



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, March 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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 provided information on Restaurant Week in the City of Hampton which runs through Sunday, March 15, 2026, and encouraged citizens to support these wonderful Hampton restaurants.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Mugler, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, to approve 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. [26-0059](#) Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Budget Adjustments

Attachments: [2nd Quarter- Action - Budget Adjustments](#)
[2nd Quarter - Capital Budget Adjustments](#)

Item approved.

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

2. [26-0050](#) Approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2026 work session

Attachments: [260211 Min Work Session DRAFT TO COUNCIL](#)

Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

Mayor Gray read a proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and presented it to members of Hampton's Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities.

He also read proclamations for American Red Cross Month and International Women's Day. Mayor Gray also shared that March

is Women's History Month and there will be additional information shared on that at the next Council meeting. He recognized that there is a female majority on City Council for the first time and he also recognized the female City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

3. [26-0076](#) Public Works Wastewater, Solid Waste, Stormwater Rate Increase Requests

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced the item and introduced Interim Public Works Director Michael Bowery to make the presentation.

Mr. Bowry highlighted information about the Public Works Department's Wastewater, Solid Waste and Stormwater programs. He spoke about the need for improvements to, or replacement of, some of the city's systems, for example, the wastewater system which is more than 70 years old. He covered the fee history, increase drivers and request for fee increases associated with each program. Also included in the presentation were charts depicting how Hampton compares to other localities in various categories.

With regard to Wastewater, staff recommends increasing the wastewater user fee by seven cents, bringing the new total to \$2.52, and increasing the wastewater surcharge fee by 14 cents, bringing the new monthly total to \$4.93.

Mr. Bowry opened the floor for questions and discussion about the Wastewater fee recommendation. No discussion took place.

With regard to Solid Waste, staff recommends increasing the solid waste rate to \$9.04 which adjusts for ongoing cost escalations to provide our current services.

Mr. Bowry opened the floor for questions and discussion about the Solid Waste recommendation. No discussion took place.

With regard to Stormwater, staff recommends increasing the stormwater fee to \$13.83 for FY27 and staff will continue to review projections of expenses and revenues for future years to come.

Mr. Bowry opened the floor for questions and discussion about the Stormwater recommendation. No discussion took place.

Ms. Bunting shared that these fees and other priorities are available for Hampton residents to rank their preferences on the I-Value poll. She encouraged everyone, including young people, to participate in the poll to ensure a representative sample of the entire community is received prior to the City Manager making her recommendation on the budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Glass read the protocol for public hearings.

Rezoning

4. [26-0037](#) Rezoning Application No. 26-0037 by Woda Cooper Companies, LLC, to rezone +/- 1.69 acres at 2601 Cunningham Drive, 4002376, from General Commercial (C-3) District to Multifamily Residential(MD-4) District with conditions for a multifamily development.

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

Ms. Glass read the title for this and the next item as there will be a joint presentation and public hearing on them.

Ms. Bunting introduced City Planner Quinn Heinrich to make the presentation.

Mr. Quinn provided preliminary information about the rezoning and use permit applications including the site location on the Zoning and Future Land Use maps and the history of the site. He also summarized what is being proposed and shared specifics related to building amenities, resiliency elements and building elevations. He continued with the presentation summarizing public policies from the Hampton Community Plan and the Coliseum Central Master Plan related to the application. Some of the policies reference encouraging a diverse mix of housing types; evaluating land use proposals from a regional, city-wide and neighborhood perspective; encouraging a mix of land uses that is appropriate for each district; encouraging mixed-use projects as a means of increasing the housing supply; ensuring the City's implementation plans, physical infrastructure and land use

regulations support the City's goals for economic development; encouraging pedestrian-friendly and transit-friendly development; and encouraging reinvestment with retail centers.

Mr. Quinn concluded the presentation with the following information. Staff's analysis is that the application aligns well with City land use policies and it is very compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The applicant has proffered 20 conditions, some of which are related to the Concept Plan, elevations, landscaping, density and community amenities. Staff recommends nine conditions for the use permit, emphasizing the condition on security. A community meeting was held on January 22, 2026, at which 11 community members were in attendance and raised questions about parking, traffic, safety and a few other things. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning application subject to 20 proffered conditions and the use permit subject to nine conditions.

Mr. Quinn opened the floor for questions.

At Councilwoman Ferebee's request, Mr. Quinn shared that questions were raised at the community meeting about whether parking will be permitted on Build America Drive, whether a traffic light will be needed at the left turn on Build America Drive, whether lighting will be required in the parking lot and what plans are underway to maintain the grounds (cleanliness). Mr. Quinn noted that he is uncertain if the community members were persuaded one way or the other, but the developer answered all of their questions at the meeting and is present this evening to respond to questions if needed.

Councilwoman Campbell commented that the land from I-64 to Todds Lane is a large piece of commercial land that would make for great future development, and in her opinion, it is odd to place a few homes in the center of this commercial property, particularly with high density all around it.

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

The applicant, Bruce Watts, Vice President of Development & Chief Engagement Officer, for Woda Cooper Companies, Inc., spoke about his experience working in development for over 20 years and the projects his company has done in Virginia and West Virginia. He also spoke about their excitement for this potential development in Hampton which would be named after the historic Katherine Johnson. He commended Hampton on the Mary Jackson Community Center which, in his opinion, is first class with iconic history. He then shared details about the proposed project including the number of units, number of bedrooms, square

footage, rental rates, and various amenities including elevators which are convenient for seniors.

Eric Wright, Assistant Vice President of Development, also shared background information about Woda Cooper Companies and some of the properties it has developed. He emphasized that Woda is a long-term owner of its properties, and does not, as some developers do, build and sell or turn projects over to someone else to manage. He also shared information about their presence in Hampton Roads to include developments in Newport News, Portsmouth and Norfolk and spoke about additional amenities in the proposed project to include ADA (The Americans with Disabilities Act) units.

