



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

*Mayor Donnie R. Tuck*  
*Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis*  
*Councilmember Jimmy Gray*  
*Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs*  
*Councilmember Will Moffett*  
*Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt*  
*Councilmember Chris Snead*

*STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager*  
*Vanessa T. Valldejuli, City Attorney*  
*Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All members of the City Council were present.

**Present:** 7 - Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, Councilmember Will Moffett, Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

### DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

### INVOCATION - Councilmember Hobbs

Councilman Hobbs gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck introduced Ms. Ellen Williams of the Center for Child and Family Services, Inc., who spoke briefly on their LAUNCH program for youth who are aging out of foster care.

Ms. Williams opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Ms. Williams clarified that the Department of Social Services, the Department of Justice and high school graduation specialists provide the Center with information about youth who are in need or who may be on the verge of being homeless. She continued stating that the Center assesses each situation to determine what is needed. Counseling, toiletries, clothing and housing

are most often provided.

Ms. Williams noted that 105 people were served in a two year period, 81% of which were from the City of Hampton.

Mayor Tuck commended Ms. Williams and the Center for the work being done in our community.

1. [17-0014](#) Update on City's Approach to Crime and Youth Violence Prevention

Attachments: [Gun Violence Presentation](#)  
[Youth Violence Prevention Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting gave opening remarks regarding this effort. She introduced Hampton Chief of Police Terry Sult to lead the presentation about the City's Approach to Crime. She noted that following Chief Sult's presentation, Assistant City Manager Steven Bond would also speak about Youth Violence Prevention.

PART I

Chief Terry Sult greeted those on the dais and provided some of Hampton's 2016 crime statistics. Violent crime increased by approximately 12.14%; there were 23 homicides (eight more than in 2015); 72 people were shot; robberies remained the same; and there were 48 additional overall crime related incidents.

Chief Sult explained that those involved in violent crimes are typically involved in high risk factors that cause them to be at enhanced risk of being involved in violent crimes. He emphasized that there is a need for involved prevention and intervention due to the increasing number of guns on our streets. He also stressed the need for immediate enforcement in order to curb violence now and in the future. This will require a combined effort from not only the government, but also from everyone involved.

Chief Sult spoke about the Hampton Police Division's (HPD) Gun Crime Task Force and its accomplishments. He stated that despite all of the Task Force's success, there are still many people carrying guns resulting in numerous incidents. He announced that the HPD has partnered with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office to assist with law enforcement and to prosecute gun, gang and drug crimes on a federal level. He also announced that in an attempt to receive better results from the enforcement actions, Hampton will temporarily double the number of officers assigned to the Gun Crime Task Force.

Chief Sult briefly spoke about additional processes being implemented by the Gun Crime Task Force and recent staff and training processes being implemented for the betterment of the HPD and the safety of our City.

Chief Sult announced that the HPD is researching and testing various means of technology such as smart phones and software applications which will assist the department as a whole. He also spoke about Hampton partnering with other localities including the City of Newport News to improve safety and reduce costs.

Chief Sult spoke about programs designed to assist with crime prevention, intervention and recovery. They include the Explorers Program, the Safety Academy, the Cadet Program and the Operation Ceasefire Program. He stated improvements are being made to the Cadet Program which will create opportunities for our youth to work in public safety. He also spoke about the Operation Ceasefire Program which helps leverage those who are most at risk for committing crimes or becoming a victim. Under the Ceasefire Program, youth are encouraged to make significant life changes; otherwise, they will be subject to incarceration for the crimes committed. Chief Sult emphasized that the keys to the success of the Operation Ceasefire Program are ensuring appropriate resources are available for the success of our youth, and implementing the appropriate punishment or sentence for those who do not follow the program.

Chief Sult briefly spoke about additional resources that the HPD depends on for support. Some of them include school resource officers, the Hampton Police Gang Unit and neighboring localities. He emphasized that cooperation on information sharing, analysis and operation is extremely important.

Chief Sult also spoke about the importance of community engagement and officers being involved in non-enforcement activities.

Chief Sult called upon everyone to participate in the Look, Listen and Report Initiative which encourages people to report suspicious activity. He also emphasized that the HPD will not rest until gun crime offenders are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law and until the HPD provides true opportunities for our youth in an attempt to break the long-term cycle and get guns off the street.

Chief Sult opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

Councilman Gray inquired about how much crime is related to gangs working across city lines to Newport News.

Chief Sult stated that gangs are somewhat turf oriented and it is possible for crimes to cross city lines with Hampton and Newport News being neighboring cities. He added that 60-70% of shootings are gang or criminal nexus related; however, this problem exists beyond Hampton and Newport News and has become a regional, state and national problem. He added that a more recent concern has been that many crimes have shifted from a drug related commodity to a fire arms commodity and theft of fire arms. This results in many guns on the street and people resolving the slightest disagreement with gun violence.

