lincoln Street. City staff recommends approval of the renewal of the lease agreement.

Mayor Tuck opened the public hearing, announced that no one had signed up to speak, closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Snead

10. [21-0239](#) Potential I-64 Ramp Metering (Timed Gate Closures)

Attachments: [Presentation - 9/15/21](#)
[Presentation - 9/22/21](#)

Ms. Glass provided the following introduction to the item: This item was advertised and communicated as an opportunity for public input on a ramp closure proposal concerning the two ramps on I-64 eastbound closest to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) for a limited time daily. Hampton City and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff have been looking for a way to reduce traffic on downtown and Phoebus streets caused by eastbound drivers leaving the interstate to get around backups, clogging City streets. It would close the I-64 on ramps at both Settlers Landing Road and Mallory Street from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm daily. Off ramps and westbound on ramps would not be effected. Citizen input was received on September 8, and this is the second opportunity. Ms. Glass then read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting shared that today's presentation will provide the same information presented two weeks ago along with additional data that has been collected related to the intersection at Mallory Street. She also shared that since this was first introduced, she, the Mayor, members of staff and members of the VDOT team have met with representatives of Hampton University (HU) and the VA Hospital Administration to explore potential pilot programs. She explained that the specifics of the pilots will not be announced today because those discussions are still underway; however, in recognition of that, a notation to that affect has been included in this evening's resolution that we would consider those various pilots and determine what positive effect they may have on reducing some of the major congestion for our businesses. Ms. Bunting also noted that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) application process is simultaneously underway as it will take some time to conclude.

Ms. Bunting introduced Public Works Director, Jason Mitchell, to give the presentation.

Mr. Mitchell greeted those on the dais and reviewed the slide presentation regarding Mallory Street and Settlers Landing Road Eastbound I-64 ramp access. The first slide displayed images of traffic near the HU campus as well as traffic congestion on I-64 as a result of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) Expansion Project. This traffic creates traffic problems for Hampton because it circumvents through downtown Hampton and Phoebus.

The next several slides of the presentation that Mr. Mitchell shared listed the measures the City took from 2019 to 2021 to alleviate traffic problems; listed temporary considerations to reduce traffic congestion including the proposal of a limited ramp closure of the eastbound I-64 ramps at Mallory Street and Settlers Landing Road from 3:00 to 6:00 pm daily; and displayed images of the Mallory Street East I-64 ramp and the Settlers Landing Road East I-64 ramp.

Mr. Mitchell shared the recently collected data that Ms. Bunting referenced earlier in the meeting. Traffic data collected over the last two weeks highlights an average of 58 vehicles entering and 111 vehicles exiting the VA Hospital toward the Mallory Street Bridge between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 pm. Mr. Mitchell noted that traffic traveling down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is not captured in this data as it is outside of our traffic corridor.

Mr. Mitchell concluded the presentation and shared the next steps in the process. They are to continue working with stakeholders; to request public comment at the September 8 and 22 City Council meetings; to request Hampton City Council consider the resolution of support on September 22; and to request approval from the FHWA to move forward.

Mr. Mitchell opened the floor for questions from Council.

In response to Councilman Bowman, Mr. Mitchell clarified that the closings will take place seven days a week, including Saturday and Sunday, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

In response to Councilman Hobbs, Mr. Mitchell stated that in his opinion, this is the best plan we currently have to serve the majority of Hampton's citizens.

Vice Mayor Gray asked if there are options for pilot projects to take place during the FHWA application process which, per the City Manager, will take some time. For example, something similar to the modeling that VDOT put together of what traffic may look like with certain changes. He explained that this type of modeling may

provide an idea of how the closure will impact certain areas including potential impacts to I-64, LaSalle Avenue and Mercury Boulevard.

Mr. Mitchell announced that VDOT is currently working on a model to determine the impacts to the LaSalle Avenue and Coliseum exits. This project should be completed by the end of the year.

Ms. Bunting addressed Vice Mayor Gray's question about what additional action is required by Council before the final decision on closing gates and restricting the access is made. She explained that the first step would be to obtain FHWA permission and notify Council and the community when that is granted. In addition, several pilots could be done during the interim to ensure this would achieve what is trying to be achieved. She reminded everyone that the FHWA application process takes approximately six to twelve months and that process will begin simultaneously with the pilot projects.

Councilman Brown referenced the numerous calls he has received regarding this item and asked Mr. Mitchell to speak about the timeframe for the modeling simulation by VDOT.

Mr. Mitchell reiterated that VDOT is working on the simulation to determine where the traffic that currently goes through the eastbound entrances will disburse. He also noted that the Public Works Department has not done any interstate simulations as of yet.

Mayor Tuck asked Mr. Mitchell to speak about the misconception in the community that this problem began with the work of the HRBT expansion.

Mr. Mitchell clarified that this has been a problem for several years and continues to get worse.

Vice Mayor Gray asked whether there are any time restrictions or deadlines for the application and resolution to be approved.

Mr. Mitchell replied stating the goal is to make the application and get the process started in early October.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for additional questions from Council. No questions were posed.

