



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis
Councilmember Jimmy Gray
Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs
Councilmember Will Moffett
Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt
Councilmember Chris Snead

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Vanessa T. Valldejuli, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

6:30 PM

**Kecoughtan High
School, 522 Woodland
Road, Hampton, VA
23669**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members of the City Council present. Patricia Melochick, Senior Chief Deputy Attorney, was sitting for the City Attorney who is out on medical leave.

Present: 7 - Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, Councilmember Will Moffett, Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilmember Teresa Schmidt

Councilwoman Schmidt gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Hampton City Schools for allowing us to use the Kecoughtan High School Auditorium for the Council meeting while the Hampton City Council Chambers is being renovated.

Vice Mayor Curtis emphasized that the Margery Fry Victim Service Practitioner

Award is a national award. People in our nation have recognized Ms. Karla Reaves for the work she has done over the last 30 plus years. Vice Mayor Curtis then thanked Ms. Reaves for her work.

Tonight the following individuals were recognized:

Crystal Bethea and Lt. Scott Keller – A Safer Hampton Roads: A partnership with Hampton Police Division that is designed to improve the safety of ‘at-risk’ residents – people with autism, developmental delays, cognitive disorders such as dementia or Alzheimer’s and other disabilities.

Karla Reaves – Margery Fry Victim Service Practitioner Award: Hampton’s own Karla Reaves, who is the Director of our Victim Services Unit, recently received the Margery Fry Victim Service Practitioner Award which is given to an individual who adheres to the highest standards in providing quality victim services on an everyday basis. Typically it is awarded to a person who has been in the field for over ten years and who has contributed time and resources above and beyond what would be expected in a paid staff position or as a volunteer.

Chris Markiewicz – Eagle Scout – Tee Pad Installation at Hampton 9 Disc Golf Course: Chris, as a part of earning his Eagle Scout award, did a lot of hard work and showed excellent leadership in the tee pad installation at the Hampton 9 Disc Golf Course. Mayor Tuck thanked Chris on behalf of the City of Hampton. Chris observed the meeting as part of his Boy Scout badge work.

Linda Gomez – Adapted Sports: Ms. Gomez explained adapted sports offered in Hampton to include wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, seated wheelchair dance and bocce ball with more to come.

Lisa Adkins, Race Director of the Hampton Cup Regatta was accompanied by Kraig Cole, Vice Chairman, Courtney Darden, Treasurer, and Rebecca Schaefer, Secretary and provided information on the event which is taking place on Mill Creek on September 23 and 24, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

1. [17-0244](#) Approval of Hampton City Council Meeting Calendar for 2018

Attachments: [Proposed Calendar](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

2. [17-0246](#) Approval of the minutes from the legislative sessions of October 26, 2016, February 22, 2017, the work session of July 12, 2017, and the work and legislative sessions of August 9, 2017.

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

3. [17-0270](#) Resolution to Accept from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Fire Programs and Appropriate to the Division of Fire & Rescue FY 2018 "Fire Programs Aid to Localities Funds" in the Amount of \$459,468

Attachments: [FY18 Annual Package](#)
[Announcement for Hampton](#)
[Disbursement Schedule](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

4. [17-0280](#) Resolution Authorizing the Grant of an Encroachment, Pursuant to § 34-86 of the Hampton City Code, to Lawrence and Earlene Wilson, Comprising 339 to 678 Cubic Feet, More or Less, for the Placement of Stone in the Public Rights-of-Way of S. Curry Street and Segar Street, Adjacent to 404 S. Curry Street (LRSN 12001256)

Attachments: [Encroachment](#)
[Insurance Declarations](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

5. [17-0283](#) Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds Awarded to Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant Program known as the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund with Matching Funds from the Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

Attachments: [RSAF Grant Award Letter](#)
[VA CODE - RSAF](#)
[MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT](#)
[Grant Info](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

