



# 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*

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**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members of the City Council were 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 Martha Mugler

Councilwoman Mugler gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Gray shared, for the second time that, beginning in May, the time for citizens to sign up to speak will change from ending at 6:45 p.m. to ending at 6:30 p.m. but that the time allowed to sign up will be increased on the front end. He also stated that individuals will be given grace when this first one begins since it is a change.

Mayor Gray shared information on his listening sessions. The most recent took place at Aberdeen Elementary and the next will

be at the Fox Hill Neighborhood Center on April 16th which was rescheduled due to a snow storm. Others scheduled are: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities on April 30th, various youth groups on May 12th, West Hampton Community Center on May 21st and a session for senior citizens on June 4th and a few others.

Mayor Gray also announced that Youth Violence Prevention Week will kick off on April 21st with the Mayors Classic: Hope After Dark; April 27th Reunion of Hope; April 28th Hope, Hampton, Football; April 29th Hope Fest: Middle School; and April 30th Hope Fest: High School.

The Mayor spoke more about youth violence prevention and how this work has enabled the City to reduce crime by about 50% over the past year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass read the protocol for the consent agenda and the title for the item on the consent agenda.

1. [25-0107](#) Approval of the minutes from the work and legislative sessions of March 12, 2025, and the ceremonial session of March 26, 2025. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that the Minutes 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

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ms. Glass read the protocol for public hearings.

## **Rezonings and Use Permits**

2. [24-0526](#) Rezoning Application No. 24-0526 by Magruder Holdings, LLC to

Rezone +/-5.29 Acres at 3200 Neil Armstrong Parkway [LRSN: 6000997] from General Commercial (C-3) District with Conditions to Langley Business Park (LBP) District with Conditions for a Mixed-Use Commercial Development

**Attachments:** [Application](#)  
[Proffers](#)  
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Ms. Glass announced that this and the next three items will be handled simultaneously, but require separate votes. She then read the titles for each of the items.

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

Mr. Whipple greeted those on the dais and said that the rezoning application is to rezone the site from general commercial (C3) to Langley Business Park (LBP district) for a multi-use development. The use permits are for a storage facility 2 on site B, retail sales general on site B and retail sales general on site A.

Mr. Whipple displayed a map of the site location which is at the intersection of Neil Armstrong Parkway and Floyd Thompson Boulevard within the Langley Research and Development Park. He then shared information about the proposal for the mixed-use development to include the renovation of the building on site A, a new building on site B and parking/landscaping. He spoke about the uses for each space, including retail sales and the storage facility, and also elaborated on some of the slides which illustrate the concept plan which is being proffered.

Mr. Whipple referred to the zoning map and the Future Land Use Map as it relates to this application. Specifically, this is one of the commercial nodes identified to support the Business Industrial Park.

Mr. Whipple also provided a brief history about the subject property.

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about the Hampton Community Plan and public policy. Some examples of what the Hampton Community Plan speaks to related to this item include evaluating land use proposals from a regional, city-wide neighborhood perspective; encouraging building design and site planning that enhance the community; and nurturing small start-up businesses. Public policy also speaks to

general purposes of the Langley Business Park District, some of which include promoting the development of a mix of uses in the park and supporting the commercial and high-tech interests located in the surrounding Neil Armstrong Parkway Corridor.

Mr. Whipple shared staff's analysis of the proposal which is that it would be consistent with the City's land use policies; develop an underutilized site; provide services to the workforce; and include quality building materials, landscaping and screening.

The final slides of the presentation provide information about community meetings (none were held; however, staff received no negative feedback from the Business Park Association); proffered conditions; recommended conditions; and the timeline of events leading up to the public hearing.

Ms. Bunting clarified that community meetings are typically held when applications impact neighborhoods and homeowners. Since this is within an industrial park, the concern about a community meeting is not as impactful.

Mr. Whipple noted that the applicant was present to answer questions if needed, stated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the four items subject to conditions, and opened the floor for questions and discussion.

In response to a question posed by Councilwoman Mugler, Mr. Whipple indicated that there is a traffic light at the intersection of Neil Armstrong Parkway and Floyd Thompson Boulevard.

Mayor Gray opened the floor for additional discussion and also offered the applicant an opportunity to speak. No further discussion took place and the applicant did not speak.

Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 24-0526, 24-0527, 24-0528 and 24-0529. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be approved with ten (10) 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

3. [24-0527](#) Use Permit Application No. 24-0527 by Magruder Holdings, LLC to Permit a Storage Facility 2 on a Portion of 3200 Neil Armstrong Parkway [LRSN: 6000997]

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

Presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 24-0526, 24-0527, 24-0528 and 24-0529. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that this Use Permit be approved with seven (7) 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

4. [24-0528](#) Use Permit Application No. 24-0528 by Magruder Holdings, LLC to Permit Retail Sales, General on a Portion of 3200 Neil Armstrong Parkway [LRSN: 6000997]

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

Presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 24-0526, 24-0527, 24-0528 and 24-0529.

There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Use Permit be approved with five (5) 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

5. [24-0529](#) Use Permit Application No. 24-0529 by Magruder Holdings, LLC to Permit Retail Sales, General on a Portion of 3200 Neil Armstrong Parkway [LRSN: 6000997]

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Presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 24-0526, 24-0527, 24-0528 and 24-0529. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hope Harper seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Use Permit be approved with five (5) 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. [24-0530](#) Use Permit Application No. 24-0530 by Pinewood Apartments Owner LLC et al to Permit Multifamily Dwellings at 2 Tall Pine Drive and an Unaddressed Parcel on W. Queen Street [LRSNs: 3004827, 3004828]

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

Ms. Bunting called upon Mr. Whipple to make the presentation.

Mr. Whipple said that the use permit is to allow multifamily dwellings in the limited commercial (C2) and the Coliseum Central Overlay (O-CC) districts. He displayed a map of the site location which is within the Coliseum Central District off of West Queen Street near Power Plant Parkway.

Mr. Whipple explained that the proposal is to provide a new four-story apartment building which would add 51 units of varying sizes to the existing 64 units for a total of 115 units and 207 parking spaces. He also spoke about the next few slides related to proposed amenities (pavilion, dog park, fitness center and community room) and building renderings and elevations.

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about zoning, the future Land Use Map (which calls for mixed use), public policy from the Hampton Community Plan, and the Coliseum Central Master Plan as they relate to this item. Public policy speaks to a number of aspects related to this application, some of which include evaluating land use proposals from a regional city-wide perspective, promoting high quality design and features that enhance community interaction and personal safety. The Coliseum Central Master Plan encourages residential development in appropriate forms, developing high-quality residential development in walkable mixed-use districts and other aspects that this project provides.

Mr. Whipple provided staff's analysis of the proposal which is that it is consistent with City land use policies; redevelops an underutilized vacant site; adds needed residential units to the district; has a quality design; and includes community amenities.

Mr. Whipple noted that a community meeting was held on March 4 and then spoke about staff's recommended conditions. Conditions are related to the concept plan, landscape plan, building elevations and materials, design standards, management of the property, dumpster, amenities, certificate of occupancy, compliance with applicable laws and nullification and revocation.

Mr. Whipple said that the applicant was available to answer questions if needed and that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the use permit subject to 12 conditions.

Mr. Whipple opened the floor for discussion. The following summarizes the discussion: The site improvement includes two additional electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. There are first floor units, however, it is unclear if they are fully handicapped accessible. The four-story building will have elevators. EV chargers are not required, however part of the new resilient policies encourages applicants to provide beneficial components such as EV charging stations. The plan includes two-bedroom units.

The applicant, Robert Lang, made the following statement: The project is basically 64 units existing, and as Mr. Whipple mentioned, there are no amenities to this project, so when the project was brought to me, we looked at what we could do to improve the amenities for the existing residents, as well as maximize the use of the site itself. The site has limited access off of West Queen (Street), so one option would be to bring in the secondary entrance off Power Plant. A traffic study was done for the City of Hampton for that secondary entrance and was approved. So, having that right in, right out makes a big difference. Also, we've basically redesigned about 75% of the parking lot itself to make it have better accessibility for the fire department, with 26-foot drive aisles, as well as increasing the additional parking so we're not bare minimum parking. We've got plenty of visitation parking. As Donald mentioned, with some of the resiliency stuff, when we were designing this project, building in nice, high-end amenities, not just the building itself, but the fitness center, which is for the residents only. It would be accessible 24/7. The dog park, of course, for everybody in the community, and then we wanted to have a place where folks could have a small community meeting, as far as if they had a little birthday party or a little get together, there's a community room inside the new building. The new building was built four stories because of space. This is a very tight site. Great care was taken into the landscaping and how the site flows from one end to the other, as well as adding the dumpster enclosures that are done to match the new construction building. They are double dumpster enclosures. There are no dumpster enclosures on that site now. There are very little sidewalks. And, again, it's a great improvement to this project for everybody who lives there, as well as if you allow us to build it, the new residents that will come.