Mayor Tuck announced that this topic was first introduced in August, a month when only one Council meeting takes place; therefore, an informal public hearing took

place two weeks ago allowing the public's concerns to be taken into account. A second informal public hearing will take place this evening for the same purpose.

INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. John Horn of Woodland Road greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I've been living there 17 years and I've never seen the mess that we've had this year. Not only does the traffic get bad in the left lane, but then people that don't want to wait in the line in the left lane, get in the right lane and then stop all traffic because they can't squeeze in. I've seen Woodland (Road) backed up to Mercury (Boulevard). I've seen the traffic on Mercury Boulevard backed up past Woodland Road going to Mallory (Street). I don't know why all of a sudden this has happened. Maybe GPS has used Mercury (Blvd) and Woodland (Road) and Mallory (Street) as alternates to I-64 to bypass all this traffic, but I don't foresee it ever getting better unless we stop this, and I know it's worked in Norfolk at 15th View where they closed the gates during high traffic times. The problem is people merge and then cars try to go around the cars merging and cutting in and all this just ties up all the traffic. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph Griffith greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: It's impossible to be here and not have some kind of opinion about how this affects us as residents since we are impacted in some way. I respect everyone's personal account here this evening because we are all going through it in our own way, and just being from Phoebus, I'm going to speak as a neighborhood commissioner because that is my role here in Hampton. I've served district 7 which is East Hampton, Hampton University area, Phoebus and Fort Monroe. In an effort to get stakeholders' opinion about this measure, I reached out through a public survey with the help of the Partnership for a New Phoebus, of which I'm a board member, and together we distributed and collected information on line which you guys have seen at the last hearing if you were here last time. At that meeting, my colleague, Tim Receveur, also a board member, presented the survey results with a map showing that 113 respondents indicated with 85% support for the proposal in Phoebus, 15% saying that they would not support this measure. We have some responses from outside of the Phoebus service area and it was impossible to not get that feedback from people since it was a public survey. Of course, we don't want to speak for anybody in other service areas outside of district 7 or Phoebus, so I'm just going to focus on that this evening. For anyone who is going through Phoebus, the 85% number probably doesn't surprise anyone if a lot of residents are going through and businesses are going through the same thing. They can't get into their driveways; they can't get out of their driveways. They've seen road rage. They haven't been able to bring in customers to their businesses, a flagrant disregard for traffic law. The blocking of intersections to include the block in front of the fire engine

company and they are unable to get to, sometimes, get to their customers. So, I feel that given this feedback from the community, it's important that we make a tough call here. I know it's not going to be pleasant for everybody, but we need to move ahead with this and make something substantial happen. Thank you for your time this evening, and I appreciate it.

Dr. Taquisa Simmons greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm the Executive Director at the Hampton VA Medical Center. I want to bring to light that we service over 62,000 veterans a year entering our campus for veterans and over 2,500 staff are employed there at the Hampton VA. The impact to closing the ramps of I-64 eastbound leaving out of the Hampton VA Medical Center would be a detriment to our veterans that served our country and to our employees. We have grave concerns about that. I received data today from VDOT, so the snapshot that was given by Mr. Mitchell is absolutely correct. It is only one segment, but as we looked at the data extending back in August for a three day time period, over 300 cars exit our building for that one hour from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. So, we times that times three hours, we are talking 900 plus that's accessing that ramp I-64 east. Currently, the VA Administration is not part of the problem because we come right out of our back gate, so while I understand the challenges that the City faces, in regards to access and homes and residents and businesses, we are not the problem now and we don't want to be the problem. To force us to come out of the medical center and come through the City through Emancipation, impacting Hampton University, all the way down LaSalle (Avenue), get up on the ramp and get into queue is just (inaudible word). So, I really want the Council to take into consideration to allow all of the pilot projects that are on the table to be fully implemented before any resolution is agreed upon today. That would be well appreciated. Thank you so much.

Mr. Michael Harper greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am the Associate Director for the Hampton VA. Somebody was speaking earlier and they were talking about not being able to get out of their driveway at times. That back gate from the VA where we can leave there and get on I-64 east is really easy access when you are getting off of work and you are trying to get across the water. That is our driveway. So, if I-64 eastbound is closed, you've essentially closed what is our driveway for all of those 900 cars that would be going through there from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, five days a week. And, so we just ask that the Council consider not only that staff that needs to go through there, but the staff, the veterans and the visitors that would be dumped in the City and rotating around to try to get back south. And, so we just ask that you consider that. Thank you.

Dr. Shawn Alexander greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I've been a doctor at the Hampton VA for over 12 years and to travel back and forth from Willoughby Spit to Hampton everyday coming to serve my veterans sometimes

two or three times a day, depending upon the needs of the facility. Speaking on behalf of my staff members who also have, specifically our doctors, who actually have to do these things and come in at all hours of the day and night exiting from the Mallory Street exit between the hours of 3:00 - 6:00 pm are the way that they get home to take care of their families and their children. And so, therefore, putting them at a delay to go up and get on LaSalle (Avenue) and get in the loop to come down puts a delay in their actual day of having to be able to get home and take care of their families. Understanding that it is an inconvenience to people in Phoebus and in Hampton not being able to get out of their driveways, but for the doctors and the staff members who take care of our nation's veterans, it is also a difficulty. So, thank you.

