



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final 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, May 14, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Second Reading and Final Approval of FY26 Manager's Recommended Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members of the City Council 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

JIMMY GRAY PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilwoman Carolyn Campbell

Councilwoman Carolyn Campbell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor's Comments were preempted by a band of pirates who shared information on the upcoming Blackbeard's Pirate Festival.

The pirates handed out goodies to those on the dais. The lead pirate also commented about a former pirate, Sunny, who will be

missed and then thanked the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Department for their work.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this be approved on 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. [25-0137](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the National Fish and Wildlife Federation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) Award for the Project Titled Developing Nature-Based Solutions to Build Resilience in the Back River Estuary [Grant ID No. 0318.25.084439]

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Grant Agreement](#)

Item approved.

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

2. [25-0140](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate a Stormwater Local Assistance Fund Program Grant Awarded by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the Mill Point Living Shoreline Project

Attachments: [Grant Application](#)
[Grant Proposal Overview](#)
[Grant Authorization Letter](#)
[Grant Agreement](#)

Item approved.

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

3. [25-0141](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate the 2024 Stormwater Local Assistance Fund Grant Awarded by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the City's Pembroke Pond Retrofit Project

Attachments: [Grant Agreement](#)

Item approved.

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

4. [25-0132](#) Approval of the minutes from the work sessions of February 26, 2025, and March 26, 2025.

Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Clint Ross, Federal Facilities and Community Affairs Liaison, gave background information on Michele Vinner, Mathematics Curriculum Leader, Hampton City Schools and Detective Scott A. Quesenberry, Hampton Police Division – Special Investigations Unit, who were recently recognized by Joint Base Langley-Eustis

as Hometown Heroes. The members of Council congratulated them and presented them with City coins.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Glass read the protocol for public hearings.

Rezoning

5. [25-0101](#) Rezoning Application No. 25-0101 by OBT Virginia Investors LLC to Rezone +/- 0.96 Acres at 1263 W Queen Street [LRSN: 2000422] from One Family Residential (R-11) and Light Manufacturing (M-2) Districts to One Family Residential (R-11) District with Conditions to Allow One-Family Dwellings on Three (3) Proposed Individual Lots

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Proffer Agreement](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Planning Commission Resolution](#)
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Chief Planner, Donald Whipple, to make the presentation.

Mr. Whipple greeted those on the dais, described the site location near the intersection of West Pembroke Avenue and West Queen Street, and indicated that the proposal is for a three-lot residential subdivision which is proposed to retain the existing house and add two new single-family homes on the remaining two lots.

Mr. Whipple shared images of the proposed preliminary plat, site layout and building elevations and gave descriptions of them. He provided the history of the site and indicated where the site is located on the City's Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map (which coincides with low density residential).

Mr. Whipple spoke about public policies from the Hampton Community Plan related to the application, some of which are that projects should encourage and maintain a diverse mix of housing types and values; evaluate land use proposals from a regional, city-wide and neighborhood perspective; safeguard the integrity of the existing residential neighborhoods; ensure that there is high quality design and site planning; and encourage high quality new developments that are compatible with surrounding

neighborhoods.

Mr. Whipple shared staff's analysis of the application which is that the application is consistent with City land use policies; removes incompatible M-2 land uses; would be an adaptive redevelopment of an underutilized site; fits into an existing neighborhood; adds needed residential units; includes quality design and building materials; and incorporates resilience practices by including the electric vehicle (EV) charging and generator connections in the new homes.

Mr. Whipple spoke about proffered conditions associated with the application, some of which are related to limitations on uses, the subdivision process, the concept plan, building elevations, architectural style and quality building materials, EV charging and generator hookups, landscaping and compliance with all ordinances. He also announced that approximately five people attended a community meeting on April 8 where questions were raised about land use applications and the intent to incorporate the new lots into the homeowner's association.

Mr. Whipple closed the presentation stating that the applicant was available to answer questions and noting that the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the rezoning application subject to 12 proffered conditions. He then opened the floor for questions and discussion, but no discussion took place.