Discussion continued among the members of Council, staff and Mr. Lang. The following summarizes that discussion: The market rent for the units will be between \$1,600 -\$2,200, depending on the market rate. Mr. Lang noted that he could not speak about the details of the existing building since he was not involved in the construction of it. With regard to the new building, all units are designed to be adapted or modified for handicapped accessibility and the elderly, but a minimum of two units will be fully accessible with amenities including zero clearance showers and grab bars. Renovations are underway for the inside of existing units. Residents

of the existing units will have access to the new amenities, including the fitness room and community room. The façade of the existing buildings will be upgraded to coincide with the new building, but the timeframe for completion of that project is unknown.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and noted that no one other than Mr. Lang signed up to speak, therefore, he closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Use Permit be approved with twelve (12) 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

7. [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

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Ms. Bunting indicated that one presentation and public hearing will take place for this and the next item, but each item requires a separate vote.

Ms. Glass read the titles for this item and item 25-0011.

Mr. Whipple introduced the rezoning and use permit items and shared a map of the site location which is off of North Armistead Avenue within the Coliseum Central Master Plan, just outside of the district.

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about the proposal which includes three-story and four-story multi-family buildings with a total of 215 units and 346 parking spaces. This portion of the presentation includes a chart with information about the types of units, number of units in the buildings, units' square footage and projected rent.

Mr. Whipple reviewed the next portion of the presentation related to proposed amenities, resiliency elements, the concept plan, project renderings and zoning (R-11).

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about the Future Land Use Map (which calls for this site to be mixed use), public policy from the Hampton Community Plan, and the Coliseum Central Master Plan as they relate to this item.

Mr. Whipple provided staff's analysis of the proposal which is that it is consistent with City land use policies; redevelops an underutilized vacant site; adds needed residential units to the City; has a quality design/materials; and includes community amenities and resilient practices. He also spoke on the storm rating of the building, EV charging and stormwater management at the property.

Mr. Whipple said that a community meeting was held on December 18, 2024, and then shared the proffered conditions and staffs recommended conditions. Proffered conditions are related to aspects of the site development and resiliency practices. Staff's recommended conditions are related to compliance with rezoning, design standards, management, dumpster screening, certificate of occupancy, compliance with applicable laws and revocation.

Mr. Whipple said that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of both items with conditions and then opened the floor for questions. He also indicated that the applicant would give a brief presentation.

In response to Councilman Bowman's question about the community meeting, Mr. Whipple replied that approximately 10 people attended the meeting, most of whom were curious about what was being proposed, but to his knowledge, no negative aspects came out of that meeting.

Attorney Timothy O. Trant , II, of Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. presented on behalf of

the applicant, the Franklin Group. He also introduced other representatives who were in attendance, provided a brief history about the property and the Franklin Group, and thanked City staff for their assistance in shaping this application.

Mr. Trant thanked Mr. Whipple for the thorough presentation and made a few remarks about stormwater management and resiliency since it was a concern at the Planning Commission meeting. He assured Council that the applicant has a very serious interest in resiliency and building the project in a location that's safe from storms and flooding events. He spoke more about the efforts that were made to accomplish that goal.

The following summarizes information provided by Mr. Freddie Fletcher, Senior Vice President of the Franklin Johnston Group, and Mr. Trant in response to questions posed by Council: Key elements of the security plan include security staff, key fobs, the potential for a gated community, fences, and security cameras. The work will not impact the wetlands or encroach into the RPA buffer. The architectural style with no elevators is similar to another successful project in Virginia Beach where renters enjoy the view and have had no issues with the lack of elevators. In addition, first-floor units tend to be the slowest to rent out, the multiple story walkup concept has been used across the board in Northern Virginia, first floor units are typically reserved for the disabled and this plan includes several first-floor units designed for that purpose with other units available to become adaptable. The 100-foot RPA setback is measured from the limits of wetlands. Considerations are underway to determine how to raise the site in order to meet minimum flood requirements.

Following the presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 25-0010 and 25-0011. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell, that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 4/23/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Mugler

8. [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

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[LRSN: 7000335, 7000336, and 7000337]

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Presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, Timothy O. Trant, II, the applicant's attorney, also presented. Freddie Fletcher, Senior Vice President of the Franklin Johnston Group, also responded to questions from Council. Following the presentation, Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 25-0010 and 25-0011. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell, that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 4/23/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Mugler

**9. 25-0076** Rezoning Application No. 25-0076 by the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Rezone +/- 0.795 Acres at 1644 Briarfield Road [LRSN: 1007646] from Multifamily Residential (MD-1) District with Conditions to Multifamily Residential (MD-1) District with Conditions for a Group Home, Juvenile Residence, or Shelter

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Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting called on Mr. Whipple to make the presentation.