Mr. John Rogers greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm a veteran and also a staff member at the Hampton VA. I share the same thoughts as Dr. Alexander. It would be a challenge to close I-64 east considering so many of our staff members and veterans will be cut off when I think that would be a better solution dealing more with Martin Luther King Drive that I'm sure they proposed that to you earlier. I think that some of the proposals right now are going to cause additional harm to our veterans, as well as our staff members, unnecessarily. Thank you.

Ms. Stacy Shorter greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I live in the great City of Hampton, and I work in the great City of Hampton and my kids go to school in the great City of Hampton, so I'm really invested, and I appreciate you letting us have this time to speak. The reason that I'm here tonight is because I am worried that the City is about to make a bad decision when it comes to closing down the ramp. More specifically, we know that a modeling simulation is being done, but it hasn't been done yet. We haven't seen the results. The reason I am here is to ask that we wait until we can at least see the full modeling simulation. I'm here today, not just as a resident of the City, but I'm also here as the Vice President of American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 2328. Who we are: we're the labor union, so we represent the nurses and the doctors, the respiratory therapists, the social workers, the pharmacists who are at the VA. There's about 1,000 bargaining unit employees that are covered by AFGE. That's my union. And, we are tired you'll. It's been a hard year for frontline workers, for healthcare providers, anybody who works in a hospital is exhausted, and the thought of adding an additional 20-30 minutes of commuting time for folks who are getting off of work - like some folks work an eight hour day, some work a 10, some work a 12, but to ask a nurse who has been in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) all day, wearing that N-95 and the face shield, she's tired, and she has to get over across the bridge, get her kids from daycare. If you pick your kids up late from daycare, there's a penalty for that, right. So, I think it's an undue hardship; it's an

unreasonable burden to ask these medical providers to add this commute time until the simulation's done. I'm not saying that the idea should be thrown out. I'm saying that we should go through with all of the models, better evaluate all of our options and make a decision with everyone's input, so that we can do the most good for the most people. I thank you for your time.

Ms. Sheila Fair-Bailey greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I represent, as a citizen, and as an employee of the VA Medical Center in Hampton. For those of you who had the misfortune of being on the road on September 10 at approximately 2:00 in the afternoon, you will see exactly what the impact of a said closure would be to the ramps. The Vice President was here and the ramps were closed down for that visit. The impact of that was it took me approximately 45 - 50 minutes to move from Mallory Street to Mercury Boulevard as a result of that ramp closure. If we choose to decide to close these ramps, I believe this will be the impact that will be felt widespread across the City of Hampton and the impact will not just be to the citizens of the Phoebus area, but in many areas across the City. I ask that as we make the decision that we do so with all the information that we can, that we use all the models that are possible and that we make the best decisions based on as much information as possible. Thank you.

Ms. Tanisha Bowman greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am a veteran and an employee at the VA Medical Center. I currently supervise over 200 employees who use either the ramp to go I-64 east or to go back into Hampton. I'm also a Hampton resident. I moved to Hampton three years ago because after active duty, this is where I wanted to live, after going to Fort Eustis for (inaudible word). I love the City. I love the people. I love the environment and the melting pot. In working for the VA, what I've noticed is we are a family, and we all stick up for each other. As my colleagues have said tonight, it's important to us to make sure that we voice our opinions on the I-64 closure. My challenge to the Council would be to come to the Medical Center at 3:00 and sit in that traffic trying to leave. We have parents. We have family members. We have people who are trying to get home. And, I live in Hampton and it has taken me 45 - 50 minutes to get home going out of the back gate, and I just think that is atrocious, to be quite honest with you. I'm really disappointed in how traffic flows coming out of HU and our VA Medical Center because we only have two ways in. If we shut one down, not only does that impact the residents in Phoebus, it impacts all of Hampton. Every single person. I live 15 minutes from the Medical Center. It can take me an hour to get home, a 15 minute drive. That's ridiculous. We really need to look at the full impact of this before we put this into action. It's just so overwhelming for people to get home when you have a hard day. If you've never sat in that traffic, you don't understand. So, I challenge you all to come down to our Medical Center at 3:00, wait in the parking lot, people get off 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5: 00 and they sit in that

traffic. It's already bad when there is an accident in the tunnel. My God, can you just imagine what it's going to be like when you shut down that ramp? It's going to be terrible. Absolutely terrible. So, I just ask that you look at this from our perspective. As residents, as employees of this medical center, it's important to us that we can make sure our teams, our staff, our veterans, their visitors can get home in a timely manner. Thank you.

