



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 8, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:31 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

INVOCATION - Councilwoman Carolyn Campbell

Councilwoman Campbell gave the invocation.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Gray shared information about two incidents which occurred over the past weekend. One occurred when a huge group gathered at a short term rental and another where a large number of young people gathered at Buckroe. He outlined what occurred with these events, reminded those in attendance of the procedures which are in place ensuring safety, and commended the Hampton Police Division for their handling of the incidents.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

1. [26-0110](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$1,084,000 from the Equipment Replacement Fund's Unrestricted Net Position to the Equipment Replacement Fund's Operating Budget to Fund Replacement Costs for Certain Hampton Police Division Vehicles
Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

2. [26-0116](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$7,000.00 from the Wetlands Encroachment Restricted Fund Balance Account to the Community Development Department Operating Account for the Purpose of Dispersing to the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District to Fund the City's Participation in the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)
Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

3. [26-0129](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton's Participation in the Proposed Settlements of Opioid-Related Claims Against, Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual

Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics), and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the City of Hampton's Participation in the Settlements

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

4. [26-0124](#) Approval of the minutes from the work session of February 25, 2026, the legislative session of March 11, 2026, and the ceremonial and legislative sessions of March 25, 2026.

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Gray read and presented proclamations as follows: Autism Acceptance Month - presented to members of the Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Youth Violence Prevention Week - presented to Hugo Morrison, Interim Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities; and National Volunteer Week - was read but not presented to anyone. He also mentioned a variety of other proclamations that are being presented at events during the month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. [26-0131](#) FY2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan

Presented by Travis Rash, Chief Neighborhood Development Specialist. Yvonne Hodges of Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority was also available. Mayor Gray opened the

public hearing. There were no speakers signed up to speak and Mayor Gray closed the public hearing. No action is required on tonight's item.

Ordinances

6. [26-0047](#) A proposal by the City of Hampton to amend and re-enact the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia by amending Chapter 2, Section 2-2 entitled "Definitions" and Chapter 9, Article II entitled "O-CBP District - Chesapeake Bay Preservation Overlay" to improve clarity and align language with current regulatory practices and state guidance, as well as to bring the City's ordinance into compliance with Virginia Code and State Water Control Board regulations regarding trees and coastal resilience.

Presented by Valerie Taylor, City Planner. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers signed up to speak and Mayor Gray closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler that the City Council approve and adopt Item No. 26-0047, Zoning Ordinance amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Overlay, as presented in the agenda package. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr. and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

7. [26-0071](#) Proposal by the City of Hampton to Amend and Re-enact the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 1, Article I, Section 1-2 Thereof, to Revise Portions of the Zoning District Map Defined in that Section Pertaining to Airport Noise and Aircraft Accident Potential Zones and Boundaries.

Presented by Melvin Fulgham, Zoning Administrator. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers signed up to speak and Mayor Gray closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee that City Council approve and adopt Item No. 26-0071, Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Noise Contour District, as presented in Attachments 1 and 2 to the agenda packet item. It was seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., and the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

8. [26-0126](#) Ordinance Accepting the Bid Submitted by Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. for a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement to Occupy and Use the Public Streets and Public Rights-of-Way Located in the City of Hampton for Providing Natural Gas Public Utility Services
- The City Manager provided background on the item. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. Morgan Whayland of Virginia Natural Gas thanked the Council and staff for their assistance with this matter. Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper to that City Council approve and adopt Item 26-0126, Ordinance Accepting Bid of Virginia Natural Gas, as presented in the agenda package. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr. and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period: Andrew Smith, Condarious Newson, David Hudson, Brenda Marks, Garrick Blount, Jill Davis, Lauren Bowen, Bob Harper, Rachel Winall, Raymond Tripp, David Likavec, Craig Knopp, Aaron Weaver, David Mongiello, and Joan Weaver.

The City Manager provided brief responsive comments to the

items mentioned other than those concerning camping and storage which she indicated she would address when that item is considered.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. [25-0170](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 24, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I, In General, Section 24-50, to prohibit camping and storage on public property.

Ms. Bunting introduced the item. Additional information was presented by Brandi Law, Senior Deputy City Attorney. Following Ms. Law's presentation, Councilwoman Ferebee and Councilwoman Campbell commented.

Councilwoman Campbell moved that the City Council approve and adopt Item No. 25-0170, Ordinance regarding Unlawful Public Camping and Storage, the alternate version presented during the April 8, 2026 legislative session and in Attachment 5 to the agenda package item. I further move that City Council direct staff to report back to Council in 6 months, regarding activities conducted pursuant to this ordinance including services provided, enforcement and other material data. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bowman.

Mayor Gray posed a few questions prior to calling for a vote on the motion. Ms. Bunting also provided information on how the Hampton Police Division would be instructed to ensure consistent and appropriate treatment of individuals in this situation. Vice Mayor Brown also provided remarks prior to his vote.

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 2 - Vice Mayor Brown and Councilmember Ferebee

Appointments

10. [26-0130](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Virginia Municipal League

2026 Policy Committees

It was moved by Vice Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Harper to appoint committee members as follow:

Community and Economic Development - Carolyn Campbell and Hope Harper

Finance - Michelle Ferebee and Martha Mugler

General Laws - Jimmy Gray

Human Development and Education - Steven Brown

Infrastructure - Randy Bowman

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 9:08 p.m.

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