Mr. Whipple introduced the rezoning item and shared a map of the site location which is off of Briarfield Road, adjacent to Lindsay Middle School.

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about the proposal for the existing building which includes interior renovations and the expansion of permitted uses to address some community needs. He also provided a brief history about the site, a photo of the layout and zoning information.

Next, Mr. Whipple spoke about the Future Land Use Map (which reflects public-semi-public) and public policy from the Hampton Community Plan, as they relate to this item. Public policy speaks to evaluating land use proposals from a regional, city-wide and neighborhood perspective; it also speaks to a number of housing neighborhood policies.

Mr. Whipple shared staff's analysis of the proposal. Staff believes that this proposal is consistent with City land use policies, more specifically, it is an adaptive reuse of a currently vacant building, and by expanding the uses that are proposed, it would fulfill a need for the community.

Lastly, Mr. Whipple spoke about proffered conditions which are related to limited uses, fencing, signage, architectural style, lighting and compliance with all ordinances. He concluded the presentation and said that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning, subject to 10 proffered conditions. He then opened the floor for questions, but none were posed.

Following the presentation, Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell, that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be approved with ten (10) 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

10. [25-0079](#) Use Permit Application No. 25-0079 by Jason Valentine to Permit a Short-Term Rental (STR) at 125 N Fourth St [LRSN: 12006962]

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

[Conditions](#)

[Updated Staff Report - March 27, 2025](#)

[PC Staff Report - March 20, 2025](#)

[Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting called on the presenter, City Planner Han Vu.

Ms. Vu introduced herself and the item. She displayed the Short-term rental (STR) map for the City and indicated the location of the subject property which is on Fourth Street near Tappan Avenue.

Ms. Vu shared a diagram of the steps in the adopted permitting process and clarified that this application is before Council due to the number of rentable bedrooms that exceed what is allowed under the Zoning Administrator Permit (ZAP).

Ms. Vu explained that the proposal is for a use permit to allow for a STR in the two-family residential (R8) district. This portion of the presentation also includes an image of and details about the building.

Ms. Vu spoke about public policies applicable to the application and the Hampton Community Plan which calls for evaluating proposals, safeguarding the integrity of existing residential neighborhoods, encouraging a mix of land uses and expanding tourism.

The next portion of the presentation includes another map related to STRs in the City, the history of STRs in the City and staff's recommended conditions. Two highlighted conditions involve overnight lodging capacity limitations and limitations to the number of bedrooms permitted to be rented.

Ms. Vu shared that a community meeting was held on February 27, 2025. One neighbor attended who was curious about whether the STR would be rented out to one family at a time, which is the case.

Ms. Vu stated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application and noted that the applicant was present to answer questions if needed. She opened the floor for questions.

Councilman Bowman inquired about parking. Ms. Vu stated that four spaces are required for this size STR and there are more spaces than what is required at this location.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing.

Mr. John McCormick, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm an attorney at McCormick Law & Consulting. I represent Mr. Valentine and have been working with him on this application. Just a few short comments, and Mr. Valentine also wants to comment on some additional items - additional steps he has taken since the Planning Commission meeting. There are some issues that are concerns that they had raised, and how he's addressed them, but this application, as Ms. Vu had mentioned, the reason it's here, is because of the amount of bedrooms. As it's been stipulated, it would now receive administrative approval through that process because the stipulation will exclude - (inaudible word)- no more than 10 residents. And that's really the issue here. This would receive administrative approval if this house - was not for the amount of bedrooms that would allow more than 10 but with the condition, it's limiting it to what administrative approval would otherwise allow. And, one concern that was raised by the Planning Commission was that the listing that was public still allowed for more than 10, and they had some concern that potential bookings that were already in queue might allow for more than 10, so Mr. Valentine would like to speak to what he's done since that meeting.

The applicant, Mr. Jason Valentine, greeted those on the dais, thanked them for listening to his application and then made the following statement: I am a credited real estate investor and also local to the Hampton Roads area. One of the concerns that came up was the number of available guests that were permitted to stay in the home. In the past, there was up to 15 guests permitted, and with respect to the conditions, during the last Planning meeting, immediately, my operation team went ahead and updated the listing to ensure that only 10 overnight guests would be permitted to meet those conditions, and also with respect to future guests, we did communicate to future guests. One guest was in conflict, specifically with that. It was

a reservation scheduled for July who had 15 guests on the reservation, and they did elect to cancel their reservation. With respect to the conditions set forth, all current and future reservations are within the current conditions and all guests have been communicated with. Thank you.