Lastly, Mr. Wright spoke about concerns that were raised at the Planning Commission meeting regarding parking and Build America Drive maintenance. He explained that the company believes 57 parking spaces will be sufficient for this project, based on the analysis of other properties in operation across the country. With regard to maintenance, they are familiar with the costs associated with maintenance and improvements and have budgeted accordingly for that.

Mr. Wright and Mayor Gray opened the floor for questions.

Councilman Bowman asked if the developer is anticipating only one car per unit, which, in his opinion, is unrealistic. He also asked where parking will be as he did not see it shown on Build America Drive.

Mr. Wright clarified that the proposal includes 57 parking spaces for 44 units which comes to about 1 and ½ cars per unit. Mr. Watts explained that in most of their developments, there is a percentage of residents who do not have cars and some use public transportation, so while the number may appear not to work, it does, otherwise, they would not do it because they realize the importance of having adequate parking.

Councilwoman Ferebee asked about the process for naming a project or building after someone.

Mr. Watts explained that they do due diligence and are careful not to name developments after people who are still living and also try to name projects after individuals who have made a significant impact in the community. He also shared a few examples of developments in Virginia localities that have been named after pioneers in those communities.

In response to Councilwoman Campbell's question about square footage, Mr. Watts

indicated that the proposal proposes the one-bedroom apartments to be 715 square feet, the two bedrooms to average 925 square feet, and the three bedrooms to average 1,130 square feet.

A joint presentation on 26-0037 and 26-0038 was given by Quinn Henrich, City Planner. The applicant, Bruce Watts, Vice President of Development and Eric Wright, Assistant Vice President, presented information. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. As there were no speakers signed up to speak, he closed the public hearing. It was moved by Councilwoman Mugler and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown that Rezoning Application 26-0037 be approved with twenty (20) proffered conditions and Use Permit 26-0038 be approved with nine (9) conditions, as presented in the agenda package.

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

Use Permits

5. [26-0038](#) Use Permit Application No. 26-0038 by Woda Cooper Companies, LLC to permit Multifamily Dwellings at 2601 Cunningham Drive, 4002376. This application is brought in conjunction with Rezoning Application No. 26-0037.

Attachments: [Conditions](#)
[Presentation Placeholder](#)
[Application](#)
[Agenda Review Form](#)
[Staff Report FINAL](#)

A joint presentation on 26-0037 and 26-0038 was given by Quinn Henrich, City Planner. The applicant, Bruce Watts, Vice President of Development and Eric Wright, Assistant Vice President, presented information. Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. As there were no speakers signed up to speak, he closed the public hearing. It was moved by Councilwoman Mugler and seconded by Vice Mayor Brown that Rezoning Application 26-0037 be approved with twenty (20) proffered

conditions and Use Permit 26-0038 be approved with nine (9) conditions, as presented in the agenda package.

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

6. [26-0039](#) Use Permit Application No. 26-0039 by Southern Comfort Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, to amend the existing Restaurant 3 Use Permit to modify the security requirements and extend the operational hours of the restaurant at 2163 & 2165 Cunningham Dr [portion of LRSN: 7001532]

- Attachments:** [Application](#)
[Staff's Recommended Conditions](#)
[Applicant Conditions](#)
[Optional Conditions](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[PC Presentation](#)
[Staff Report UPDATED](#)
[Applicant's Presentation](#)
[Final Staff Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

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

Mr. Whipple explained that the application is to amend hours of operation and security requirements of the previously approved use permit. He also shared the site location, a brief history about the establishment, and what is being proposed. In summary, the proposed hours of operations are from 11AM to 2AM daily and the security amendment would consider reducing the required internal personnel on nights when the event space is not in use.

The next four slides of the presentation included images of the proposed building separation, the site location on the Zoning Map, the site location on the proposed Future Land Use Map, and a list of public policies in the Hampton Community Plan that are pertinent to this application.

Mr. Whipple summarized staff's analysis of the proposal which is that the applicant has requested the maximum hours of operation compared to those approved for other Restaurant 3 uses and staff's recommended condition for hours of operation would balance business operation with public safety concerns.

Mr. Whipple reviewed staff's recommended conditions, security conditions and other optional conditions and concluded the presentation with the following information: Previous community meetings were held on August 7, 2025, and August 27, 2025, with a subsequent meeting taking place on February 16, 2026, to review the suggested amendments to the conditions. The three options moving forward are to approve the request, approve the request with modifications, or deny both requests. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend denial of the amended use permit application and uphold the current use permit application no. 25-0285 with 14 conditions.

At the City Manager's suggestion, Mr. Whipple clarified that the Planning Commission was afforded options one and three, and since that time, staff has done additional work on option two.

Mr. Whipple provided the following information in response to questions posed by Council. Approximately eight community members and a few staff members attended the community meeting on February 16. Those in the community within a .25-mile radius of the location were invited to attend. During the meeting, the applicant explained the proposal, and there was no opposition from the community about what was presented. The applicant is required to inform HPD of events seven days in advance to help with the potential enforcement concern and so that HPD is aware when and when not to expect additional personnel. The previous zoning administrative permits allow a 5AM opening time for breakfast, etc., but most establishments hours are 11AM-2AM depending on the night.

Mr. Whipple provided a more detailed description of the interior floor plan.

For the benefit of the public, City Manager Bunting, explained that the bifurcation option is a possibility because the space can be blocked off while maintaining proper public safety ingress and egress, whereas, if it were one big space, the option of bifurcation would not be possible. She emphasized that this would not be an option that any restaurateur could ask for because security could potentially be unmanageable, but due to this unique corridor that allows blockage for an event space, the City is in the position to offer this as an option.

