

AT THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD HELD AT THE HAMPTON ROADS CONVENTION CENTER, 1610 COLISEUM DRIVE, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 10:00 AM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Gray called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

II. READING OF THE CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

Clerk of Council Katherine K. Glass read the call for the special meeting.

The purpose of this special joint meeting of the Hampton City Council, the Hampton School Board, the Hampton Economic Development Authority, the Hampton Planning Commission, and the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority is to help the city reach its full potential as a vibrant and thriving place to live, work, play, and visit. This educational opportunity and conversation will offer guidance on the best path forward which may include a new blueprint for growth; a framework for creating great streets, places and spaces; new zoning rules; a new public engagement approach; and a reimagined partnership between the City Council, staff, boards, commissions, and stakeholders.

Mayor Gray welcomed everyone and shared remarks as followed:

Before we start this special session, I want to thank everyone who is here with us today. The City Council is here and City Manager Mary Bunting. Superintendent Raymond Haynes is here along with the school board.

The Planning Commission is here, The Economic Development Authority is here, and also the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

To the residents who have come here to join us today, this probably looks like a whole lot of people gathered together around these tables, and it is. Because that's what it takes to make a city of 137,000 people function cleanly and efficiently. We all have our separate and specific jobs to do, but in the big picture we have the same goal. Putting it simply, we are all committed and invested in moving the city forward.

What do we want to see for Hampton? We want safe neighborhoods, exceptional schools, a thriving business community, a strong economy, and a city where every resident, every family, feels like part of the Hampton Community. Those are big goals, and achieving them doesn't come easily. It takes hard work every week of the year, from every one of the men and women we have here today. We have a great responsibility for the residents of Hampton and everyone at this table asked to be given that responsibility. We are proud to serve this city and its residents. So once again, thank you all for coming. We have important work to do, but we'll get it done because we will do it together.

III. ROLL CALL

A. CITY COUNCIL

A call of the roll noted Councilmembers Randy Bowman, Sr., Vice Mayor Steven Brown, Carolyn Campbell, Michelle Ferebee, Hope Harper, Martha Mugler and Mayor Jimmy Gray as present.

B. HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARD

A call of the roll noted Hampton School Board Members Vice-Chair Stephanie Jackson Afonja, Dr. Tina Banks-Gray, Ann Cherry, Joseph Kilgore, Jason Samuels, Dr. Reginald Woodhouse, and Chair Richard Mason, as present. Board Member Cherry arrived shortly after roll call.

C. HAMPTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A call of the roll noted Hampton Economic Development Authority Board Members Dwayne Blake, Valda Claiborne, Charlene Clark, John Ishon, Robert Pompey, Vice-Chair Carlton Campbell, and Chair James Peterson, as present.

D. HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION

A call of the roll noted Commissioners Joe Griffith, Vice-Chair Kathy Rogers, Tracy Brooks, Martha Mugler, Brian DeProfio, and Chair Michael Harris as present. Commissioner Trina Coleman was noted absent.

E. HAMPTON REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

A call of the roll noted Board Members Joyce Melvin-Jones, Jeffrey Sanford, Vice-Chair Shelton Tucker, James Young, and Chair Teresa Schmidt as present. Board Member Clarissa Wright was noted absent.

IV. JOINT WORK SESSION ON URBAN PLANNING & PLACEMAKING

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced the topic of the meeting and shared information on the presenter.

Mitchell J. Silver with assistance by Eliza Monroe gave a presentation that focused on urban planning and placemaking strategies for the city's future growth. This was a collaborative retreat that included the City Council, Planning Commission, School Board, Economic Development Authority, and Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The purpose was to discuss a new "blueprint for growth" to help Hampton become a more vibrant place to live, work, play, and visit. Key discussion points at the special joint session included: developing a new blueprint for growth, a framework for creating better streets, places, and spaces, potential updates to zoning regulations, a new public engagement approach and strengthening the partnership between the City Council and staff.

Introduction and Overview
Presentation #1 and Discussion
Break
Presentation #2 and Discussion
Lunch
Discussion/Exercises
Recap and Next Steps

Ms. Bunting and Mr. Silver offered closing comments. In Mayor Gray's absence, Vice Mayor Steven Brown provided remarks and invited the other groups to do the same. Dr. Richard Mason, Chair of the School Board, gave brief comments before adjourning the School Board meeting. James A. "Pete" Peterson, Chair of the Economic Development Authority, followed with remarks and adjourned the Authority's meeting. Michael Harris, Chair of the Planning Commission, also offered comments before bringing the Planning Commission meeting to a close. Finally, Teresa Schmidt, Chair of the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, shared remarks and adjourned the Authority's meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Mayor Brown adjourned the Hampton City Council meeting at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mikel
Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED BY:

Michael Harris
Chairman