There were no speakers so Mayor Gray opened and closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be approved with 12 proffered conditions. 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

6. [25-0010](#) Rezoning Application No. 25-0010 by Franklin Johnston Group Management & Development, LLC to Rezone +/-16.9 Acres at 1616, 1616B, and 1612 N Armistead Avenue [LRSN: 7000335, 7000336, and 7000337] from One Family Residential (R-11) District to Multifamily Residential (MD-4) District with Conditions for a Multifamily Development

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Proffer Agreement](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[PC Resolution](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Applicant Presentation](#)
[Narrative REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Redline](#)
[Narrative REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Clean](#)
[Proffer REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Redline](#)
[Proffer REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Clean](#)
[Staff Report UPDATED FOR 5/14/25](#)
[Presentation UPDATED FOR 5/14/25](#)

Ms. Glass read the titles for this and the next item.

Ms. Bunting reminded everyone that this item was deferred from last month and then introduced Mr. Whipple to re-present the information including the additional proffers for consideration.

Mr. Whipple greeted those on the dais, and indicated that the site location is off of North Armistead Avenue between Freeman Drive and West Mercury Boulevard near the Windsor Terrace neighborhood and the Trail Creek apartment community.

Next, Mr. Whipple described the proposal for three and four-story multi-family buildings with a maximum of 215 units. He also provided information about the rent for the various sized units, elevators for the four-story buildings, parking, amenities and resiliency elements. Some of the resiliency elements include stormwater standards, EV charging stations, building materials, pervious pavement, appliances and construction guidelines.

Next, Mr. Whipple showed images of the concept plan and building renderings and indicated where the site is located on the City's Zoning and Future Land Use maps. He also noted that the Future Land Use Map calls for mixed-use within the Coliseum Central Master Plan.

Mr. Whipple spoke about public policies from the Hampton Community Plan related to the application, some of which state that projects should include high quality design and site planning that is compatible with surrounding development, encourage building design and site planning that enhances community interaction and public safety and encourage a mix of land uses appropriate for each district. In addition, new public policies include several resiliency policies that are applicable to

this application. Mr. Whipple also spoke about policies under the Coliseum Central Master Plan related to this application. For example, this plan speaks to encouraging residential development in appropriate forms and developing new high-quality residential development in walkable mixed-use districts.

Mr. Whipple shared staff's analysis of the application which is that it is consistent with City land use policies, includes adaptive redevelopment of an underutilized vacant site, adds needed residential units, and has quality design, community amenities and resilient practices.

Mr. Whipple announced that approximately ten people attended a community meeting on December 18, 2024, where questions were raised about the development, but no opposition was expressed.

Lastly, Mr. Whipple listed the proffered conditions and recommended conditions for the project. He highlighted two new proffered conditions related to elevators in the four-story buildings and stormwater standards. There were no changes to the recommended conditions, some of which refer to Coliseum Central design standards, revocation and compliance with applicable laws.

Mr. Whipple indicated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of both items subject to conditions. He noted that the applicant has information to present and then opened the floor for questions, but no questions were posed.

The Applicant's Attorney, Timothy O. Trantt, II, greeted those on the dais, introduced himself, noted that Mr. Whipple covered the changes in the application well and made the following statement from his and the applicants perspective: I really appreciate the opportunity to earn Council's support or try to earn Council's support for this project. I find, in my humble opinion, with these projects, when Council and the applicant and the City's professional staff can work constructively together to try to find balance and interest and find the best possible project, everybody wins, and I hope you will see... we certainly see that as an example - this project is an example of that. We hope you will too. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

No questions were posed and no discussion took place.

Donald Whipple, Chief Planner presented both item 25-0010 and 25-0011. There was a joint public hearing on the items and there were no speakers so Mayor Gray opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and

seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be approved with 13 proffered conditions. 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

Use Permits

7. [25-0011](#) Use Permit Application No. 25-0011 by Franklin Johnston Group Management & Development, LLC to Permit Multifamily Dwellings at 1616, 1616B, and 1612 N Armistead Avenue [LRSN: 7000335, 7000336, and 7000337]

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Conditions](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Applicant Presentation](#)
[Narrative REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Redline](#)
[Narrative REVISED FOR 5/14/25 Clean](#)
[Staff Report UPDATED FOR 5/14/25](#)
[Presentation UPDATED FOR 5/14/25](#)

Donald Whipple, Chief Planner presented both item 25-0010 and 25-0011. Timothy O. Trantt, II, the applicant's attorney, also gave a few remarks. There was a joint public hearing on the items and there were no speakers so Mayor Gray opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Use Permit be approved with eight conditions. 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. [25-0103](#) Use Permit Application No. 25-0103 by Copeland Investment Properties, LLC to Permit a Funeral Home/Mortuary at 611 Rotary St [portion of LRSN: 1000315]

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Conditions](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting introduced City Planner, Han Vu, to make the presentation.