Ms. Robin Mabie greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I wish I could eloquently speak as fast as you do. Thank you for allowing me to speak before you tonight. I'm a resident of Hampton for the past 12 years. I moved here from Virginia Beach due to the quaintness of Hampton. Hampton is a beautiful City. I love the City and I support the City and all the work that you do. I think everyone does a great job, if that matters. I do not support the closure of the ramps, mainly due to safety reasons. I do not have a personal stake in this. I have a minor inconvenience compared to everybody else. VDOT has failed Hampton in my opinion. You all brought this up back in 2018 with the traffic issues, and we are still addressing it in 2021. We are just now tailgating on the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) construction and the express lane project. I feel that VDOT has failed Hampton. That's my personal opinion. VDOT submits data, uses their data and submits it to the Federal Highway Administration. That data is not reliable. I think Council has also noted that it seems to differ from back in 2020 when there was some kind of presentation. I have also done some analysis on public view data from VDOT traffic data, as well as DMV accident data. The impact that this will have, especially on the DMV accident data, on LaSalle (Avenue), Armistead (Avenue), Mercury (Boulevard) and Pembroke (Avenue). It's going to be huge, it's going to be huge, and I just ask that you look at the models that they've talked about completing at the end of December, but look at it in the other direction. I know the models - what's going to be coming from these two ramp closures going west bound. What's it going to look like going eastbound? I ask that you look at that very closely and also ask that you hold off on this resolution until you do so. I thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

Ms. Akeya Woods greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: When we talk about our commute and the traffic that we may face. I'm a shipbuilder. You tell me about your traffic, I'll tell you about mine. We deal with it and we adapt. I live in the neighborhood. I cannot get into my driveway. They throw trash out. They honk the horns. They yell at each other. Everything. One issue I haven't heard brought up - last week, my son (and he goes to Phoebus High School), he called me and he said mom, you would not believe my bus didn't even drop me off at the stop because it couldn't get through. That's an issue. He's a high school student, so it didn't really bother me that much, but at the same time, what about the younger kids and their parents are waiting for them at the bus stop and

they don't make it there. I'm in favor of this. I'm in favor of doing it tomorrow, please. That's it. Thank you.

Mr. Jeff Sandford greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: My wife and I, Laura, own Roberts Antiques at 26 E. Mellen Street in the Phoebus community. I'm here to speak briefly on behalf of the business community. You've received a letter (hopefully, you've had time to review it) by David Fowler, owner of Mallory Ritz. His experiences are just one example of how the traffic is affecting the business community. My wife and I have spoken to numerous retail service establishments and restaurants all citing similar problems due to clogged, impassible streets. This, along Hope Street has been experiencing similar problems with customers canceling appointments or arriving late due to the congestion. Restaurants simply must wait for a substantial clearing of the traffic before customers can venture in, often after normal dinner time slots. In addition, many of their employees showing after their shifts are finding it hard to get to work due to the congestion. I want to make this point pretty clear: In no case is this traffic bringing customers to the business community. These are commuters who only want to get from the peninsula to the Southside by any means possible. It's evident by their actions, the downtown Hampton and Phoebus communities are simply a way to get ahead of the others. We've witnessed day in and day out laws being broken with illegal U-turns, blocking intersections, blocking pedestrian walkways and speeding down residential streets in an effort to get a better place in line. We are concerned about public safety. The pedestrian walkway sign on Mellen Street has been ripped down for the fourth time due to speeding and illegal U-turns. We are currently waiting for a replacement. Let me make another point clear. These commuters are in no way being respectful. We've been cursed at. We've been given disrespectful hand gestures and completely ignored. The situation is not the result of summer vacation lines or tunnel construction. This is a problem of sheer volume and the community is suffering the consequences. If you have not visited our community to experience this first hand, then I encourage you to do so, not just once, come down several times, sit on our benches and see what we see; experience what we experience. I know change is tough. It always is. I not only ask you on behalf of business owners, but the community as a whole, that you vote to temporarily close these ramps in question. Thank you.

Ms. Ida McPherson greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm a practicing attorney in Hampton Roads. I'm a former director of the Eastern Virginia Legal Services Division and I also served as staff attorney at the Hampton Office. I'm a co-founder of the Equal Justice Center in Virginia Beach. I think it is very interesting this evening, that your Planning Department said something very, very important - that this resolution is in no way whatsoever, and is now a matter of public record, is in no way related to the Hampton Roads Expansion Project and that