Mayor Gray opened the floor for questions for Mr. Valentine, but none were posed. The Mayor closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee, that this Use Permit be approved with fifteen (15) 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

## **Resolutions**

11. [25-0106](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to Lease Agreement Between the City of Hampton and Swingers Golf Club, LLC to Use Approximately 14 Acres of Real Property Located at 100 Seldendale Drive

**Attachments:** [First Amendment to 2024 Driving Range Lease \(partially executed\)](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

Ms. Bunting provided the following information about the item: The City entered into a lease agreement with Swingers Golf Club LLC on January 16, 2024, for the use of a portion of the property at 100 Seldendale Drive as a golf driving range for related purposes, such as the rental golf equipment, sale of golf equipment and golf lessons. Recently, the club has requested City approval, as the landlord, to expand its operations to include the installation of a golf practice facility within the leased premises. As part of these discussions, the club and City staff identified the need for repairs to the existing parking lot on the property that is used by the club's customers, but is not part of the lease agreement. The purpose of the first amendment to the lease agreement is to expand the area of the lease premises and to include language regarding the use and maintenance of the parking lot. Generally, the club will be responsible for routine maintenance of the parking lot that is taking care of trash, debris, vegetation removal, etc., and the City will be responsible for any necessary major improvement or repairs, as determined by the sole discretion of the City, as well as to maintain lighting and signage within the parking lot. There

will be no increase in rent. A public hearing is required because additional City property is being included within the leased area associated with the lease agreement. This matter was properly advertised in accordance with the Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 and 15.2-2100. Our Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services staff recommends approval of the first amendment, and City staff also recommends approval of the resolution.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and announced that no one signed up to speak. He then closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Resolution 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

The City Manager indicated that, upon the advice of the City Attorney, the date to which Items 25-0010 and 25-0011 were deferred to (April 23, 2025) did not allow sufficient time to re-advertise the items and that a new motion to defer was suggested. The City Attorney indicated that procedurally there should first be a motion to reconsider followed by a new motion.

[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

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On the motion to reconsider items 25-0010 and 25-0011, a motion was made by Councilmember Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. The motion carried on the following vote.

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

[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]

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Councilwoman Mugler indicated her desire to speak to the motion made earlier on these items in that there was no discussion on the first vote. City Attorney Sydnor indicated that the motion to reconsider could allow such discussion.

Councilwoman Mugler spoke about the reasons why she would like to see Council reconsider deferring the item and move forward with the project. In summary, a developer presented information to Council regarding solutions to the environmental concerns; an engineer study of the property was done; a plan regarding underground water retention to address potential problems in that area of the City was developed; more than half of the property for the project is in the Chesapeake Bay RPA and no development is being done on that land; and approximately 61 first floor units would provide a good number of units to those with disabilities.

Mayor Gray called for further discussion. There being none at that point, he called for the motion.

Councilwoman Ferebee agreed with Councilwoman Mugler in terms of being satisfied with how flooding is being addressed and asked for further discussion about why the other members of Council would like to defer the item.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that while the developer addressed mitigating environmental issues and flooding, he is uneasy about it because residents are still concerned. He clarified that he is not encouraging that the application gets denied, but rather deferred to allow more time for dialog.

On the motion to reconsider items 25-0010 and 25-0011, a motion was made by Councilmember Ferebee and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. The motion carried on the following vote.

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

[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

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Following her comments, Councilwoman Mugler made a motion to approve 25-0010 and 25-0011 with the conditions as previously stated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ferebee and failed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 2 - Councilmember Ferebee and Councilmember Mugler

**Nay:** 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Harper and Mayor Gray

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Following her comments, Councilwoman Mugler made a motion to approve 25-0010 and 25-0011 with the conditions as

previously stated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ferebee and failed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 2 - Councilmember Ferebee and Councilmember Mugler

**Nay:** 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Harper and Mayor Gray

[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

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A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Zoning Ordinance - Map be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 5/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Mugler

[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]

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A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Randy Bowman, Sr., that this Use Permit be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 5/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Mugler

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Mayor Gray reiterated that speakers will be allowed three minutes to speak and noted that six individuals signed up to speak. He called on the first speaker, John Riddick.

