



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative 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

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Vice Mayor Gray

Vice Mayor Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck made a public apology to Ms. Velma Goodman with Briarwood Terrace Neighborhood Association and acknowledged Reghan Pulliam a student at Hampton University who will be shadowing the Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Snead, seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

1. [19-0002](#) Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Add and Delete Certain Streets to Those Classified as Principal and Minor Arterial Roads and Collector Roads and Local Streets

Attachments: [Hampton VDOT Maintenance Streets Submittal - 1.23.19](#)
[Street Additions Request - 2.13.19](#)
[Street Deletions Request - 2.13.19](#)

Item approved.

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

2. [19-0039](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Acceptance and Appropriation of Funds for the Hampton Clean City Commission from the Waste Management Inc. Think Green Grant Program

Attachments: [Grant Routing Form](#)

Item approved.

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

3. [19-0030](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the Employment for TANF Participants BEN-19-024 grant through Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS).

Attachments: [Grant Application](#)
[Award Letter](#)
[Acceptance Email](#)
[Grant Routing Form](#)

Item approved.

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

4. [19-0045](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the United States Air Force Base Grant Through the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program Administered by the Department of Defense Office of the Secretary of Defense

Attachments: [Approved Grant - Phase III](#)
[Second Amendment](#)

Item approved.

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

5. [19-0044](#) Resolution Appropriating \$28,309.90 from the Committed Fund Balance of FY18 Dominion-Surry Funds to Emergency Management's Current FY19 Budget to Support the Activities of Local Government in Establishing, Maintaining, and Operating such Emergency Plans, Programs and Capabilities to Deal with Nuclear Accidents as Required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency with Respect to Nuclear Power Stations

Attachments: [Request for Funds](#)

Item approved.

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

6. [19-0071](#) Resolution of the City of Hampton, Virginia (i) Approving the Terms and Conditions of an Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia; and (ii) Approving the Terms and Conditions of an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the City, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia, and Hampton University

Attachments: [HU Bus Route Coliseum Central](#)
[HU Bus Route Downtown](#)
[Amended & Restated Agreement \(Redlined\)](#)
[Amended & Restated Agreement \(Clean\)](#)
[MOU Amended & Restated \(Redlined\)](#)
[MOU Amended & Restated \(Clean\)](#)

Item approved.

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

7. [19-0035](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Special Session of January 9, 2019, and the Work, Ceremonial, and Legislative Sessions of January 23, 2019

Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. [19-0073](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revocable License Agreement Between the City of Hampton and Youth Sailing Virginia, Inc. to Use a Portion of the Mill Creek Pier

Attachments: [License Agreement \(Long Term\)](#)
[Ft Monroe Mill Creek Pier - YSV Licensed Area](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting briefed Council on the agreement between the City and Youth Sailing Virginia, Inc.

There were no speakers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hobbs seconded by Councilmember Curtis, that this Resolution 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

9. [19-0028](#) Amendment to Annual Goals and Objectives of the FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan

Attachments: [Budget Impact](#)
[Amendment](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Daily Press Public Notice](#)
[Presentation PDF](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Chief Neighborhood Services Specialist Arkeisha Whitley who made the presentation.

Due to technical difficulties Ms. Bunting announced that the public can view the presentation online.

There were no speakers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Curtis seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Amendment 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph King gave handouts to the Clerk for distribution, introduced himself and

made the following statement. I am here to solve a problem I have and would like some direction. I have been in Hampton all of eighty years minus three and was raised by my uncle from the age of three. The thing that my uncle did for me was to teach me to be an entrepreneur which a lot of black folks did not know what that was at that time but it helped me. That is what I have done over the years especially in black neighborhoods with black people. I have helped build them up, tell them what they need to do and provide the ability to do things that people want and that kind of thing, very simple stuff.

Mr. King continued: I was in the military, drafted, I was an organic chemist and had to teach that stuff and not getting a command. I had Import Auto King and built businesses, Harmon's Body Shop, Carrollton Metals, The Blue Talon, The Trellis and Dog Street Pub all businesses I am part owner of and owner of several of them and have built my mother a house.

Now I need help, please look at the paperwork handed out which is a contract that I put Bert's Towing into business and he did not pay me and in 2003 I took the vehicle back. Bert's Towing took me to court eight years later.

Mayor Tuck stated to Mr. King that he had been here before on the same matter, and Council cannot allow any additional time on the topic.

The Mayor asked City Attorney Cheran Ivery to respond.