Ms. Vu greeted those on the dais and began the presentation. She displayed a slide of the site location which is in the Copeland Industrial Park. She spoke about the plan to retrofit the existing suite to accommodate for a preparation room, office, warehouse, crematory and walk-in refrigeration unit. The proposal also includes a 24-hour operation and is consistent with similar establishments in the area.

Ms. Vu noted that a significant change to the exterior of the building is not being proposed.

Ms. Vu reviewed the proposed floor plan and indicated that the proposed crematorium would exclusively be available to serve funeral homes, police or sheriff departments, medical examiners and medical institutions, but would not be accessible to the general public.

Ms. Vu displayed an image of the site on the City's Zoning Map and spoke about public policies applicable to this case. Some of the policies include encouraging a mix of land use appropriate for each district, fostering the successful redevelopment of well-situated, vacant or underutilized industrial property, and focusing special attention on strengthening the ability of an older industrial area to support new and expanding businesses.

Ms. Vu shared staff's analysis of the proposal. Staff believes the proposal is consistent with the City's land use policies, the business industrial use is consistent with the Future Land Use Map, it is an efficient use of the developed land and redevelopment of an underutilized site and addresses a need in the community.

Ms. Vu spoke about staff's recommended conditions, some of which are related to parking, traffic circulation and certification of occupancy.

Ms. Vu noted that a community meeting has not yet been held and closed the

presentation stating that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the use permit subject to seven conditions. She then opened the floor for questions, but no questions were posed.

There was a public hearing on the item and there were no speakers so Mayor Gray opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Use Permits be approved with seven conditions. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Glass read the protocol for the public comment period.

Mayor Gray called on the first speaker, Brenda Marks.

Ms. Brenda Marks greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I come before you one last time to ask the real estate tax rate be approved at the rate of \$1.13 per \$100 assessed value, a reduction in the tax of two cents when residential real estate assessments increased by 7.7% still leaves a residential tax increase of 5.7% owed for this year. I remind you, taxes are not the only increase property owners face, as you have also increased other fees to the point their annual increase, to me personally, are within pennies of the increase of the tax. I also remind you that where this doesn't apply to some of you, last year, this Council voted to approve itself a raise, almost doubling its salary, and where the state granted you the permission to do that, I feel like that falls into just because you could doesn't mean you should. I find it offensive that every member on Council got a double salary when those coming in started at the increased salary, and y'all cannot give the real property owners in the City of Hampton a two-cent reduction in their real estate rate. When I ride by, and I'm watching it, when I ride by downtown, and you have laborers lifting pavers out of the medians in the street, putting sand under them and re-leveling them, it reminds me of another aspect of poor judgment in decision making. Patterned concrete would have done the same thing - would have lasted - it might have cost a little more in the beginning, but every two to three years, wouldn't be lifting pavers to get them level so people won't fall. I'm asking y'all,

seriously, think of the people that own real property and cut the rate to \$1.13. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Aaron Weaver.

Mr. Aaron Weaver introduced himself and made the following statement: I'm here to be a physical reminder of the email that you all sent - that you all were sent by Pastor Kenny for the bridge builders. Thank you, Councilwoman Campbell, for responding to the email, but it's for all of you, because we see this body as the body is each one of you are your own separate entities, and you all are all special. That's why we're asking to communicate with you all, not just the Mayor, even though we respect the mayor position, but we want - like to speak to you all. So, you all have the email in your inbox. Please respond to that if you can, if you would like to. And, like I said, thank you, Carolyn Campbell. Yeah, those words that Miss Marks just said was ultimately familiar, because I said the same thing. I said that over a year ago about the raises that you all gave yourselves, not the body gave itself. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Ray Miles.