6. [17-0284](#) Resolution to Accept and Appropriate 2017 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund -Special Initiative Grant Funding Awarded to the City of Hampton, Virginia by the Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant Program in the amount of \$7,532.31 to the Fire and Rescue Division

Attachments: [Grant Award Letter](#)
[VA Code - RSAF](#)
[Grant Info](#)
[Memorandum of Understanding](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

7. [17-0286](#) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2017 Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustments

Attachments: [FY17 4th Qtr Budget Adjustments 8-31-17](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

8. [17-0288](#) Resolution Appropriating Funds for Uncompleted Capital Projects Funded by the General Fund, Stormwater Management Fund, Economic Development Fund and the Economic Development Authority Fund

Attachments: [FY2018 Capital Projects - Carryover Projects](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

9. [17-0274](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation and Appropriation of the FY2018 DMV Highway Safety Grant (Selective Enforcement - Speed) Through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Attachments: [Grant Award](#)
[Grant Routing Forms](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

10. [17-0292](#) Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$600 from North Campus Parkway Final Overlay, \$76,500 from Franklin Street Extension, and \$5,450 from North King Street Phase 2 VDOT Revenue Sharing Projects to Buckroe Avenue Reconstruction-Phase 1 VDOT Revenue Sharing Project and \$5,450 from North King Street Phase 2 Bond Project to Buckroe Avenue Reconstruction-Phase 1 Bond Project
Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

11. [17-0289](#) Panhandling Update

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Assistant City Manager Steve Bond provided an update on panhandling in the City.

Mr. Bond spoke about Hampton's involvement with the panhandling concern dating back to 2007. He also shared information about the current law and Hampton's three pronged approach designed to address the issue.

PRONG 1 - BUSINESS TRESPASS AUTHORIZATIONS

Mr. Bond spoke about the various businesses in the community which have signed trespass authorization letters. He explained that these authorizations empower police officers to ban people engaging in panhandling from businesses if it's against the rules of the business. He noted that the number of business owners participating in this program has increased to 32 (since the presentation was prepared).

Mr. Bond reminded everyone that panhandling is protected as First Amendment free speech and is protected against Government action on public property; however, it is within the rights of private business owners to enforce no soliciting if they do not want people soliciting on their property.

PRONG II - ENFORCING EXISTING CRIMINAL ORDINANCES

Mr. Bond clarified that this prong involves ensuring that those engaged in panhandling follow the laws of our community and are held up to community standards.

PRONG III - OUTREACH AND CITIZEN EDUCATION

Mr. Bond spoke about outreach teams that engage with people who appear to be homeless. These teams also provide opportunities for those in need to receive services.

Mr. Bond also shared information about “outreach cards”, part of the City’s outreach effort to combat the panhandling issue in the City. The cards provide information about resources available for those in need.

Mr. Bond summarized additional ways in which the City is working to combat panhandling. Some of them include citizen education and signage throughout the City.

A brief video about the panhandling issue in the City was then shown.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

In response to Councilwoman Schmidt, Mr. Bond clarified that cards are available at a number of places throughout the City including the Main Library, the Social Services building and the City Manager’s Office located in City Hall. Police Officers also have access to the cards.

Councilman Moffett expressed concern about people having access to assistance not only on Thursdays when groups are outreaching in the community, but 7 days a week.

Mr. Bond clarified that the crisis hotline is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week where assessments are made and resources are available to help those in need.

City Manager Mary Bunting added that the City’s 911 and 311 call centers are available to assist with emergency and non-emergency situations. She also noted that the 311 call center has the ability to connect those in need to available resources.

Councilman Moffett inquired about what opportunities exist for groups to interact in

the community more often (other than only on Thursdays).

Mr. Bond stated that program involves a dedicated day to go into the community and help those they encounter; however, Police Officers and others patrol the community on a daily basis and initiate assistance when needed.

Ms. Bunting reminded everyone that this is a pilot effort and we will make changes as we go. For example, signs are being placed in areas with high activity; however, more signs may be placed throughout the City as we learn about additional locations where panhandling is taking place.