Mr. John Riddick greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: Yes, my concern is Mercury Boulevard. We have close calls, near misses, fender benders, accidents - all the time. I live in the Fox Hill section, so I, you know, I leave out, come in every day, and it's scary out there. I don't know if you guys know it. I know you're from the area, but we need to do something. It's just gotten to the point - we just had a fatality Monday. A fellow stepped out in front of one of the cars, lost his life. The officer on the job right away. They have empathy and compassion out there, and, you know, they are going through that, and it should be some prevention. And I rode through there, the lights are dim, the lenses, some of the bulbs are out. I called Ms. Thompson at the 311. She emailed and the lights was up due to Dominion

Power coming out, but we have a lot of issues down on Mercury Boulevard that need to be addressed. I have a plethora. I mean, I don't have enough time to go over, just me alone, looking at them every day like that. And I'm quite sure you guys, you know, ride down Mercury Boulevard from the Kentucky Fried Chicken, from the Pep Boys, from Popeyes, all the way down to Lowes. The trees is growing over the lights. You know, you can't see, especially when it's rain, you know, I think we need some reflectors in the lines down there, and then we just need some crossovers. You know, for the pedestrians. You got the park, the trail walk back there with exhibits where the planes are, and you got, you know, you got your constituents coming out, going through that trail, and there's no pedestrian right-of-away for them coming over across from Amazon. It's nowhere. They just run across four, eight lanes, and, you know, we can't have that. And they've been going on for a long time. I just felt the need to come out here. I said, I won't say nothing, but I - Hey, man, it's just too much happening and nothing being done about it. I mean, the guys came out and they put some bulbs in, but the lenses are yellow. We need some LED lights to brighten up the whole Mercury. Cut some of the trees down, and maybe we can work with that, because, you know, the driver can't see the pedestrians like they should. (inaudible word). You're taking a risk, so we have to work on the pedestrians and help them out crossing that eight lanes like that. When they got the kids, wheelchairs, canes, you know, people handicapped - we've got to look out for them. You know, you're putting stuff out there for them to go to, and they're not safe. So, down by Lowe's area, it's no lighting underneath the overpasses, no lights at all. You have one bridge there. We need to work on it.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Riddick's speaking time had expired and that City Manager Bunting would address his concern at the end of the public comment period. He then called on the next speaker, Fika McKay.

Mr. Fika McKay greeted those on the dais and in the audience. He introduced himself and indicated that he lives on East Mercury Boulevard and made the following statement: That is a high crime, drug infested area. I work, I do first shift, I come home, and I just mind my business. I don't say anything, but it's just funny how it's allowed to happen right in front of me. I left the city of New York to get away from this, and it's right in front of me, and I don't see any police. They only come when they're called. No type of patrol or anything like that. I want to know, how is this able to happen? And it just brings me back to what I just came from eight years ago, when I came down here and I'm still seeing it, blatantly, and I want to know why. And on top of that, I live in a trailer, it's a trailer park, and I don't know which direction is going, so, now that I'm here, I would like to know, like, is it being sold? Is it up for redevelopment, or anything, or something like that, because I see a lot of redevelopment that y'all bringing, but my trailer park is the same, and if you know that area, you know it's high crime. My trailer has numerous bullet holes. It came like

that when I bought it and I'm still trying to fix it up, but I have a lot of bullet holes, and I'm still pulling bullet (holes) out the wall as I upgrade inside. And I just fear for my family. I have a son on the way. I have an autistic son, and I'm just trying to make it out and be a good person at the end of the day, work, come home, and I have two vehicles. That's another thing. I have two vehicles on my property that I had to move because they're supposed to be tearing down three trailers, and I have paperwork at my house, and it says community redevelopment, so I was curious, and that's what got me down here. So, I said, you know what? Let me get down here. I emailed the Mayor because you have an employee that came on my property, like with a mafioso type tactic, no type of identification. I'm at work, and I've seen basically what happened was the day before, I was gardening with my son in my garden. I had my dog next to me, which was tied up. The next day, she came because someone (which is numerous people) that just walks up and down all around. They say I had my dog tethered. She walked back there. I watched her on my camera, and she wrote up something. She came the next day. She was talking to somebody, and he had passed me the phone, and I said, Ma'am... and I used the B word. I want to let that be known. I said a bad word. And I said, Why were you on my property? Trespassing? She tells me, no, you don't own this. This is half trailer four in Hampton, or should I say that this area owns it, but I pay property taxes downstairs, so I want to know, how am I allowed to make - how is that able to happen to me? And I worked so hard to pay all these bills, and she could just hit me with you tethered your dog and all right now you're going to get those two cars up out of here. And I know protocol for the vehicles. They're covered up in my driveway of where I live, and I come home, I try to (inaudible word) every chance I get, but I'm doing first shift, and I'm doing alternate weekends, and I'm just trying to, you know, I don't want any retaliatory actions held against me or thrown upon me because I'm in front of you and that's it.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Jontue Cooper.