Mr. Ray Miles greeted those on the dais, introduced himself and made the following statement: I'm honored to represent Frontline Millionaires University (FMU). We're based here in downtown Hampton. I'm a local business owner as well. I came here to talk about our 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, Frontline Millionaires University, as we have our five pillars: education, health and wellness, workforce development, financial literacy and reentry (and) justice impacted. We recently, just had a partnership with the Hampton City Schools, where we successfully had our Pathway of Greatness Program after school program that was successful. It was about 100 kids in attendance, and it was for 90 days, and it was good, and we're working on now even furthering that partnership. We also have our other program, Avenues, which we have at the building that we currently own, Grey Goose building over there, 101 West Queensway. We are having where we're teaching the youth construction trades ages fifth grade through ninth grade. That is going pretty well as well, and so just coming here today and putting that all out to the Council and to the Mayor, as you already know, and being able to see how we can further get support and just further in our partnerships.

Mayor Gray thanked Mr. Miles for the information and noted that those on the dais do not typically have back and forth dialog, but can speak with him after the meeting.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Joshua Eley.

Mr. Joshua Eley greeted those on the dais, introduced himself and made the following statement: I'm a mentee at FMU. They helped me a lot with jobs, getting myself together. I got shot seven times February 8th of last year, and they've been helping me out a lot - trying to get back on my feet, get a job, therapy. I mean, it's helped me through the most tragic things in my life right now, and it's going good. I'm doing good, so I'm just glad to be here. Thank you.

The below summarizes City Manager Mary Bunting's responsive remarks on the public comment period.

She complimented Mr. Eley, who mentioned that he was nervous about speaking, on doing a good job of giving comments.

She indicated that she would have an Assistant City Manager reach out to FMU, as the City is always looking to partner with community grassroots organizations. She also pointed out Economic Development Director Leonard Sledge, who was in the audience, to take Mr. Miles' contact information so that staff can follow up with him.

She spoke about tonight's budget adoption and changes in the budget, for example, prioritizing the 4% salary increase for the dedicated workforce. She shared that additional revenue was received, such as what was returned from Hampton City Schools, however, it was not enough to lower the tax rate another penny. She stated that lowering the tax rate again would require sacrificing the employee salary goal that Council set forth. She also reminded everyone that during the I Value polling, the majority of people expressed a comfort level with the \$1.14 tax rate.

Lastly, Ms. Bunting spoke about the decision to raise Councilmember's salaries and explained that the state set the new salary based on cost-of-living adjustments over many years (approximately 20 years). She also noted that it aligned with employee increases, this affected the newly seated Council (not the Council that was seated at the time the decision was made) and that members of Council do an extensive amount of work on behalf of the community, therefore, the General Assembly recognized that an adjustment was long overdue.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. [25-0134](#) Invitation for Bids to Qualified Electric Services Providers for a Non-Exclusive Easement for the Purpose of Transmitting and Distributing Electric Power Over, Under, Through, Upon and Across Certain City-owned Property to Provide Electric Services to Property Located at 187 Hall Road, Hampton, Virginia

Attachments: [Proposed Ordinance - Electric Services Easement - 187 Hall Rd - with EXHIBIT 1 - BLANK 2025](#)
[Dominion Energy Sealed Bid - 250506](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

City Manager Bunting noted that legal is available to answer questions about the item if needed and then provided the following information: State law provides that when certain utility company actions need to be undertaken, the Council must publish a bid opportunity, even if there is only one entity that can do that. We are required to do an invitation to bid and open the bid or bids received at a Council meeting, announce those and at a subsequent meeting, have a public hearing to determine whether the bid will be accepted.

Mayor Gray opened the floor for questions, but none were posed.

The Clerk of Council read one bid from Dominion Energy dated May 6, 2025 and received on May 6, 2025. This was the only bid received. Mayor Gray asked if there were others and there were no others presented. Mayor Gray indicated that a public hearing on this matter will take place on May 28, 2025.

Tax and Fee Ordinances

Ms. Bunting, the City Manager, gave introductory comments on the proposed budget.