Presented by Steve Bond, Assistant City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Clerk read the protocol for Public Hearings.

12. [17-0285](#) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Hampton in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$9,250,000 to provide funding for the purchase and acquisition by the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia of certain real property, and providing for the form, details and payment of such Bond Anticipation Notes

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

[Ad](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

City Manager Bunting gave introductory remarks and clarified that the offer before Council will allow the City to purchase the facility at its assessed price. The offer also includes Mr. Boo Williams leasing and operating the venue. She noted that this is not expected to have a net impact on the City's operating budget.

Ms. Bunting introduced Mr. David Rose of Davenport and Company and Mr. George Scruggs of Kutak Rock LLP to provide the details of the transaction.

Mr. Rose stated that Council is being asked to approve the recommendation allowing this resolution which authorizes the City Manager to move forward with BB&T's proposal as described in the presentation.

Mr. Rose reviewed the timeline schedule of the process. He also shared some of the details about the proposal including the interest rate, interest expense, and the

all-in financing costs.

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

Mr. George Scruggs of Kutak Rock LLP described the purpose of the resolution and the authorizations it will allow.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions from those on dais.

Councilwoman Schmidt stated that Ms. Bunting explained to her that the City will save money in the long run by doing a temporary bond. She asked Mr. Rose to speak about the level of savings the City will receive.

Mr. Rose explained that to issue this as a separate bond would cost the City more in two ways. There is a certain amount of overhead cost to issue bonds, and smaller bond issues may draw higher interest rates because fewer entities bid on them. Waiting until the regular bond issuance after the first of the year puts these bonds in with other City needs and creates savings because the overhead costs of issuance is spread among many more projects, and a larger bond amount will draw more bidders and competition, allowing Hampton to get the lowest possible interest rate.

Presented by David Rose of Davenport & Company, LLC and George L. Scruggs, Jr. of Kutak Rock, LLP.

Mayor Tuck opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Gray, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

Use Permits

13. [17-0276](#) Use Permit Application No. 17-00008 by Hampton Yacht Club, Inc. to allow for a marina at 4701 Victoria Boulevard [LRSN 2003824]

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Narrative](#)
[Survey](#)
[Conditions](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Planning Commission Resolution](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

City Planner Lucy Stoll presented.

Vice Mayor Curtis recused herself from this matter as she and her husband are members of the Yacht Club.

Ms. Stoll clarified that the property is zoned Downtown Waterfront District (DT2) which allows for a marina with an approved Use Permit. Much of the surrounding zoning is a residential district (R-13). Ms. Stoll noted that the historic Little England neighborhood surrounds the Hampton Yacht Club property.

Ms. Stoll reminded everyone that the Land Use Plan calls for mixed use on this site and the rest of the Yacht Club property with medium and high density residential recommendations surrounding it.

Ms. Stoll shared information about the proposed marina related uses, the Hampton Community Plan and the Downtown Master Plan as they relate to this Use Permit. She noted that the preferred reuse proposal of the applicant is to reuse the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) building for marina purposes such as office space and instruction classrooms.

Ms. Stoll stated there was a significant amount of outreach from the applicant and HRSD on this proposal. The applicant held a community open house meeting on August 8, 2017, at which HRSD representatives and approximately 15 people from the community and Yacht Club were in attendance. She noted that HRSD representatives were also present at a Little England Neighborhood meeting prior to the August 8th meeting in an attempt to determine whether there was a sense of opposition in the neighborhood.

Ms. Stoll summarized the conditions associated with the application.

Ms. Stoll closed stating staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval. She then opened the floor for questions.

In response to Councilman Gray, Ms. Stoll stated that concern about parking at the Yacht Club property was expressed during the community meeting; however, it has been determined that there is sufficient parking on the site.

In response to Councilwoman Schmidt, Ms. Stoll clarified that a small part of the parking area is made of turf; however, 95 percent is impervious concrete.