The applicant, Eddie Gomez, responded to Council's questions with the following information. The event space has not been rented out thus far in 2026. The larger

side is rarely used unless there is a big event, in which case, the City is notified. Security for the event space is paid for even when not being utilized.

Mr. Gomez paused to describe the business sustainability chart which compares what the business grossed in 2025 versus 2026. Some of the figures are related to payroll and some are related to overhead. He apologized for not being able to break down numbers according to month.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and called on the first speaker, Mirav Patel.

Mr. Mirav Patel greeted those on the dais, introduced himself as Mirav Patel and made the following statement: I'm the owner of a hotel located very close to Southern Comfort Restaurant and Lounge. I'm here tonight to speak in support of their request to extend their operating hours until 2AM throughout the week. As a hotel owner, my business depends heavily on visitors, travelers and guests who come to our City for work, events and leisure. One of the most common questions we receive from our guests, especially those arriving later in the evening, is, where can they go out to eat, relax or socialize after typical business hours. Having quality establishments nearby that are open later, help us provide a better experience for those hotel guests and make our area feel more vibrant and welcoming. A well-run, restaurant and lounge that stays open later doesn't just benefit that single business. It supports the broader hospitality ecosystem. It gives hotel guests somewhere safe and nearby to go, rather than driving to other areas or other cities that offer more late-night options. It also keeps economic activity local, supporting jobs, generating tax revenue and encouraging visitors to stay longer and spend more in our community. From my perspective as a nearby business owner, having a professionally managed establishment operating later can actually be a positive for the area. A legitimate staffed venue with management, security and structure is far better than having people leaving our area earlier and dispersing elsewhere without those safeguards in place. Our City is growing, and part of that growth involves creating a lively, but responsible hospitality environment that supports businesses and visitors alike. Allowing extended hours during the week would help strengthen that environment while supporting local entrepreneurship and job creation. I appreciate the Council taking the time to consider this request, and I hope you will support this business and continuing to contribute to the vitality of our community. Thank you for your time.

In response to Mayor Gray, Mr. Patel noted that he owns the Comfort Inn and Suites on Hardy Cash Drive.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Rashonn Bracey.

Mr. Rashonn Bracey greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm just a simple patron of SOCO (Southern Comfort). I work second shift for the United States Navy. I'm a nuclear metal framer. So, I work second shift. So, usually I work from two to 10, sometimes two to 11. Sometimes my job can be stressful. It's a lot of things going on in this world, and when I get off work, sometimes I do like to stop by Southern Comfort Lounge. You know, I don't like to bring the energy from my job inside my house, so I can sit there and maybe watch a game or two or maybe eat something. It's never really been any - an unpleasant place to be at all. I'm just here, just to help, to try to speak and help for them, because, you know, people within that deals with what I have to deal operating at night. We don't really have anywhere to go, because after traffic shuts down the bridge or anything like that, everything is closed. Sometimes I don't feel like going home and cook. So, I can go there, have some food and listen to some good music and just go home and I will definitely rest peacefully. So, I'm just here, just on the behalf of - I hope you approve the hours, the extended hours because people like me, in my position, we need Southern Comfort. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Trey Carter.

Mr. Trey Carter greeted those on the dais, introduced himself as Trey Carter, and made the following statement: I'm a graduate, born and raised in Hampton, graduate of Hampton University, and I'm also a business owner here in the Hampton Roads area. I'm here tonight to express my support for Southern Comfort Restaurant and Lounge and their request for extended hours. As someone who operates a business locally, I understand how important it is for small businesses to have the opportunity to grow and operate in a way that allows them to remain competitive and sustainable. Extending their hours, to my knowledge, would give Southern Comfort the ability to better serve their customers, increase their revenue potential and continue providing jobs to members of our community. As a sidebar, I have a nephew that goes to Hampton University, and he works at Southern Comfort, as well, as a server, and I would like him to have some more hours too, so he get out my pocket, you know. Restaurants and small businesses are an important part of the local economy. When businesses are allowed to expand their operating hours responsibly, it can lead to more employment opportunities, increased economic activity, and stronger support for surrounding businesses in the area, like the gentleman that owned the hotel that came and spoke. Southern Comfort has established itself as a respected local restaurant with a strong customer base, which I'm a part of, and allowing them to extend their hours, it seems, will help them continue building on that success and contribute positively to local businesses within the community. As a fellow business owner, I believe it's important that we support responsible local businesses that are

trying to grow and serve their customers, and for those reasons, I just wanted to come up and say I fully support their request for extended hours, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Arnell Davis.

Mr. Arnell Davis greeted those on the dais, introduced himself as Arnell Davis, and made the following statement: I'm a local business owner and a community member. I'm here this evening to express my support for the extended hours request for Southern Comfort Restaurant. Me and my family go to this restaurant plenty of times. Me and my wife use extended hours. Birthday parties...when friends come out of town, we take them to this location. We do family nights. During the time, he has consistently provided a safe, welcoming, respectful environment. My wife never felt uncomfortable in there and any members from out of town, anybody I bought never felt uncomfortable, and we always enjoyed ourselves. And, as a fellow local business owner, I also have firsthand how the other business as a community support one another through referrals and cross promotion, and we help strengthen each other's success and contribute to the stability of our community and economy. Approving extended hours will allow Southern Comfort to better service customers while continuing to maintain the same safe and friendly atmosphere that the community has appreciated for years. And, I know that because I've been there and I see the police. I see the security, when that thing, when the club close at two, everyone's already gone secure. The police is pushing people out the parking lot, making sure everyone's safe. And, I've been there for that plenty of nights, so I thank you for your time and consideration. Have a good evening.

