



City of Hampton

22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669
www.hampton.gov

Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Linda D. Curtis
Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

1:00 PM

**Meeting start time will
be delayed and will
begin after the 10 a.m.
Special Session
concludes also in
Community
Development**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. All members of the City Council were present with Councilman Brown entering just after roll call.

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

AGENDA

1. [20-0028](#) Strategies to Improve the Housing Stock, Enhance Development and Economic Opportunities in the City

Attachments: [Council HRHA Retreat Housing Package 1-15-20](#)
[Council HRHA Retreat Housing Update 20200122 Data FOR SHARING](#)
[COUNCIL HRHA RETREAT 2020 Program Discussion FOR SHARING](#)
[COUNCIL HRHA RETREAT 2020 Policy Discussion \(BDD edits 1-17-20\)](#)
[Homebuyer Incentive Program Slides 1-21-20](#)
[Hampton Community Plan Policies.pdf](#)
[Discussion of Policies Notes.pdf](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting announced that staff and Council have agreed to reserve time during the second meeting of the month to discuss strategic issues. She also reminded everyone that a joint meeting was held today with the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) Board to discuss housing in the City. She then opened the floor for debriefing and further discussion regarding this topic.

Councilman Brown commented that he was pleased with today's joint meeting with the HRHA Board. He also suggested that Council select overarching themes in order to determine which projects may be accomplished short-term, mid-term and long-term.

Ms. Bunting stated that the discussion at the February strategic meeting will focus on what Council wants staff to consider during the budget process. She suggested that a follow-up discussion about housing could take place as part of that conversation (if staff has had the opportunity to price the suggested projects at that point).

Councilwoman Brown expressed that she liked the Parade of Homes Block idea discussed during the special meeting and suggested that project gets included in the budget.

Councilwoman Curtis agreed with Councilwoman Brown, but suggested that the project start out on a less expensive scale.

Ms. Bunting noted that staff has prepared a hypothetical proposal for the block idea with the potential for revisions to scale up or down.

Councilwoman Snead expressed concern about homeowners who may not have the funds to maintain their properties and requested that Council be provided with additional figures regarding the affordability aspect.

Vice Mayor Gray stated that the challenge has become using the land we have to determine what will produce the best results. He suggested focusing on the positive things happening in the Olde Hampton Neighborhood and using that neighborhood

as a model for developing other areas in the City.

Councilwoman Curtis agreed with Vice Mayor Gray and spoke about the importance of improving one area of significant impact to create a model for future neighborhoods as we try to revitalize the City.

Mayor Tuck agreed with the idea of focusing on the Olde Hampton Neighborhood. He also reminded everyone about the positive things taking place in Old North Hampton including the homes being developed near the Y.H. Thomas Community Center. He agreed with Councilwoman Snead and suggested developing a grant program designed to assist those attempting to improve their properties.

Councilwoman Snead suggested determining a way to improve a few houses in need of renovation on Thomas Street as this may improve the look of the entire street.

Councilman Brown noted that the homes in that area are well built and sold fairly quickly after being built.

In response to Vice Mayor Gray, Ms. Bunting clarified that drug blight action was taken at the property on Bethel Avenue in an attempt to resolve a reported matter. She noted that it is to her understanding that the owner of the property has resolved the issue, but she would confirm that and report back to Council.

This topic was the subject of the special joint meeting of the City Council and Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

CLOSED SESSION

2. [20-0023](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711.A.1, .3, and .8 to discuss appointments as listed on the agenda; mid-year performance evaluations of the City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Clerk; to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and the disposition of publicly held

real property in the areas of Lincoln Park, Buckroe, Kecoughtan Corridor, Downtown Hampton, King Street, Coliseum Central, and Phoebus, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters concerning a development agreement and a lease agreement requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 2:55 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Closed Session - Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The meeting was recessed to reconvene in the Lawson Conference Room.

The meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

3. [19-0352](#) Consideration of appointments to the Golf Course Advisory Committee
4. [19-0356](#) Consideration of an appointment to Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) Board of Visitors
5. [19-0360](#) Consideration of appointments to the Purchasing and Procurement Oversight Committee (PPOC)
6. [19-0361](#) Consideration of an appointment to the Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA)
7. [20-0038](#) Consideration of appointments to the Neighborhood Commission

CERTIFICATION

8. [20-0037](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session

At 5:43 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Linda Curtis, that this Closed Session - Certification be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Contact Info:

Clerk of Council, 757-727-6315, council@hampton.gov

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____