Presented by Lucy Stoll, City Planner. Prior to the presentation, Vice Mayor Curtis explained that she would not be participating in the discussion and is recusing herself from voting as she and her husband are members of the Hampton Yacht Club.

Mayor Tuck opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Moffett seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, that this Use Permit be approved with seven (7) conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs,
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett,
Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

Abstained: 1 - Vice Mayor Curtis

14. [17-0279](#) Use Permit Application No.17-00002 by Charlene Connolly to permit live entertainment 2 in conjunction with a micro-brewery at 2036-2038 Exploration Way [LRSN 13002305]

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Narrative](#)
[FloorPlan](#)
[Parking Study](#)
[Parking Credits Letter to Applicant](#)
[Parking Credits Letter to Owner](#)
[Conditions](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Presentation - Applicant](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

City Planner Tolu Ibikunle presented.

Ms. Ibikunle spoke about the proposal, zoning, future land use plan and public policy associated with the application.

Ms. Ibikunle stated 3 members from the public attended the applicant's community meeting held on August 10, 2017.

Ms. Ibikunle summarized the conditions associated with the application.

Ms. Ibikunle stated staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application and then opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

The applicant was also in attendance.

Presented by Tolu Ibikunle, City Planner.

Mayor Tuck opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, that this Use Permit be approved with twelve (12) conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

Ordinances

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk read the protocol for the public comment period.

Mr. Chauncey Brown greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: It had been my custom in the past to celebrate Black History Month by bringing you a Hampton Story. Due to the illness and subsequent passing of my wife, I missed a couple of years, so I am here to start catching up. This is a summer story anyway. Without further ado, I will get into it because I remember the three minutes (rule).

Mr. Brown then read "Biddie" Copeland - A Hampton Story: I wanted to tell this story because I believe it captures the spirit that defined those of us that grew up here. It delves deeply into the resolute determination to live a good life from the divine provision of the land. The fish and small game that became staples on the table also provided wholesome recreation for many of us. Our summers were filled with self-made recreation. Swimming, at Bay Shore Beach, crabbing everywhere, from any of the New Market Creek tributaries to the ferry dock at Fort Monroe. The bridges to Fort Monroe would be lined with anglers as well as any place that one could get to the water. This was before the present powers that be decided to make nearly all those places off limits to fish. No wonder we have so much mischief and crime in the summer, but that's for another story. Biddie Copland was like many men in the Old North Hampton neighborhood. He was a hardworking man. He worked for US Martins Lumber Company which was a lumber mill in Old North Hampton. It was hard work and Biddie loved it. I imagine he loved it because it provided a much-needed resource for the community and area, while at the same time kept him close to the land, which he loved. His closeness to the land was legendary, for it was from the land he would, like a pioneer, feed his family. Hampton, at that time, had plenty of wooded areas and plenty of clear streams and tributaries running through it. Some of them filtered down into marshy or, as we used to call them, swampy areas. It was in these places where Biddie was king. He had no fear of the snakes or snapping turtles or creepy spiders that kept most of us out of them. He would boldly go into these areas and come out of them with food for the table. Squirrel, rabbit, possum, game birds, and fish of all sorts. Though legend has it that he could throw a hatchet with the accuracy to take the head off a rabbit in mid hop, fishing was his true claim to fame. Biddie was known to be able to catch fish, when no one around him was catching anything. If you saw Biddie in the summer, he would be on his bicycle with a bucket on the handlebars along with a

fishing pole and a long handled net tied on. He would, more than likely, be headed to his favorite fishing spot, the old C&O trestle that went out into the water by the East Hampton Bridge. It was from these waters that he would catch fish for summer suppers and the excess to put up for the winter. Fish would be preserved by salting it down and holding them in buckets or barrels for winter eating. The East Hampton C&O trestle was a peaceful spot to spend an afternoon, evening or night. It was the place Biddie would often be found, while living, and even be where he was found, after having breathed his last breath. He died as he lived, in Hampton's great outdoors doing what he loved best, fishing. Along with the 12 buckets of salted fish that was found in his shed after his death, Biddie left a legacy that is still enjoyed by those of us who find pleasure in being Hamptonians. That is, Biddie Copeland, a Hampton Story.