Mayor Gray noted that Mr. Davis was the last person who signed up to speak. He then closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

Councilman Bowman commented that he appreciates what Mr. Gomez has done and said he understands the hardship with regard to the security, but asked him to realize that it has not been 90 days, therefore Council has not had anything tangible to compare it to or entertain. For these reasons, he will consider option two as a recommendation.

Mayor Gray called for additional discussion, but none took place.

This item was presented by Donald Whipple, Chief Planner. The applicant, Eddie Gomez, also presented information and responded to questions from members of Council. He also presented the Clerk with petitions in support of his application and a petition of support from adjacent businesses. Mayor Gray

opened the public hearing and the following individuals spoke: Mirav Patel, Rashonn Bracey, Trey Carter, and Arnell Davis spoke in support of the applicant. Mayor Gray then closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilwoman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bowman to approve in part Use Permit Application 26-0039 for Southern Comfort Restaurant & Lounge, to amend existing Use Permit 25-0285 subject to the "Operational Conditions" in the agenda package, approving amendment to security conditions only; she further moved that Council explicitly deny applicant's request to amend permitted hours of operation.

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

Resolutions

7. [26-0072](#) Resolution to Authorize the Acquisitions, by Negotiation or Condemnation, of Portions of Land in Fee Simple from Properties Located at 19 E. Lamington Road (LRSN: 8005303); 619 E. Little Back River Road (LRSN: 8004918); 5 Sydney Jay Lane (LRSN: 8004916); 4 Crockett Drive (LRSN: 8004920); and 717 E. Little Back River Road (LRSN: 8004978), Pursuant to §§ 25.1-100, Et Seq. and 15.2-1901, Et Seq. of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as Amended, for Purposes of a Public Street/Road and Associated Public Right-of-Way Necessary for Bike and Pedestrian Access (Sidewalks/Paths)

Attachments: [City Roadway Plan Sheets - Little Back River Road Project](#)
[RW PLAT - 4 Crockett Dr - LRSN 8004920](#)
[RW PLAT - 619 E Little Back River Rd - LRSN 8004918](#)
[RW PLAT - 717 E Little Back River Rd - LRSN 8004978](#)
[RW PLAT - 5 Sydney Jay Lane - LRSN 8004916](#)
[RW PLAT - 19 E Lamington Rd - LRSN 8005303](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

The City Manager provided background information on this item.

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing. There were no speakers on the item so he closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Ferebee that City Council approve Item 26-0072, Resolution Authorizing Acquisition, by Negotiation or Condemnation, of Right-of-Way Necessary for Pedestrian Improvements to a Public Road, as presented in the agenda package.

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, Stephanie Baird.

Ms. Stephanie Baird greeted those on the dais, introduced herself as Stephanie Baird and made the following statement: I'm a former Hampton City Schools math teacher, and I'm here to talk to you about Ordinance 25-0170. When we discuss homelessness ordinances, the language is often about protecting the community while respecting the individual. We hear about verbal warnings and low-level misdemeanors rather than jail time and expensive fines. It sounds like the goal is compassionate compliance, but peer-reviewed evidence reveals a much harsher reality. Research from the National Alliance to End Homelessness shows that these ordinances, regardless of their severity, do not reduce homelessness. They actually make it worse. By treating a housing crisis as a behavioral problem, we make the underlying crisis nearly impossible to solve. A \$250 fine for public camping and storage may seem minor to City Council, but for someone with zero income, that is an insurmountable debt. A study published in the Journal of Public Health found that individuals with such legal debt remained homeless for an average of two years longer than those without it. That debt can trigger warrants, destroys credit scores and often disqualifies people from the very subsidized housing that they need. As reported in (inaudible word) these minor citations create a paper trail of poverty that labels victims of the housing market as a risk to landlords and employers. Proponents argue these laws encourage people to seek shelter. However, a 2024 study in the Policy Studies journal analyzed the 100 most populous US cities and found that this enforcement led to no significant reduction in homelessness. What it

created was forced displacement. When we warn someone to move along, we aren't moving them into a home. We're severing their ties to health care and social services. A report from Johns Hopkins shows that displacements are associated with a 70 to 90% increase in drug overdose deaths. You simply cannot provide wraparound services to someone whose location is constantly changing. Soft penalties are still penalties for the crime of being poor. Decades of research prove that housing first models can save a city millions of dollars by reducing emergency room visits and jail nights. The data is clear, you can't fine someone into a home, but you can fine them into living on the streets. When I was a teacher at Hampton City Schools, one of my colleagues was unhoused. Despite being fully employed and working as an educator full-time, they couldn't afford rent, and they were living in a motel with their child. One bad week could have been the difference between sleeping outside and sleeping in a motel with a roof. I implore the Council to reflect on the research which I have brought and the real-life impact of these ordinances. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Michelle Uscanga.

Ms. Michelle Uscanga greeted those on the dais, introduced herself as Michelle Uscanga, and made the following statement: I am a student at Christopher Newport University and the President of HOME, which stands for Homelessness Outreach Made Easy, a student organization that works with members of the unhoused community here on the peninsula. I'm here today because of the proposed ordinance that would expand enforcement against people sleeping or camping in public spaces. Policies like this effectively criminalize homelessness by allowing people who have nowhere to go to be fined, sighted or removed from public areas simply for trying to survive. I understand that the City wants to address physical homelessness and that people want safe and welcoming spaces, however, punishing people who have nowhere to go does not solve the problem. It only just moves people from one place to another, making it even harder for them to rebuild their lives. Through HOME, I've had the opportunity to volunteer directly with members of our unhoused community. Our organization works with local community partners and we spend time volunteering, fundraising, raising donations while supporting the programs that serve people in crisis. We see how much these organizations do. They provide shelter, meals, clothing and basic services, and they help people connect with stability by finding them jobs, access to health care and mental health services and towards stable housing. Redirecting resources toward these kinds of services help people integrate into society. It gives people the support they need to rebuild their lives, instead of punishing them for the struggles that you're facing. Homelessness is rarely the result of a single decision or event. It's often caused by job loss, medical bills, family crisis or mental health challenges. They are struggles that could affect any one of us, our friends, families and are being currently faced