the citizens in this community are very glad to hear that. However, what you've also heard this evening is that there is a lot of confusion about what this is going to do and what the real impact is going to be on the community. This is a tough economic time for all of our citizens. Gas is currently at \$3 plus a gallon. Anytime that you are forcing people to take longer routes, understand that this is an economic hardship that you are placing on the community. What we've also heard this evening is you are going to impact two major institutions, Hampton University which got started in the early 1800's and they are educating students that otherwise would not have had an opportunity. They've faced enough adversity over the course of their lifetime as a result of slavery and other acts of racism in this state. To do so now, to impact them after those students have been out over the past year as a result of COVID-19 and the increase of problems and force them to have to take additional routes trying to get to and from campus is an undue hardship. This should not be tolerated by the City of Hampton. To impact the veterans after a history. Senator Mark Warner has been here several times talking about timely delivery of services, but the impact of veterans after they are trying to turn a corner and provide excellent service and then now turn around and strip away from them access and increase the time the healthcare workers you've heard about have to come and go is an additional hardship that I don't think that you are really willing to face. What I think is most important is that what you've heard is that there is no time deadline for you to file this application with the Federal Highway Administration, so why are you forcing this before you actually have the pilot studies done? If you don't have the support of your community, you have nothing. You are elected officials. The community is counting on you. What I would suggest is that you bring together a good task force; that you put members of the VA on that task force; that you put people from Hampton University on that task force; that you put people from the community including the people from Phoebus who said that they would be impacted. However, what I think they don't understand is that the road rage from closing those ramps is going to cause them more trouble than they currently have. So, what I'm saying to you is if you don't have a deadline, and you've been working on it, why in the world would you put the horse before the cart. So, we would ask that you postpone this vote until you have further information. Thank you.

Ms. Shelia Elliott greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm President of AFGE Local 2328 at the Hampton VA Medical Center. I've been an employee at the Medical Center for going on 32 years. I'm kind of an old timer there, according to some of the folk in here. I just want to say that when this first came up, I did speak to Mayor Tuck and I did reach out to my members, and I was really heartened by what they had to say. Many of them do take that road through the HRBT to get home, but their big concern was the veterans. Even until today, I still get comments and let me just say this: I'm speaking on behalf of my employees, not the VA. I just want to make that clear. Many of them have already begun to see

the adverse impact on the veterans. They are moving appointments now because they read about it in the paper, that that ramp is going to be closed from 3-6 pm, so guess what? They move their appointment and the appointment ends up another month or two months beyond what it should be. That's not good. Those veterans are afraid about what's going to happen. This is all coming to me from my staff. Veterans who are on field trips trying to get back to the VA, being bogged down in traffic. Where do they go to the bathroom? Many of them have PTSD and so forth. That's a toll on them. And, so all of those things are concerns that the staff have brought up to me about their concerns and being their representative, I'm here to say that on their behalf, because I know you all don't want a thousand folks in here trying to talk to you, but I do want to say that it is a problem and I believe that there must be another solution because that traffic is coming from a whole lot more ways than just those two exits because many of them must be coming down Mercury (Boulevard) and Woodland Road, but nobody has talked about that either. So, what are you going to do about that? So, I think that we need to take a simulation before we go forward any further with this. Get that simulation done. Do the studies that are needed in order to make sure that if there is a change necessary, that we do the right thing. Thank you very much.

Ms. Cilicia Demons greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm an employee at the VA. I just want to express my feelings about the proposed ramp closure. As far as the employees, there are a lot of employees that work over in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, the Southside, and for them to have to go all the way back to LaSalle (Avenue) or even Mercury Boulevard just to get on the interstate to go back to the Southside is just very inconvenient. It's going to take a lot of time. The Mallory Street ramp is closed; traffic is going to be backed up to I think like Mercury Boulevard. It's going to be horrible. As far as the patients, if they close that ramp at 3:00, as far as the patients trying to get home, they are already frustrated with the traffic as it is, but for them to have to go back again to LaSalle to get on the interstate to go back to the Southside, that's not very good either. As far as the 15th view ramp over in Norfolk, there are a lot of houses over there. There are no businesses over there, so for them to close that ramp there, it kind of makes sense because there are no businesses there, but we have Fort Monroe and then we have Hampton University and we have the VA Hospital. All this traffic is trying to go to the Southside, but for the ramp to be closed - it needs to stay open, basically. That's my thought.

Ms. Alexandria Demons greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm just a student. I live in Phoebus. I went to Phoebus High School. I went to Spratley Gifted Center and Bryant Elementary School. I've been here basically my whole life. I'm currently a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), but I

am here because of the pandemic and I'm interning at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). I just think that closing the lane is not the best idea. We have, as my mom stated, all these businesses. It's really just going to make all these people trying to get from the VA, Hampton University, the commuters and these other people coming from businesses, it's just going to - although it may make traffic less, it's just going to push the traffic to another entrance or exit which I don't think is the smartest thing. I think that you guys should try to - when you guys go to talk to the people in the community, try to get more people who are my age, or be more inclusive (I guess is the word). Try to be more inclusive because from what I'm hearing, it's just business owners and people from the VA, but this affects people like me too. There's a lot of students at HU. There's a lot of people who commute. I know a lot of people who commute from HU who live in Norfolk and I just think that closing that lane is just dumb to me. I do think that it is best to explore all options and try to get a more diverse pool of people to try to figure out what the best option could be to solve this problem because yes, there is traffic, but that's just going to push the traffic from the people going from Phoebus in Hampton and Hampton University and the VA and Fort Monroe to the next one. I don't think LaSalle (Avenue) has the capacity to handle all of those people. Thank you.