Mr. Brown noted that he would be happy to answer questions; however, had to leave as his granddaughter was speaking elsewhere tonight.

Ms. Edith Newkirk signed up to speak; however, was not present when called to speak.

Mr. David Hites greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am speaking tonight on the appointment to the Peninsula ASAP Advisory Board. I was appointed to this position at the City Council meeting unanimously last month from the previous month from which I applied. This Council had one month to vet me. Any questions you had, I was willing to answer them. I sent an email to that effect to you a few days ago. I have received no response, but I did receive an email this evening that said you were reconsidering that appointment and that you were rescinding that appointment with no explanation. I would like to tell you about a couple of things and the reasons why I was seeking this appointment. I submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Peninsula ASAP requesting expenses for fiscal year 2016 for administrative category. The Commission did send overall budget and expenses in another FOIA request with the Commission. I wanted to see the line items and what the money was spent on in this category. I told them to call me for any other information they needed. Peninsula ASAP subsequently told me that record did not exist at Peninsula ASAP (the budget record for 2016). About a week later, I received a notice that I was barred from the property. This Advisory Board is the oversight (Peninsula ASAP). I made it no secret at the last City Council meeting that I am a consumer advocate; I want the offenders to be punished as appropriate, but also the people who are running this program should be held accountable for the laws that they are bound by. If this oversight is ineffective, the Peninsula ASAP is ineffective and people who are committing violations on the interlock program, sometimes erroneously, have no recourse. The case managers are directed to direct people with complaints to the ASAP Director which is not being

done. The ASAP Director is being circumvented or I'm not sure what their agenda is or what their policies and procedures are that they are following or not following. I wanted to be appointed to this board so that I can be a voice for the citizens of Hampton because there is no other way to be heard. I know of someone who had an interlock violation, several actually, none of which were genuine and they had to go to the special programs coordinator for the Commission to get any kind of resolution. This person was charged interlock fees for several months after a dismissed court case on appeal, yet no one, even my delegate, was willing to talk to me about it. So, I wanted to be on this board so that I could address not these issues of the past, but to prevent this from happening to other people. I thank you for your time and I do still wish to be considered for this appointment if you would like to reconsider. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Tuck noted that he left Mr. Hites a voice mail message at approximately 4:00 p.m. today with a number for Mr. Hites to return his call; however, at the time he left City Hall, Mr. Hites had not returned his call. He continued stating that we thought the most efficient way to get the information to Mr. Hites was via email from the Clerk. Mayor Tuck offered to speak with Mr. Hites after the meeting to discuss the reasons for the decision; however, noted that he preferred not to speak about it publicly. He then thanked Mr. Hites for attending the meeting.

Mr. John Krulis greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I got here too late to sign up for the Boo Williams hearing. From everything I've read in the Daily Press which has been very, very complete in their reporting, and even more importantly, the editorial take on the Boo Williams purchase sounds like a good deal, I think. I have no problem with it at all, believe it or not, but I wanted to make the point and I certainly hope and I presume that you are going to keep the name Boo Williams on the facility, right? You are not going to rename it the Hampton Sportsplex? Okay? Please, no. Do not. The man deserves that his name goes with it, not just because it is going to be successful because his name is there, but because he deserves to have his name kept on it. With that in mind, I would like to suggest the renaming of several places here in Hampton. If you've taken a look at the Power Plant where you are now building the final extension on the Newmarket Creek facility going over Pine Chapel over the interstate to the tune of \$1.8 million - thank you Ms. Bunting for those Freedom of Information Acts. I know the paper has problems about such things. Your people have been very responsive and I appreciate that. \$1.8 million to go over there. Remember when there was a bridge to nowhere somewhere in Alaska that didn't serve any purpose? That's what we are building there. Because when you get down there to the Power Plant, are you concerned up there? Are you concerned that it's a big, huge parking lot with nothing happening. So, with that in mind, I want to see if you would consider renaming it the George Wallace Memorial Power Plant because so many of the