by our neighbors. The people we are talking about are our neighbors, human beings who deserve dignity, compassion and the opportunity to get back on their feet. Our community already cares so deeply about this issue. Students, volunteers and organizations across the Peninsula already give their time, donation and energy to support people experiencing homelessness. Choosing to invest in support and resources would be an even greater way for the City to advocate for them to protect their rights. Criminalizing homelessness does not make the problem disappear, it pushes people further away from the resources that could actually help them. I encourage the Council to reconsider this ordinance and focus instead on solutions to invest in people and help our neighbors rebuild stability. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Brenda Marks.

Ms. Brenda Marks greeted those on the dais, introduced herself as Brenda Marks and made the following statement: I'm here tonight to bring your attention to some issues I have with the I Value Survey. The first concern I had, and the main concern I'm going to address tonight, is a section for the implementation of capital improvements for Buckroe, Downtown and Coliseum Central. This is a \$25 million line item allocated at \$5 million per year for five years. There is no specific, detailed line item to explain how this money is to be used. Last year, there was a specific survey where items were described in detail, like the parking garage at Buckroe and the stage at Mill Point. Most of these items on this list were resoundingly rejected by the public. This item gives the impression that the City is intending to implement those projects previously rejected and or the City Manager will have a \$25 million slush fund to play with. Prior to this meeting, I brought this up to Mayor Gray, and was told these funds were to improve the infrastructure. I stated that considering the City (inaudible word) Christmas decorations and improvements in existing infrastructure, I have a problem with a simple designation infrastructure improvement. As a note, Mayor Gray stated, Hampton doesn't designate Christmas decorations as infrastructure improvements. Mayor Gray, if you and Vice Mayor Brown would check your phones, you will see, I have sent you a message that contains one of the invoices - that it clearly shows project code, improvement, existing infrastructure, project description, improve existing infrastructure, distribution, improve existing infrastructure. I don't know if I'm more concerned that Mayor Gray doesn't remember that I don't usually speak unless I'm sure of what I'm saying, or that I stand before City Council, who does not know the extent of the creative accounting that is going on within the City. If \$200,000 of Christmas decorations can be considered an improvement to existing infrastructure without any concern or without your knowledge, just how much other money is being creatively cost coded. Twenty-five million dollars is a lot of money, and I'd like to see line items listed for just exactly what you plan to do with it. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Joan Weaver.

Ms. Joan Weaver greeted the governance team and made the following statement: When I hear you all read invocations, it's such blasphemous. How in God's name can you talk about prayer, divine actions, when your actions are demonic with what you do to the citizens of this City. Homelessness, criminalization - no, and me, the poster child for your weaponization and your retaliation. Three misdemeanor criminal charges for cosmetic problems with my home, but in that lying strategic plan, you state, oh, we're going to help them. We want to hear from you - all, bold-faced lies. Enough to even make Jesus wept, but yet you stand those premises. I look at it - Hampton City, if there was such a thing as a Hampton City ombudsman, give us the name and the department to contact, because you've got a hell of a lot of people who are going to be standing in that line who need help regarding homelessness, criminalization, fines and charges. City Council, you should be ashamed. Mayor, all of you all - from our attorney to our manager, and this is what you say you care for the citizens, bald-faced lie. And, when I also sit and think about your departments, your front line staff, unfair treatment, abuse of powers to citizens who come to you and all they want is help, but yet you're going to criminalize us all? You need to all take a good look at yourselves. Hampton City, I'm ashamed of you. I've lived here 68 years, and nothing you will do will make me not advocate for the voiceless. They need to be heard, and you all need to look down in your souls and come up with some empathy, authenticity that you need to do.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Aaron Weaver.

Mr. Aaron Weaver stated his name, Aaron Weaver, and made the following statement: This homeless ordinance is being presented as a compromise. It's being marketed as more compassionate, but when you strip away the language, very little has actually changed. It still makes sleeping in public illegal. Those two things cannot both be true. If the goal is not to criminalize homelessness, make sleep itself illegal, it's a strange way to show it, and that contradiction matters, because the behaviors we are told this ordinance is meant to address are already illegal. Blocking sidewalks and obstructing the right-of-way is already illegal in Virginia. Virginia Code 18.2-404. How do we know this? Because you all, not you all, but City Council has put the city itself put signs up discouraging people from giving money to panhandlers and standing in the middle of the meeting. We have all seen it who live here. Those signs were a reference to the obstruction of law. Public intoxication is already illegal under Virginia Code 18.2-388. Police already have tools to address dangerous and disruptive behaviors by any citizen. So, the question becomes simple, if those laws already exist, why do we need a new law that criminalizes sleeping? Criminalizes sleeping? And another statement we often hear is the ordinance is meant only for the smaller number of people who refuse services. That may happen, that may be

for many reasons, but the simple fact remains, turning down a service does not create a legal place to sleep. If someone has nowhere else to go, where are they legally allowed to sleep? If the answer is nowhere, then we are not regulating behavior. We are criminalizing existence. An ordinance like this do not solve homelessness. They move people from one block to another, from sidewalks to alleyways to under bridges and the dark places and less safe places, and in doing so, the ordinance itself sends a very clear message: your existence is a problem, and we prefer to relocate you, you're suffering somewhere else out the public's eye. So, we are being asked to move forward without public data. You have not been provided any kind of data that shows that the laws that we currently have are not working. This ordinance should show evidence. We have no baseline to go off of, and you all did not ask that question in any one of those services at all. Ordinances should follow evidence, not the other way around. And while we're here about the potential funding of temporary housing, temporary housing funding is not guaranteed. Permanent housing funding is not guaranteed. We know this, but the criminal penalties and ordinance would be real-life penalties. So, many complaints driving these discussions are anonymous. This system can be helpful, but it can also be weaponized, as we're going to talk about a little bit later. But, what's happening is we have a class that is weaponizing you all, but you all's names will be on this guaranteed.