Mr. Bill Thomas greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I really appreciate all the good work you folks are doing, and I know the very tough times. I come here as an individual. I'm not speaking for Hampton University. I'm speaking for myself. There was a mention of the outsiders. I have worked at Hampton University for 23 years. I've work from 8 - 9 every day. We've worked every day during the pandemic, so Hampton is my home. I've never even been to the City Hall in the City of Suffolk. It's too far away. I shop here. I bring my family here. I encourage our students and our faculty and friends to shop here. I've never had an argument. I've never seen anybody who has been discontent or not a loving person here. So, we're not part of the people that are creating the problems. The issue I have here, the individual: I know every nook and cranny of how to get through traffic in the City of Hampton. I've learned it over the years. My concern is that I've heard about a non-scientific survey. I've worked with the tunnel expansion people for the past four years and in the middle of August, one of those folks at a meeting brought up this expansion to LaSalle (Avenue) and Armistead (Avenue) and Mercury (Boulevard) and all the activity with it to come. My point as a personal individual who would want to get at home some time and who would want to get back from lunch. Right now, you can go to lunch at 12:00 and not get back to campus until 2:00 or 3:00 or maybe never. So, something has happened. I don't think the traffic has been so bad, but it's been pretty much more complicated because people aren't being friends. I've heard a lot of I, I, my business, I - we think of we. What's good for the City of Hampton. What's good for all the citizens and the people and we do pay taxes. I do make a pretty good salary. We shop here. We go to church here.

We have friends here. We want to be a we. I commend Mayor Tuck and Ms. Bunting. They are decent people. I don't base my decision upon what may happen of a model simulation that may come along. I need facts. I need data. If this is going to impact the quality of my life, and Lord knows the veterans who have served our country. So, I would just like to commend you for what you are doing. I think we need to get the data. I think that VDOT has not told us the complete story of what is happening with LaSalle (Avenue). They are widening LaSalle (Avenue). It's going to be under construction. I appreciate the time to come here and speak as an individual. Any way that I can be of help, we are here to give. Thank you.

Ms. Cecile Trevathan greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm here tonight to represent the Buckroe Improvement League. At our in-person membership meeting on August 24, the majority of those in attendance were opposed to both ramp closures. They were agreeable to a single closure with the guarantee that ramp closures would be removed once the HRBT expansion was complete. Striving to get additional feedback from Buckroe residents, the Buckroe Improvement League sent a survey to our membership, newsletter subscribers and Facebook. Thirty-five people responded. Of those respondents, 60% were in favor of the ramp closures and 40% were opposed. Our online survey had an open dialogue box where no directions were given. Respondents could leave comments. Several who opposed the ramp closures indicated they would support on-ramp closure. Numerous respondents wanted to guarantee that the ramp closures would be lifted once the HRBT expansion was complete. Also, several people indicated they would support the closures only after all other options were exhausted. Thank you for considering the input and concerns of the Buckroe residents.

Ms. Gaylene Kanoyton greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I live in Buckroe and we all agree we got to do something with this traffic. That's a given. We know we have to do that, but to close those two ramps without doing a modeling simulation is a big mistake. I think about that single mother that has to get over to Norfolk to pick up her children or her child and have to pay a late fee because she's got to drive all the way up to LaSalle (Avenue) and Armistead (Avenue) and be in traffic going up that way, driving through the City and then coming back down to get more traffic to get through the tunnel. I think about the underserved folks that work from gas tank to gas tank that live and work over in Norfolk and they have to drive all the way up - they live in Phoebus or they live in Buckroe and they have to drive all the way up to get in more traffic to hop on the interstate to go across the tunnel. We stand with the Veterans Administration and the employees, some of the employees at Hampton University, they are partners of the City, but so are the citizens. We are partners too. We pay taxes, so we shouldn't have a Mickey Mouse Pilot Program. We should have a real modeling simulation done so that we can see exactly how many cars are going to be on the

street. What's going to happen if this was to happen? The pilot program won't do that. People are going to be driving through the City. Look at what's going to happen to Mercury Boulevard. A true modeling simulation would give us all that data. I spoke to a high-ranking City official. They told me that it wouldn't start until January, if it was going to close, but now, I hear six to 12 months. What changed? All I'm saying is that the HRBT is a \$3.8 billion project. What citizens will lose trying to navigate their way through the City, it is definitely worth to have a modeling simulation. I do want to say that it was said in the last meeting that 100% of Buckroe citizens are behind it. That's not true. I'm here to speak for some of them, especially my neighbors who couldn't come because they were scared of COVID. I also know that Senator Locke who is a legislator on Hampton University, she is definitely not in agreement with it as well. I stand with former Councilman Will Moffett who said when I spoke with him several times on this issue that this should be postponed and we should have the data to see how this is going to work to make sure it is effective. This project is to 2025 and so, we all deserve it. We are partners too. Thank you.