Mr. Jontue Cooper greeted those on the dais and introduced himself and made the following statement: My wife and I moved here from Los Angeles about three years ago, where we had just came back from a city council meeting, and we were looking to be involved in the community and get involved and offer our talents and our gifts and our services to the community. And, I ended up going down and had a double stroke. My wife came home, and I was passed out. I had a double stroke. So, after two and a half years of sitting on the sidelines, I'm back. And, I had to go through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy. I had to learn how to talk again. I had to learn how to think again. So, being up here is a miracle from God that I'm actually here today. I'm also an apostle of the Body of Christ, a published author and a business owner that we were sent here to serve the community with our gifts. So, what I want to do today, I'm here to speak to the men. I know some of you

men are out here, dealing with some hurts, some pains and some setbacks and we're here to introduce you to a group that's mission is to build you men back up. You don't have to suffer in silence alone anymore. So, I'm going to introduce you to a brotherhood. We're hosting our first meeting in our Hampton Chapter, where I am known as the Hampton City Manager for our group, and let me share with you - the name of our group is called Kings and Priests. Kings and Priests Incorporated, okay? And we provide two things. We focus on mentorship and leadership. We provide you knowledge, tools and resources for you to fulfill whatever it is that God has called you to do. We are hosting our first meeting in Hampton at the Hampton library this Saturday, from 1pm to 3pm or 2:50 pm, to be exact. So, it's a rich network of men whose focus is on two different things, providing leadership and mentorship for men, because we know a lot of men are broken out there, and they're suffering in silence, and they don't have anybody to look to and to talk to and to speak to and to help build them up. So, we provide educational skills and resources for them to fulfill their God-given calling.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Cooper's speaking time had expired and called on the next speaker, Aaron Weaver. He also indicated that the Clerk's instructions include that speakers should come to the center microphone. Mr. Weaver indicated that in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, he needs to use a podium as explained in an email he sent ahead of time, but he would comply with what the Mayor decides, even if that means being dismissed from the meeting. Mayor Gray allowed Mr. Weaver to speak.

Mr. Aaron Weaver made the following statement: Two weeks ago, we stood together celebrating the brilliance of the Virginia School of the Deaf and Blind in Hampton. We praised the students. We applauded the staff. We honored the neighborhoods. Inclusion itself, accessibility in its rawest form, and now, just days later, the same City that applauded accessibility has turned its back, as you all just witnessed, because here I am forced to fight not for privilege, but for a podium. Let's be honest, this podium isn't decorative. It's not symbolic. It's essential for citizens with disabilities and for anyone who needs balanced support or adaptive tools, it is a lifeline. Removing it isn't a small policy change, it's an act of erasure. Mayor Gray, your response was clear, a microphone will be provided, but there is no guarantee of a podium, which I'm glad the City Attorney was here for you to help you win that. Nope, there's no guarantee of a podium, no guarantee of what taxpayers have already paid for, no guarantee of access and no guarantee of dignity. Let me ask you directly. How can the City claim to care about equality while pulling the very tools people need to speak? Would you ask someone to sprint with no legs? Would you ask someone to speak with no breath? On October 24, 2024, you stood before Insights Enterprises with the rest of us candidates to make Hampton a model of disability and inclusion. Your words were powerful, but now they feel performative,

because policy, not speeches, is what we truly value. What we are witnessing is more than just inconvenience. It's a violation. By denying consistent access to the podium, the City risks violating the Americans with Disability Act. It risks silencing voices permanently. So, I'm not here to plead. I'm here to demand - revise the policy to guarantee podium access, codify accessibility standards for every citizen, create clear protocol so no one is left wondering if they will be heard or if they will be humiliated. You say you give us three minutes to use, then give us tools to use as strength, not struggle. The podium is not luxury. It's justice made of wood and metal, and justice must never be optional. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Jeannie Belgrave.

Ms. Jeannie Belgrave greeted those on the dais, introduced herself and made the following statement: I am here today to share with you a concern some of our Hampton citizens have. I did advise them to attend Mayor Gray's You Say and encourage them to come here. Before I make their point today, I want to thank you for the efforts you made for the City now and how those decisions impact the future. It is not all on you, though. A city cannot sustain itself by the decisions of a few, but rather by the actions of all its residents. I encourage the residents who are here today and those listening virtually, the health and wealth of the City of Hampton begins with us, the citizens of Hampton. From maintaining well our backyards and front yards to making sure the vehicles we drive are also in good shape to participating in local events, to keeping the water we are surrounded by clean to being vigilant and report what could seem unsafe, and last but not least, to visiting our local businesses that are here for all of us. Now, to the concern, Mercury Boulevard seems to have a few areas that need to be repaired. It is known that well-maintained roads not only improve the City's esthetics, but also benefits everyone who use them, from public transportation running on schedule, to preventing accidents, traffic and vehicles wear and tear. The citizens ask, when will Mercury Boulevard be repaired? This one is from me: having a well-designed and big welcome to the City of Hampton will be nice. We have the crown here, the Coliseum, the American theater, NASA Langley Air Force Base and many other historical places still active. We are privileged to have and to live in an oceanfront city with a lot of history, active places and people who care. The moment anyone crosses the arch that reads Welcome to the City of Hampton, they will know they are entering a great place with great people in it. I hope it is possible. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Channell Ketchmore.