Mayor Gray reminded everyone that clapping is not allowed in chambers, acknowledged City of Newport News Councilman Rob Coleman, who was in the audience, and called on the next speaker, Bob Harper.

Mr. Bob Harper greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I come here tonight to speak in favor of the ordinance. I'm a 30-year resident of Hampton and a small business owner, and I've been working with the homeless through my church and other faith-based organizations, as well as our organization called H.E.L.P. for many years. Yesterday, I had a client come to my studio to pick up a portrait order, and she couldn't get into my front door because someone was camping there, and I didn't know about it, and I had to go move that property out of there so she could come in. So, it does affect small business people, and it does affect the tax base of the City of Hampton because of the impact on small business. However, I am very compassionate towards the issue of homelessness or unhoused people, and I am very gratified and encouraged by the fact that the City Manager and the City of Hampton, the City Council and the Mayor have undertaken a more comprehensive look at this particular area that affects our community. The people we're talking about generally have nowhere to turn, but the people that would be most affected by this ordinance, as proposed, are people who are not being served now by the different organizations within our own Hampton and the greater Peninsula, services that are available, for whatever reason, they are the unserved. So, the way

I look at this proposed ordinance, I have three real good points I think I want to make: Our current situation is bordering on untenable. There are underserved people out here that are unhoused, they deserve care, they deserve to be evaluated and get to the right area in our community that can give them what they need. Citizens and commerce in Hampton is also being affected by that, as just I demonstrated from my own business. The ordinance provides a compassionate way to address both of these issues. First, in effect, the ordinance allows our Hampton Police Department to be an information conduit to people that come they contact under this ordinance. They will be required to give the list - a menu list of services that are available, and tell the individual how they can access those. That's a great improvement, right there.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Harper's speaking time had expired and called on the next speaker, David Likavec.

Mr. David Likavec greeted everyone and made the following statement; I'd like to just, for the record, state that I'm here in my personal capacity, and not as a member of any organization that I may be a part of. I am a local attorney that exclusively serves the indigent community. I'm here to discuss the revised ordinance that still criminalizes homelessness, potentially leading to fines, jail time and a criminal record for unhoused individuals, which are our most marginalized population. I would like to state that this is inhumane and morally reprehensible. More people than ever are facing homelessness. In the past year, the federal government has passed a budget that slashes federal support for housing vouchers, food assistance and Medicaid, resulting in the Virginia Pilot publishing a study showing that 44% of the working class of Hampton households are struggling to meet basic needs. I've heard City leaders argue that in most cases, this ordinance wouldn't lead to jail time or even fines, but that's not the point. Criminalizing homelessness under the threat of fines and jail times empowers law enforcement to remove unhoused populations from just about any public space whenever and wherever they want. Criminalizing homelessness doesn't solve any problems. It just pushes unhoused individuals out of parks, off sidewalks and out of the public spaces in the public eye. But where are we removing them to? The City has not set up any infrastructure for this population. They depend on private shelters and organizations that have their own requirements for services. Those private shelters can deny service to anyone for any reason, and what about the people that have been barred from individual shelters? We should be investing in affordable housing, expanding shelter capacity, strengthening tenant protections and supporting social services. Criminalization of homelessness does none of that. How does a fine help a homeless person find housing? As US Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor wrote in her dissent in the City of Grants Pass versus Johnson case, sleep is a biological necessity, not a crime. For some people, sleeping outside is their only option. By criminalizing

homelessness, the City of Hampton would be criminalizing the existence of the City's most vulnerable population. Please don't do this.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Jeannie Belgrave.

Ms. Jeannie Belgrave gave the Clerk a handout for Council, greeted those on the dais and the staff behind the scenes, introduced herself as Jeannie Belgrave and made the following statement: I brought a few copies of a visual example to accompany my remarks tonight. The document includes a sample page layout of a small homepage icon concept related to animal services information on the City website. If possible, could this please be shared? Yes, okay. I would like to briefly present a small improvement opportunity regarding how animal-related information is organized on the City Hampton website. At the moment, information about animals and pets is available on the City website, but it is spread across several different pages. Residents may have to navigate between sections, such as animal response, pet license, bark parks and City ordinances in order to find the information they need. The idea I would like to suggest is very simple. It would involve creating a single animal service and pet resources hub page on the Hampton website where residents could find all animal-related information in one place. This page will simply organize existing information already provided by the City, including Animal Response services, lost and found pets, pet licensing requirements, bark park information, animal ordinances, wildlife, encounter guidance and pet emergency preparedness resources. By organizing these resources into one easy to find location, residents will be able to access information more quickly, and it could also help reduce unnecessary calls to Animal Control for questions that could be answered online. Another advantage of this approach is that having a clear public resource hub makes the City more grant-friendly and partnership friendly. Many animal welfare organizations and grant programs look for accessible public information when evaluating collaboration with municipalities. This will be a very low cost, digital improvement, since it would primarily involve organizing information the City already provides. The goal is simply to make it easier for Hampton residents to find animal-related resources while supporting responsible pet ownership and animal safety in our community. My intention is, in sharing this idea, is to support the City's ongoing efforts to improve public communication and services for residents. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Joe Griffith.