Mr. Aaron Weaver greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I have lived in Hampton, Virginia, all of my life. I've been stuck in the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel traffic for 12 years of my life. I worked retail in Norfolk. This whole time period, there are officers and everything else like that, but you get to be in the front of that line and you get to see how VDOT handles it. VDOT (a flag man) pulls the stop sign and stops the interstate. VDOT has an app that you can look on the cameras and see exactly what is going on in the tunnel. If it's an accident; if it's a big truck that's going to take up the whole thing, we understand. They stop the actual tunnel when nothing is in the actual tunnel. So, all these issues have been here way longer than three years. Three years, they didn't just start. They started 12 years ago at least, and that is when I was affected by it. Director Mitchell had a presentation and it was great and it shows all of these issues that you are hearing are enforcement issues. The car in the middle of the tunnel where we should have a police officer to enforce that. The illegal U-turns in Phoebus, enforcement issue. Mayor Tuck, at the September 8 meeting stated that it was news to me that he spoke to the old Police Chief and the old Police Chief said that we didn't have the manpower to have one or two police officers (maybe one at the VA; one at Settlers Landing Road). So, that brings me to think of, if you don't have enough manpower to have a police officer there for three hours, then is it possible to talk to the Virginia State Police that can help us with maybe one. Hampton University police officers are very known to use that intersection to control the actual stoplight. Is it possible that we can use one of their officers? They are sworn-in officers. Is it possible that that could be done? In terms of this traffic, yes, as Ms. Bunting said about the lawn, the City Council does not work very quick, we know that, so to put a resolution in today without all of the studies and without all of the knowledge is not very smart

because I think we should let everything go through because using Norfolk as the example, on Ocean View and Chesapeake Avenue, the traffic is backed up to the walls. I had to at that point - I went to the restaurants to use it because you have to make time, but that is exactly what is going to happen on LaSalle (Avenue) and Armistead (Avenue); on Mercury Boulevard where it is already a problem issue where the turn is, because sometimes people will cut you off trying to go to Williamsburg instead of trying to go to Norfolk. So, these people are not going anywhere. This traffic is not going anywhere. What this proposal is doing is basically telling us - do we want to greater effect the downtown Hampton and City Hall and businesses and also Phoebus, or do we want to put the convenience on someone else. Thank you all for your time.

This is the public's second opportunity for public input. The first took place at the September 8th City Council meeting.

Councilwoman Snead arrived at 6:59 p.m. during public input on Item #21-0239.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

11. [21-0259](#) Resolution in Support of the City of Hampton's and Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Temporary Closure Initiative of the Interstate 64 Eastbound Ramps at Mallory Street and Settlers Landing Road During Construction of the Hampton Roads Express Lanes (HREL) Segment 4C Project

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting gave introductory comments which clarified that the process will take six to twelve months as opposed to the previously mentioned January time frame. She also stated that the City is only seeking closure during the time of the construction project.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions and comments from Council.

Vice Mayor Gray expressed concern about how this will get resolved for the VA Medical Center and Hampton University and asked whether it is feasible for those two entities to continue to use the exit since they exit from the back with easy

access to I-64.

Mayor Tuck reminded everyone that if the goal is to stop traffic from backing up in Phoebus, in the scenario described by Vice Mayor Gray, traffic would still come southbound off of Mallory Street, creating the need for a mechanism to keep people from coming across the bridge. He added that another challenge would be distinguishing the VA employees and visitors from the drivers getting off the interstate to cut through.

Mayor Tuck then described a few other scenarios and pilot programs related to the flow of traffic around Emancipation Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and how it affects Hampton University and the VA Medical Center.

Mayor Tuck assured everyone that the City is not insensitive to the concerns expressed about the impacts and that it is trying to work through the situation which cannot sustain itself in its current state which is a public safety matter. He reminded everyone that pilots and their impacts are being considered and that this problem is not only one for downtown and Phoebus, but for everyone including individuals trying to get to businesses and to their residences.

Mayor Tuck continued saying that the most current data has been presented by our Public Works Director and assured everyone that if the pilots have the impacts we are looking for, the ramps will not be closed. He reiterated that the purpose is not to inconvenience people, instead, it is to find a workable solution for all. He also emphasized the importance of doing the resolution and paperwork now so that everything will be accomplished in a timely fashion.

Mayor Tuck also spoke about some of the challenges associated with enforcement and manning the area including the lack of police manpower to control the traffic seven days a week.

Mayor Tuck made closing remarks and encouraged everyone to view the VDOT presentation being given September 23 at the Y.H. Thomas Community Center which will provide information about new infrastructure and the affect it will have on traffic routes in the City. He reiterated that the City is working hard to do something which will help not only those in Phoebus and downtown, but all citizens.

Councilwoman Snead said that she is sensitive to everyone's feelings on the matter and, as a resident, has also experienced these inconveniences. She added that she understands how this inconveniences those at the VA Medical Center and Hampton University and hopes that something can be worked out to make this easier for everyone. She also made a few remarks about drivers making illegal U-turns and

short cuts on Settlers Landing Road.

In response to Councilwoman Snead, Ms. Bunting said that VDOT is working on modeling and simulation which will show how the additional traffic will affect the LaSalle Avenue and Mercury Boulevard areas.