10. [25-0042](#) Ordinance to Adopt the Tax Rate Applicable to Real Estate and Improvements Thereon in the City of Hampton, Virginia for Fiscal Year 2026 Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

11. [25-0038](#) Ordinance to Adopt and Continue the Imposition of Certain Service District Taxes Within the Coliseum Central Business

Improvement District, the Downtown Hampton Business Improvement District, and the Elizabeth Lake Estates Service District for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler, that agenda items 11 25-0038 through 15 25-0127 be approved. 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

12. [25-0043](#) Ordinance to Adopt Tax Rates Applicable to All Classifications of Tangible Personal Property Liable for Such Levy in the City of Hampton, Virginia for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler, that agenda items 11 25-0038 through 15 25-0127 be approved. 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

13. [25-0125](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 30, Titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal," Article III, Titled "Sewer Use Charges," Section 30-48, Titled "Amount"

Attachments: [Sewer User 4.28.25 \(Redlined\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler, that agenda items 11 25-0038 through 15 25-0127 be approved. 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

14. [25-0126](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 33.3, Titled "Stormwater Management and Erosion Control," Article II, Titled "Stormwater Management," Division 4, Titled "Service Charges and Revenues," Section 33.3-35, Titled "Same-Billing, Payment, Interest, Fee and Lien"

Attachments: [Stormwater ERU increase 4.28.25](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler, that agenda items 11 25-0038 through 15 25-0127 be approved. 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

15. [25-0127](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 1, Titled "General Provisions", Section 1-14, Titled "Assessment of Additional Court Costs in Criminal and Traffic Cases for Courthouse and Courtroom Security"

Attachments: [Courtroom Services Fee Increase](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Martha Mugler, that agenda items 11 25-0038 through 15 25-0127 be approved. 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

Budget Ordinances

16. [25-0045](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the General Fund (City and Schools) of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Budget Amendments - General Fund Chart 051425](#)
[General Fund Ordinance - Amended](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Ordinance be approved on second and final reading, as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

17. [25-0046](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Capital Budget (Projects) Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Capital Budget \(Project\) Fund \(20\)](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

18. [25-0047](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Hampton Coliseum - Arts Commission - Hampton VA Aquaplex Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Hampton Coliseum-Arts Commission-Hampton VA Aquaplex Fund \(40\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and

seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

19. [25-0048](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Hampton Roads Convention Center Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Hampton Roads Convention Center \(46\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

20. [25-0049](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for The Hamptons Golf Course Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 The Hamptons Gold Course \(42\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

- 21 [25-0051](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Woodlands Golf Course Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal

Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Woodlands Golf Course \(41\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

22. [25-0052](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Fleet Services Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Fleet Services Fund \(61\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

23. [25-0053](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Fleet Services - Equipment Replacement Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Equipment Replacement Fund \(60\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

24. [25-0054](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Information Technology Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Information Technology Fund \(64\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

25. [25-0055](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Risk Management Fund (City and Schools) of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Risk Management Fund \(62\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

26. [25-0056](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Solid Waste Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Solid Waste Management Fund \(44\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

27. [25-0057](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Steam Plant Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Steam Plant Fund \(63\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

28. [25-0059](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Wastewater Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Wastewater Management Fund \(09\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

29. [25-0058](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Stormwater Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal

Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Stormwater Management Fund \(08\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

30. [25-0060](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Fund of the City of Hampton for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Community Development Block Grant-HOME Fund \(03\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

31. [25-0061](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Economic Development Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [FY26 Economic Development Fund \(04\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Ordinance be approved. 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

32. [25-0062](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Grant Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Attachments: [Grant Fund Ordinance - Amended](#)
[FY26 Budget Amendments - Grant Fund Chart 051425](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Ordinance be approved on second and final reading, as amended. 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

Appointments

The City Manager, Mary Bunting, thanked the entire budget team who has been working on this budget since the November/December time frame. She also thanked our citizens for their participation during the budget process.

33. [25-0129](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (VPPSA)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Jason Mitchell be reappointed and that Michael Bowery be appointed as his alternate until May 31, 2028. 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

34. [25-0130](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Hampton Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Remi Travis Wright and Cassandra Townsley be reappointed to terms expiring on May 30, 2029. 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

35. [25-0135](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Marcy Wright be appointed as the representative for Transitions Family Violence Services. 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

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

Mayor Gray thanked City Manager Bunting for the leadership, commitment, time and energy that she gives during the budget process, particularly the effort she puts into outreach in the community and working with the School Board on finalizing the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, MMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____