Mr. Joe Griffith greeted those on the dais, introduced himself as Joe Griffith, and made the following statement: I'm here to talk about the budget this evening. Before I do, I wanted to say that I was at all three of the sessions for I Value last week, and great feedback from the community about being able to enter their comments after

the session, and very, very valuable. But, before, I talk about the budget, I wanted to talk about Mr. Mitchell Silver, who came in as a consultant. For those in the audience who don't know Mitchell Silver. He's been here for the strategic plan a few times. He's a nationally recognized urban planner. Mr. Silver often recommends cities a very simple principle: if you want people to stay, you have to give them great places, places that foster belonging, a sense of safety and joy. And, during the I Value sessions, the City Manager emphasized something very similar- that Hampton's foundational growth depends on strong public private partnerships that nurtures investment and vibrant third spaces. Phoebus has a track record of taking that message to heart. The Phoebus Partnership, a few years ago, applied for and won a competitive state grant to develop a master plan for a historic commercial district, which is a nationally recognized Main Street, one of only two on the lower Peninsula. The consultants that the partnership hired were excellent. They were professional. The community participated wholeheartedly, and together, we produced a comprehensive plan, which is essentially a master plan update that focused, not on deficits, but on opportunity. And, when we submitted our capital improvement request for fiscal year 27, we followed that plan, but only two projects from that plan appear on the City Council's CIP priority list, and they're ranked last. For the stakeholders who spent years shaping that plan, that was a real shock and a disappointment. People asked me, Joe, what did we do wrong? And my answer was simple, nothing. We briefed Council, we walked the districts together, and we showed not blight, but promise. My concern is now momentum, because in the end, the places that make cities memorable and special aren't plans on paper. They are vibrant, mixed-use neighborhoods and the daily spontaneous interactions that happen on those streets. Those are the places where people feel belonging. Those are the places that people choose to invest in, and those are the places that Mr. Mitchell Silver is talking about, and if we truly believe what we say about creating great places in Hampton, now is the moment to keep that momentum going. We owe it to the people who live and work here. Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, David Mongiello.

Mr. David Mongiello introduced himself as David Mongiello, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm a resident of Hampton and a father of eight children. On August 3, 1998, I swore an oath when I joined the United States Marine Corps. That oath was to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I still take that oath seriously. During a child protective service investigation at my home, a social worker entered my home while a police officer was present with a search warrant related to child safety checks. Once the officer had completed the scope of the warrant, I asked that individual, who no longer had legal authority to remain, to leave the property. Instead, I was told by the social worker that the Constitution did not apply here. I was

then told that if I did not sign a safety plan, my children will be taken away. Under that pressure, I signed the document. Despite complying with that plan, four months later, my children were later removed and my wife was taken into custody. I stand here tonight, not only as a father, but as someone who believes strongly in the rule of law and the Constitution that protects every American family. City departments exercise tremendous power over families. With that power comes an equally serious responsibility to respect constitutional rights and ensure that authority is used properly. If this could happen to my family, it raises an important question: How many other families may have experienced something similar, but never had the opportunity to speak publicly about it? I'm asking this Council for oversight and accountability. This agency operates under the authority of this City and the citizens of Hampton deserve assurance that constitutional protections are respected during investigations. I respectfully ask this Council to review the practices of the Hampton Department of Human Services and ensure that the safeguards exist so the constitutional rights are not disregarded in the course of child welfare investigations. My goal is not conflict. My goal is accountability, transparency and preventing situations like this from happening to other families in the future. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the final speaker, Earl Miller.

Mr. Earl Miller greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: Yeah, I'm here again. Last time I was here, my colleague Darren Williams, he spoke. Usually, I get the liberty to talk with Councilwoman Harper on the issues that deal with the state of Briarfield Tennis Park. Things have gotten worse. You all know the courts were just recently done. I do not have the liberty to put on the slides, the pictures, the photos that I have of the newly resurfaced courts - there are holes and there are cracks everywhere. The lights, basically for courts four and five, the lighting altogether was never serviced. People are coming out to the courts more often. They love the new benches. They love the way that the courts look, but now we have a bigger issue with - fortunately, a lot of people here spoke about the homeless. It's really hit that dark area of the tennis courts, because at nighttime, there is no lighting. The situation with the corn hole people, they come in droves now, and I've been challenged a whole lot, which I have no problem with it. I'm just trying to communicate and bring people together the correct way so that we can try to resolve some of these issues. We, the Council people, out at the tennis courts, the players themselves, we suggested that if I could come back and say to Council, I'll make the signs up myself. It's not an issue. As you all remember, the first time I came, I am the one that actually fixed the lights. There would be no lights out there at all right now. Mr. Williams and myself, we're the ones that put the trash cans out there. It's a collective thing that we're trying to do here. I know I'm not going to say all the things that I need to say in the three minutes, but I look forward to speaking again with Councilwoman Harper and anyone else that I need to speak with to try to

get things more in place. The weather is breaking now. It's springtime. As I said previously, things are getting worse. I've had two-night surveys now of what's going on with the lock. This is one lock that I've had to cut off again - that's due to the homeless situation. So, I'm not going to really address that right now. I just want everybody to know what some of the people behind me have talked about, it's affecting us in a lot of places that it doesn't need to affect us in. Thank you for your time.