things that you do, you could leave here and no longer have to worry about where it goes. When it comes a time to be voting on that aquatics center, which I hope will be coming soon, will you be willing to put your names up there on the marquee? We are the people who voted for this facility because we thought it was worthwhile. The Power Plant is a big parking lot and if you now go up there to the Peninsula Town Center, I am counting better than 25 empties, not counting Macy's. There are more empties than there are places and business right now. Just a thought. Thank you very much.

Mr. Hugh Bassette greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am speaking for the Hampton's Citizens Coalition. A couple of months ago, we asked about the renaming of the bridge on the way to Fort Monroe in honor of Martin Luther King and we were told at the time that you had to get approval from the King family. I have an email here dated July 5th (two months ago). It said: Mr. Bassette, I wanted to inform you that our license agreement was issued today to the City of Hampton, Virginia, authorizing the use of Dr. King's name in the renaming of Mercury Boulevard Bridge. We thank you and the Hampton's Citizens Coalition for your diligent work in seeking to bestow this wonderful honor upon Dr. King's incredible legacy. He paid the ultimate sacrifice so that future generations could enjoy the rights that he and the many other members of the movement fought so hard for. The renaming of this bridge helps insure that future generations will continue to know of this great man.

Mr. Bassette continued his statement: So, now, the family has approved it, so the reason you gave us the last time doesn't exist anymore. I talked to Ms. Bunting about it and secondly, I cannot understand why it has taken over ten years, ten years, to get something named in the City after Dr. King. Something is going on here. Evidently, you all feel if you do it maybe we are going to have another Charlottesville here and the Nazis and people and the Ku Klux Klan is going to show up and burn the City down. But, I don't understand why this is taking so long. And, I said I wasn't going to say this, but sometimes I can't help myself. Not that Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Hobbs and Ms. Curtis shouldn't be for this also, but here is a body with four black people sitting up there and we cannot get something named after Dr. King. That's embarrassing to me, okay. Maybe you all can tell me what the new reason is, but the old reason doesn't exist anymore. So, two months ago (this is dated July 5th). Still nothing has been done to name this bridge. What is the problem, people? Ten years has gone by and you can't do this. I'm waiting to hear what the new reason is today. Thank you.

In response to Mr. Bassette, Ms. Bunting explained that the license agreement that the Martin Luther King Foundation sent included language that was not acceptable to our City Attorney. The City Attorney made proposed changes; we returned it to the

Foundation; the Foundation returned it to us in late July. She continued saying that the City Manager's office returned the signed agreement to the King Foundation via certified mail on July 29th; however has not received it back with signatures from the King Foundation. Ms. Bunting emphasized that while the Foundation did email us informing us that they are fine and they are sending the licensed agreement to sign, we cannot legally proceed until we have the signed licensed agreement. Ms. Bunting noted that Assistant City Manager Laura Fitzpatrick has been tasked with frequently contacting the Foundation until we receive the signed agreement.

Chauncey Brown spoke on a Hampton story -- Biddie Copeland. Edith Newkirk was called to speak but was not present. David Hites spoke on appointment to the Peninsula ASAP Advisory Board. John Krulis spoke on the city's purchase of the Boo Williams Sportsplex and asked that the city not change the name of the facility. He suggested renaming Power Plant Parkway to the George Wallace Memorial Power Plant. Hugh Bassette spoke on the renaming of the bridge to Fort Monroe to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the delay in this taking place. The City Manager, Mary Bunting, explained the reason for the delay which has to do with delays by the King Foundation in signing the license agreement.

