



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Work 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*

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**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. All members of the City Council were present at roll call except for Councilman Brown.

Mayor Tuck stated that Patricia A. Melochick, Senior Deputy City Attorney, was sitting in the place of the City Attorney, Cheran Cordell Ivery, who is traveling.

**Present** 6 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

**Absent** 1 - Councilmember Steven L. Brown

### DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

### AGENDA

1. [19-0164](#) Budget Worksession

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

City Manager Mary Bunting reminded everyone that the final adoption of the budget will be made at tonight's evening session. She clarified that the purpose of today's work session is to respond to questions previously posed by Council. Today's discussion will allow Council and the public to be made aware of the recommendation/plan prior to this evening's adoption process. Topics of discussion

at the work session will include funds set aside for Public Safety and the general workforce, and the plan to amend the budget to accomplish Council's requests to modify the budget.

Assistant City Manager Brian DeProfio provided information about the proposed budget amendments as well as information in response to City Council's previously posed questions.

Mr. DeProfio listed the various areas within Public Safety which will receive funding totaling \$3.1 million. They include: wage increases, fringe benefits, the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) retirement supplement, enhanced street lighting, signing bonuses, Sheriff's Department, Commonwealth's Attorney operating expenses, Court Services Unit, General District Court (1 position), Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (JDR)/ City Schools (1 position) and the Police Division (5 positions).

Mr. DeProfio reviewed the increases for other operating departments totaling \$2.5 million. Areas of funding include: wage increases, fringe benefits, City Attorney's Office (2 positions), Clerk of the Circuit Court (technology trust funds), Community Development (youth grants), Human Services/Social Services (5 positions), Marketing and Outreach (1 position) and Public Works/Engineering (1 position).

Mr. DeProfio noted that additional budgeted items which impact the City overall (utilities and the City's time-keeping system, for example) were not included as part of this presentation because they have a broader impact and impact Public Safety as well as other operating departments.

Mr. DeProfio spoke about the impact on Public Safety relative to the Capital Budget - this amount totals \$4.3 million. Funded projects under this category include: Hampton Correctional Facility Maintenance, Commonwealth's Attorney's office renovations (to accommodate new staff), personal protective equipment and a second set of turnout gear (fire equipment), police cameras and public safety technology, blighted property acquisition and demolition, commercial blight abatement and redevelopment, and Motorola lease payment.

Mr. DeProfio shared information about Council requested amendments to the budget. The increase in revenues of \$285,298 comes from an increase in real property taxes from new construction (\$185,298) and an appropriation from Committed Fund Balance (\$100,000). The increase in expenditures in the amount of \$285,298 comes from contingency reserves/City Council Priorities (\$100,000), Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities/grassroots grants (\$16,000), Contribution to outside agencies - Downtown Hampton Child Development Center

(\$44,691) and Marching Elites (\$25,000) and the Retirement and Employee Benefits (\$99,607).

Mr. DeProfio opened the floor for questions from those on the dais. No questions were posed.

Ms. Bunting said that there are legal requirements when amending the budget; therefore, staff will ensure that the language is properly constructed and prepare a script for this evening. She reminded everyone that this evening is the second and final reading of the budget; however, no public hearing will be held. She also thanked staff for their hard work during the budget process, a very time-consuming and important annual process.

by Brian DeProfio, Assistant City Manager.

Councilman Brown arrived at 1:04 p.m.

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

## REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tuck shared that the Hampton Police Division's 2019 Memorial Service and Awards Ceremony will take place in Honor Park on Monday at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

## CLOSED SESSION

2. [19-0155](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711.A.1 and .5 to discuss appointments to the Thomas Nelson Community College Board of Trustees and to discuss a prospective business of the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating or expanding its facilities in Hampton, and to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public

initially, the financial interest of the city would be adversely affected.

At 1:10 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Chris Snead, that this Closed Session - Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. [19-0142](#) Consideration of appointments to Thomas Nelson Community College Board of Trustees

**CERTIFICATION**

4. [19-0136](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Linda Curtis, that this Closed Session - Certification be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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Mayor

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Date approved by Council \_\_\_\_\_