Mr. Raymond Flora addressed Council and made the following comment. This is in reference to what we had at the Convention Center a week ago regarding flood water/flood zone. I have been dealing with the City of Hampton for about five or six years. In the neighborhood I live in it didn't used to have standing water, we had flood water occasionally but now we have standing water. It is storm water not to the point of flooding but every time it rains we get water in our ditches. The City has been out working on them and I have talked to the heads of departments and they have come out and they always dig something. They don't need to dig because what they have done in front of my house is that they have dug the ditch too deep for the water to run out. I have talked to them again on several occasions and one of the gentlemen said this afternoon that they had it on file and they were talking about it. I would like to be included in that conversation. Like I said, the ditches that run to the creek on Butler Drive, the main ditch runs into the creek. There is a tree, about this big, in the middle of the ditch that ends the ditch and can't run into the creek. I tried to get them to cut this tree, when it was about this big and they stated they could not do it because it was wetlands. I almost got in trouble, I almost went

and cut it down myself. But it's got to go, no matter. One of the things that caught me at the Convention Center is the City of Hampton said obviously what we are doing is not working. Stop doing it. It is a pretty simple thing. Another concern of mine and into the same idea is Power Plant at West Queen and Pine Chapel Road, the new development that is going in there. I live on the opposite side of the creek by the way, $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1 mile and the water that used to stand in fields now stands in my backyard. Like I said, when I see things like this happening I know they are not going to work. If the City knows it's not going to work then they need to quit doing it until they find an answer. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Tuck stated he didn't know if City Manager Mary Bunting wanted to address anything but when speaking to him earlier he introduced Mr. Flora to Community Development Director Terry O'Neill, Water Resource Engineer Brian Lewis and Interim Public Works Director Jason Mitchell and they are in the back of the Chambers and among the three of them they can possibly try to assist you.

Ms. Bunting responded that she would have done just what Mayor Tuck had done and connect Mr. Flora and she asked Mr. Flora to repeat his address.

Mr. Flora answered Butler Drive and stated it did not used to have standing water and the City has a right-of-way across the middle of the property. He stated his lot is about 700 feet deep and about half way the City has a right-of-way across it. The ditch over the years has been filled in and covered up and graded so the water cannot run off.

Ms. Bunting stated that they would follow up with Mr. Flora.

Mr. Hugh Bassette introduced himself and stated he is representing the old Northampton Community organization. Twelve years ago I went to a meeting, forgot where it was held but am probably one of the few people who still has a copy of the King Street Master Plan. I have given Council a picture of a map that shows behind Y. H. Thomas and it said they wanted to extend Rowe Street behind Y. H. Thomas comma eventually build some houses, they called it eyes on the park, and then one day, that I will never see, a new street called Farm Street to go toward a shopping center. Now this was all in the King Street Master plan twelve years ago and it hasn't been done. Last year, you approved the old Northampton housing venture program. Same map is in here again, so these things have a tendency to be reborn. A year has gone by and nothing has been done. I know the budget is coming up and we have talked to the Y. H. Thomas Board about it because it affects the back of the school so it concerns them. We are asking you to start implementation of the

extension of Rowe Street. Eventually some houses are supposed to put back there facing the rear of Y. H. Thomas which is to provide additional security as well as some new housing in our neighborhood. Mr. Bassette stated he is not going to another meeting. It is time to stop meeting and it is time for implementation of some of this stuff. Some of these community concerns get put off and I guess one day this report will be put in a file cabinet and after our members are dead and gone you will never hear of it again. We are asking you to start implementing some of this stuff.

Mr. Bassette continued: When y'all want to do something you do it and when you don't want to do it or it is not a priority then it gets put off and you never hear of it again. Our board is getting fewer and fewer and I am one of the few ones left. I used to be the youngest one and now I am the oldest one.

Mr. Bassette stated you know what I am going to do. Remember Frank Ottofaro who used to come down here every time you had a meeting. I am going to be the next Frank Ottofaro so I am going to be down here over and over and over until you get sick of looking at me and then one day you are going to implement this program or else when you don't see me down here talking about it you know I am not here no more.

Mr. Bassette continued: We are asking the City Manager, I don't know how, well I know the process you have to design it, put out a bid, contractor comes in and does the work and that takes thirty years. Hopefully, you can start doing the first step and we would like to know when you are moving into the implementation phase. And if not, then I guess I will be like Frank Ottofaro and I will see you again next month.

Mayor Tuck directed Mr. Bassette to speak with Community Development Director Terry O'Neill and relayed that maybe Mr. O'Neill can give some perspective on what the plans are for the King Street Master Plan as well as the extension of Rowe Street.

GENERAL ITEMS

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray shared information regarding the upcoming events leading up to the August commemoration of the arrival of the first Africans at Old Point Comfort.

Councilwoman Linda Curtis commented that yesterday was Lincoln’s birthday and President Lincoln used to have his own day, February 12th when I was growing up and then Washington’s birthday but now it has been combined and we will celebrate this coming Monday. We learned in school Lincoln was the 16th President and he issued the Emancipation Proclamation all which ties into our 1619 Commemoration. She shared a story entitled “For Lincoln, Losing Was Not Everything” and to persevere, follow your dreams, do what you feel you need to do and don’t give up.

Vice Mayor Gray announced there are various scheduled activities each month leading up to the August 2019 Commemoration events. The two scheduled for this month are the Unity Worship Service at St. John's Episcopal Church on February 17th at 4:00 p.m., and the Faith-Based 1619 Community Roundtable at Joynes Road Church of God on February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____