GENERAL ITEMS

Ordinances

Resolutions

15. [17-0277](#) Resolution for the Expansion of the Hampton Housing Venture Program to Old North Hampton and Approval of Updates to the Old North Hampton Neighborhood Plan

Attachments: [Final Report](#)
[Expansion Resolution](#)
[Old North Hampton - Neighborhood Map](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

Housing Reinvestment Specialist Daniel McCormick reminded everyone that Council was briefed on this topic at last month's meeting; and, therefore, he would not provide a detailed briefing today.

Mr. McCormick noted that the resolution calls for the establishment of a Housing Venture area.

Mr. McCormick also clarified that the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority development located at King Street and Mercury Boulevard is designated for both special needs and senior housing.

Mr. McCormick announced that the Neighborhood Blitz will take place in the Old North Hampton neighborhood this year on October 7th. He encouraged the members of Council to sign up to assist with the project. He noted that twenty-nine houses are signed up for the blitz, making it one of Hampton's largest blitzes.

Mr. McCormick recognized members of the Old North Hampton Organization who were in attendance and thanked them for their efforts.

Ms. Bunting noted that the necessary work has been done in determining where we will target housing venture funds for the neighborhood. She added that Council's approval of the resolution will allow for the implementation of the program the neighborhood has asked us to expand to their area.

Mayor Tuck opened the floor for questions and/or comments from those on the dais. No questions were posed.

Councilman Moffett acknowledged the work of City staff and those who served on the committee. He also noted for the record that the August 9th minutes reflect his comments regarding the Neighborhood Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Moffett and seconded by Councilmember Gray, that this Resolution be approved.

Councilman Moffett thanked the citizens involved in this process which took place in his neighborhood and indicated that his remarks concerning this item be preserved in the minutes of the August 9, 2017, City Council meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

Appointments

16. [17-0221](#) Consideration of appointment to Hampton FADA

The Clerk read the motion required for the appointments.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Stevie Hunt be reappointed to his first full term expiring on December 30, 2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

17. [17-0247](#) Consideration of appointment to Purchasing and Procurement Oversight (PPOC) Committee

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Chioma Adaku-Griffin be appointed until June 30, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

18. [17-0261](#) Consideration of appointments to Hampton Economic Development Authority

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Michelle Ferebee be reappointed to her second term expiring on September 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

19. [17-0268](#) Consideration of appointments to Hampton Clean City Commission

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that William Kothemier be reappointed to his first full term expiring on September 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

20. [17-0278](#) Consideration of appointments to Golf Course Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Waymon Murphy be reappointed to his second term expiring on September 30, 2020, and that Brandon Singleton and Anne Andrews be appointed to their first terms expiring on September 30, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

21. [17-0298](#) Consideration of appointment to Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) Advisory Board

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that the appointment made on August 9, 2017, be rescinded and that Dr. Michelle Boone-Tornton be appointed to a first term expiring on June 30, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

22. [17-0252](#) Consideration of the Appointment of a Delegate, Delegate Alternate, and Staff Assistant to be the Voting Representative of Hampton at the Urban Section Meeting and the Business Meeting of the Virginia Municipal League

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Mayor Donnie Tuck be designated as Hampton's Delegate and that Councilman Jimmy Gray be designated as Hampton's Alternate to the Urban Section meeting and the Business Meeting of the Virginia Municipal League's October meeting with Steve Bond, Assistant City Manager, serving as the staff representative. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

Councilman Moffett expressed his pride in the City of Hampton and its staff and citizens for their actions in the past and present in the area of race relations and work in the area of diversity.

Vice Mayor Linda Curtis shared that Kimball Scott Roberts, an employee of Hampton's Wastewater Department, recently used his CPR training to save the life of a young man at a local 7-Eleven. She stated how proud she was of Mr. Roberts and expressed her appreciation that Hampton is a city which provides CPR and other training to its employees.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____