The following summarizes Ms. Bunting's responsive remarks to the public comment period: She did not address comments made about the unhoused since a presentation will be given on that later in the meeting. With regard to enhanced Christmas lighting, she shared specific data; indicated that funds were appropriated specifically for that purpose; emphasized that no creative accounting or secrecy took place; clarified that it is common for lighting to be considered economic, social and physical infrastructure; noted that everything is well documented; and offered to review the details with Ms. Marks if needed. With regard to Ms. Weaver's concern, she explained the code violation and penalties/summonses for court process when violations are not addressed within the appropriate timeframe and noted that Ms. Weaver is not being targeted as there are currently 200 active summonses of that nature being taken across the City. She referenced the great work of the Phoebus Partnership and also shared information about the Master Plan implementation and the ranking process for projects in the CIP. She reminded everyone that we do not discuss Child Protective Services situations in public for the protection of minors and indicated that she will look into the allegations and follow up with the citizen and Council on her findings. With regard to Briarfield Park, she indicated that the City tried to fix the lights, and agrees that they need to be replaced and that is a project currently for ranking by the public. In addition, she will look into the cause for the holes in the court and how that can be resolved and report back to Mr. Miller and Council.

For the record, Mayor Gray asked the City Manager to clarify that the Christmas decorations were coded correctly at 570 and they are special events, not infrastructure. Ms. Bunting explained that it is all under the CIP capital, and equipment can be considered infrastructure, and 570 is the code in our accounting system for "special events equipment". She noted that she will be happy to speak with Ms. Marks after the meeting or over the phone if she would like.

Mayor Gray called upon Mr. Coleman, who accompanied Mia Richardson, a candidate for the Youth of the Year with the Boys & Girls Club. This was allowed as they had signed up within the

time prescribed and there was a technology error.

Miss Richardson invited the members of Council to the Youth of the Year celebration taking place Thursday, March 26, at 6pm at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Mr. Coleman, the Chief Operating Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Virginia Peninsula, thanked the City for their support and encouraged Council to attend the event.

Mayor Gray asked Mr. Coleman to confirm the location of the citizens unit, to which he replied that it is on Shell Road.

GENERAL ITEMS

Ordinances

8. [25-0170](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 24, Offenses - Miscellaneous, Article I, In General, Section 24-50, to prohibit camping and storage on public property.

Attachments: [Camping and Storage Ordinance Redline Post Workgroup Changes 2.19.25](#)
[Camping and Storage Presentation Final 3.2.26](#)
[SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES - Camping Ordinance Council Presentation UPDATED](#)
[NEW SLIDES FOR 4.8.26](#)
[Alternative Camping and Storage Redline](#)

Ms. Glass read the title for the item.

City Manager Bunting summarized information from the report of the work done by the Camping & Storage Ordinance Stakeholder Group.

Senior Deputy City Attorney Brandi Law presented information on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Law read some of the proposed ordinance language as follows: Wherefore, most people will accept housing when It is safe, dignified, and appropriate, a small number repeatedly refuse help because they are deeply traumatized. For this group, the answer is not simply tolerance nor simply enforcement, it requires balanced strategy; and Wherefore, the City will strive to pair persistent outreach with a variety of housing options and insist that public spaces remain safe and usable; and

Wherefore, when someone's behavior is dangerous or disruptive, the City will address that behavior directly through outreach or co-responder teams and community court programs where possible. No one has the right to endanger others, and no one should be abandoned; and, Wherefore, the City's goal is compassionate compliance: protecting the community while never giving up on an individual.

Ms. Law continued sharing information about the proposed ordinance including what will be prohibited, exceptions, term definitions, warnings, fines, and violation enforcement.

Mayor Gray stated that the ordinance appears to be developed around homelessness, but there are other situations that this may apply to as well, such as trespassing, camping on beaches and other similar circumstances.

Ms. Law confirmed that the Mayor's thoughts are correct and explained that the ordinance will address using the beach in a way that would violate the ordinance.

In response to Mayor Gray, Ms. Law stated that there are other ways that the police currently address situations such as trespassing in parks after dark, to include giving warnings of violations and/or charging individuals who violate park rules.

Ms. Law concluded the presentation sharing more information about terms, requirements and exceptions in the ordinance. She also spoke about enforcement and penalties associated with violations.

Ms. Law opened the floor for questions. No questions were posed and no further discussion took place.

It was moved by Councilwoman Campbell and seconded by Councilwoman Ferebee to defer Item No. 25-0170, to the legislative session on April 8, 2026.

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

Appointments

9. [25-0349](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Bowman to reappoint Linda Curtis (Legal

representative) to a second term until January 31, 2030; and Gail House (Faith Community Representative) to a second term until January 31, 2030; to appoint Spenser Bosch (Community At Large Representative) to a first term until March 31, 2030; to reappoint Benton Knight (Business Representative) to a second term until January 31, 2030; to appoint Amanda Wroten (Nonprofit representative) to a first term until March 31, 2030; to reappoint Stephen Deane to a second term (Faith Community Representative instead of an At Large Representative) until February 28, 2030; to appoint Keith Foster to a first term as a Community At Large representative until March 31, 2030; and to appoint Jason Mitchell as a City staff liaison. Vacancies are left for two business representatives and a neighborhood commission representative.

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

10. [25-0352](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens' Unity Commission (CUC)

It was moved by Councilwoman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Bowman to reappoint Mara Yoko to her first full term until January 31, 2030 and appoint Alyssa A. Turner to a first term until January 31, 2030.

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

12. [26-0032](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

It was moved by Councilwoman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Bowman to appoint Thurman L. Diamond and Justin Vias to first terms until March 31, 2030.

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

13. [26-0077](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA)
- It was moved by Councilwoman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Bowman to appoint Carlton Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Authority, until March 30, 2030.

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

11. [26-0023](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Prior to the motion on the Golf Course Advisory Committee, Councilwoman Campbell made the following statement: I will not participate in any discussion or vote concerning appointments to the Golf Course Advisory Committee because my spouse is under consideration for appointment.

It was moved by Councilwoman Ferebee and seconded by Councilman Bowman to reappoint Ralph Roberts to a second term until March 30, 2029; and to appoint John Campbell and Vanessa L. Hill to first terms until January 31, 2029.

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

Abstained: 1 - Councilmember Campbell

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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