Ms. Bunting also clarified that the FHWA application process will begin at the same time as the pilots, modeling and simulation process to avoid losing time in the process; however, if our position changes, the application can be withdrawn.

Councilwoman Snead asked everyone to trust that Council will do what is best for the citizens of Hampton.

Prior to voting, several members of Council provided comments on the matter.

Councilman Bowman said that the Partnership for New Phoebus and the Buckroe Improvement League support this. In addition, the recommendation has been fully vetted by VDOT, and in his eyes, to do nothing over the next four years is not an option.

Councilwoman Brown concurred and said that this is an untenable situation. She said that she is concerned for all citizens who are inconvenienced by those who block traffic as a result of getting off the interstate. She urged those who continue to do this to think of the damage they are causing and to simply stay on the highway. She also noted that she is confident that staff and Council will make the correct decision in doing what is best after evaluating all options.

Councilman Brown commented that he would like to have seen the item deferred until the modeling and simulation process was complete and data was provided. He shared that he has experienced the traffic problems and has sympathy for those who endure it. He also questioned what would happen if the solution for Phoebus causes problems in other communities. He noted that he has heard concerns from not only citizens, but also veterans, elected officials and former elected officials and reiterated that something has to be done, but more information is needed first. He also indicated that some citizens were unaware that this item was being discussed today.

Vice Mayor Gray shared that he often experiences this inconvenience and believes the only solution is to have traffic restrictions during certain periods of time. He continued saying that he had hoped the pilot projects would be announced this evening leading to the request for approval from the FHWA to restrict access to Settlers Landing Road in order to receive real time data on how the traffic will react.

He said he believes there is a way to allow the VA and HU to use the east bound ramp and that should be considered more closely. He suggested that we move forward with the resolution process due to the length of time for that process; provide opportunities for additional community input; do pilot programs; work out alternatives to reroute traffic; and receive a clear understanding of how traffic will react and what will be the best solution.

Vice Mayor Gray reiterated that we should move forward with the resolution and continue to work out alternatives to rerouting traffic and consider other available options prior to getting to the final conclusion of restricting access using the ramp.

Councilman Hobbs commented that he has been dealing with this inconvenience for years and believes we should not delay this any longer.

Councilwoman Snead said that this is a difficult decision for her. She agreed with Ms. Demons about including more people in the conversation and applauded Mayor Tuck for calling these informal hearings. She said that she would like to see more input from the general citizenry and not just input from HU, the VA and others downtown. She said that she trusts staff in the process particularly because the process involves considering other alternatives and doing the parallel process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Brown

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up to speak during public comment.

GENERAL ITEMS

Ordinances

12. [21-0255](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 37 - Taxation, Article 1A - Property Exempt from Taxation By Designation and

Classification, Sections 37-4, 37-5(a), 37-5(c), 37-6(b), and 37-9(d)

Attachments: [Exemption Code Revisions 2021 Redlined](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting made the following statement regarding the item: This is essentially a housekeeping measure to our City Code that requires that organizations that are exempt from real and personal property file a triennial application with the City Assessors Office to certify that they are still entitled to that exemption. That piece of Code provides that if that triennial application is not filed, that there can be an automatic revocation of the exemption status; however, it does not make the distinction that automatic revocation cannot occur on those types of properties such as churches that have constitutional exemptions. The City Attorney's Office is putting forward this ordinance to clarify that. In the case of a church, that does not mean that they wouldn't have to still file it, but if they don't file it in a timely fashion, there would not be the automatic revocation of their exemption.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions from Council. No questions were posed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Ordinance-Coded be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

13. [21-0257](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Section 24-39.1 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia, Entitled, "Open Storage of Inoperable Vehicles on Property Zoned For Other Than Residential Purposes" Pertaining to the Applicability of that Section to New Vehicle Sales

Attachments: [Redline](#)
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting introduced Assistant City Attorney Joshua Everard to speak about the recommended change to the Inoperable Vehicle Storage Ordinance.

Mr. Everard greeted those on the dais and shared the following information about the matter: In October 2020, Council comprehensively updated the City's Inoperable Vehicle Ordinances for both commercial and residential properties. Since that time, staff was asked to review the application of the Commercial Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance to new car sales businesses. Because the ordinance was not originally intended to regulate new car sales businesses, tonight staff is proposing an exemption to the Commercial Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance for new car sales businesses.

Mr. Everard reviewed the slide presentation which provided information about the current ordinance and the proposed ordinance. Mr. Everard stated that staff recommends approval of the amendment and opened the floor for questions from Council.

Mayor Tuck again opened the floor for questions and/or comments from Council. No questions or comments were posed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Ordinance-Coded be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Hobbs

Resolutions

Appointments

Ms. Glass read the motions for the appointments.

14. [20-0241](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens' Engagement Advisory Review Commission (CEARC)

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman that this Appointment be deferred indefinitely. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

15. [21-0227](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Economic Development Authority

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead, with no second being necessary, that Valda Claiborne be appointed to her first term which will expire on September 30, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

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 8:12 p.m.

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