Ms. Channell Ketchmore greeted those on the dais and the Clerk of Council, introduced herself and made the following statement: I represent Ketchmore Kids, and we are a group. We do a lot of gun violence prevention and intervention work in

the City, and so we always like to make sure that we show presence and thank you all for your support. And just to update you on what we have going on, we have been present at some of the Mayor's meetings. We will be present and visible during Youth Violence Prevention Week. Right now, our lead violence interrupter is at the Mary Jackson Center. They're probably finishing up now for the program, the mentee mentorship program, that runs on Mondays and Wednesdays, and that's Troy. And, so, I also help facilitate workshops, because we work with young ladies, as well, but we have a team of amazing facilitators who do work in the community, and we continue to do our work inside the juvenile detention center where we work with Hampton residents that are there, and in working with them, each case is different, but they come home to the same community that they left. And while we do so much work to be proactive and work on prevention, when something happens and they end up in the detention center, we want them to come home and not pick up a gun again, not hurt anyone again, but to come home and be assets to their community, you know, and strive to reach the goals that they have set for themselves. So, again, we just always like to give an update to Council and to thank you all for your continued support and just to know that we remain committed to doing our part to saving lives and just helping the community be safer. Thank you.

City Manager Bunting addressed some of the points made during the public comment period. The following summarizes her comments.

The City applied for a grant for a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) safety project to help with pedestrian and car accidents such as those described on Mercury Boulevard. That process has progressed and is now out to bid. There are crosswalks for safe passage with timed lighting, but oftentimes people cross in other places and are not easily seen. The project will include safety features to keep people from doing that, thereby making it safer for all involved. The City regularly reports lighting outages to Dominion Power which sometimes has manning issues, but typically rushes to fix lights.

Ms. Bunting shared additional information about the light replacement process and the safety project that is underway and commented that the City is committed to making Mercury Boulevard safer.

Ms. Bunting introduced Mr. McKay to Assistant City Manager Obeng in the audience who is over public safety who could assist, along with the Police Department, with his concern about crime and police patrolling in his neighborhood. She also spoke about tethering rules in Hampton and assured Mr. McKay that the City would check into the specific incident he spoke of.

Ms. Bunting complimented Mr. Cooper on his recovery and thanked him for being a

part of the solution and doing work to help make our community better. She encouraged him to reach out to the City and continue to partner with it in the future.

Ms. Bunting thanked Ms. Belgrave for the suggestions and passing along comments from other residents. She also agreed with the idea to have welcome signs in Hampton.

Ms. Bunting thanked Ms. Ketchmore for being a great partner with the City. She also thanked other violence interrupters for their work and then commented on funding for these programs and how these programs have helped reduce crime in the City.

With regard to Mr. Weaver's remarks, Ms. Bunting shared that that was something between the Mayor and Mr. Weaver, therefore, it is not for her to address.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **Appointments**

**12. 25-0027** Consideration of Appointments to the Hampton Commission on the Arts

**Attachments:** [Additional Applications 250409](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Karen Spaulding be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of a term until January 31, 2028, Angela Ballard to fill the unexpired portion of a term until June 30, 2028; and Kwasi Obeng in the place of Brian DeProfio until January 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

**13. 25-0109** Consideration of Appointments to the Virginia Municipal League 2025 Policy Committees

**Attachments:** [2025 Nominations Memo](#)

[Explanation of policy committees and process 2025](#)

[2025 Nominations Form](#)

[VML Policy Committees](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper to make the following appointments: Councilwoman Hope Harper and Councilwoman Carolyn Campbell to the Community and Economic Development Committee, Councilwoman Mugler to the Finance Committee, Mayor Gray to the General Laws Committee, Vice Mayor Brown to the Human Development and Education Committee, and Councilman Randy Bowman to the Infrastructure Committee.

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**

The City Manager recapped the upcoming budget meetings.

## **MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Jimmy Gray  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, MMC  
Clerk of Council

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