Councilwoman Snead asked how many officers are needed on the street to accomplish optimal policing and help Hampton curtail crime.

Chief Sult stated crime can be reduced with community engagement and enforcement operations from neighboring cities. He explained that there is a better chance of displacing crime out of the area when communities work together and participate in hand-in-hand initiatives. He said Hampton is approximately 30 officers shy of where it needs to be today; however, this number has the potential to increase every year moving forward. He noted that additional considerations are the need for balancing recruitment and training, and remembering that younger officers are not yet seasoned.

In response to Councilwoman Snead, Chief Sult emphasized that citizens need to engage and cooperate with the police in order to keep the community safe. He reminded everyone that technology helps validate information; however, 90% of cases are solved when people come forward with revealing information about suspects.

Ms. Bunting added that citizen cooperation also plays an important role in crime prevention. She explained when citizens intervene when they notice people such as drug addicts or friends of gang members heading in the wrong direction, future crimes may be prevented if those individuals are encouraged to participate in one of our crime prevention programs.

In response to Councilman Hobbs, Chief Sult reminded everyone that the public can contact the Police Department to report suspicious activity not only via phone, but also via the Crime Line, and other online crime tip lines.

Chief Sult closed emphasizing that the HPD does not have resources to place officers on every corner of the City; therefore, it polices the population that calls for assistance and reports victimization of crimes. This increases the chances of our officers being injured because they are going in these neighborhoods with high crime rates more often. He emphasized that this is a problem that needs to shift in

our City and our country.

PART II

Chief Sult responded to a series of questions posed by Council regarding crime in the City of Hampton.

At Mayor Tuck's request, Chief Sult spoke about the cause for the fluctuation in crime in the City of Hampton in recent years. He explained that a rapid spike in numbers sometimes occurs when a particular group or gang participates in repeated crimes or a crime trend. He added that as of October 2016, Hampton experienced a dramatic increase in violent crimes including those associated with gun trafficking. This motivated the need for and the creation of the Gun Crime Task Force.

Mayor Tuck said previous information revealed that Hampton and Newport News had quick return times for getting weapons off the streets and reducing opportunities for fire arms to pass from person to person; however, a more recent report shows the turnaround time has increased.

Chief Sult explained turnaround times have increased because: (1) there are only seven Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) agents assigned to the Hampton Roads area, none of which are assigned to Hampton. Previously, two ATF agents were assigned to our office. (2) the analysis necessary for court preparation requires a certified forensics examiner. This requires more time than analysis alone. (3) extended delays are a result of an increase in shootings, and (4) extended delays are a result of a heavy workload at the State lab (there is only one system which covers Hampton Roads).

In response to Mayor Tuck, Chief Sult spoke about the Real Time Intelligence Center which provides real time analytical and investigative support. The center will open with existing resources and will utilize light duty officers and volunteers to monitor camera systems. There will be an effort to institute founding blocks for new technologies and take advantage of the current systems in place such as the integration of camera systems. These systems need to be replaced; therefore, resources will be shared with the Public Works Department. Currently, the Police Department is budgeted at approximately \$350,000 for the center. There will be a need for evaluation with regards to tying it into analysis assistance (training and resources).

Ms. Bunting noted that the funds for the Real Time Intelligence Center were part of the FY17 budget.

Mayor Tuck expressed concern about a perception in the community that there will be a shortage of officers on the street. He asked what plan is in place to acquire additional officers for this project considering there is already a need for additional officers to man the Gun Crime Task Force and patrol the neighborhoods.

Chief Sult clarified that the analysts involved in the Real Time Intelligence Center will be civilians. There will be one Sergeant who will supervise the group.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Chief Sult spoke about the roles of the Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant positions stating a Corporal answers service calls and acts as a supervisor in the absence of a supervisor; a Sergeant is the first line supervisor, the formal Sergeant of the shift; and the Lieutenant (platoon commander) is responsible for both the working shift and the off shift. Chief Sult clarified that the change between Corporals and Sergeants was intended to create more supervisory responsibilities at that level. Chief Sult added that part of the Sergeant's role in police strategy is to engage in the community providing direct accountability between the officers and the problems in the neighborhood.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Chief Sult explained that being proactive involves community engagement and crime prevention by collaborating with the community to report activity. Chief Sult also clarified that reactive behavior involves handling crimes that have already occurred. He noted that the reactive approach requires additional officers on the street.

Chief Sult expressed concern that the state of our nation has changed since the Ferguson, MO, Michael Brown incident. This resulted in a shift in the national dialogue, video and social media enhancements eroding the public's trust in police forces, and an increase in gun trafficking and shootings victims.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Chief Sult stated that he does not believe Hampton is in a situation similar to Ferguson, MO; instead, the cities of Hampton and Newport News have been recognized as localities with problem solving and community oriented policing agencies. He stressed that when police are involved in reactive policing, there isn't much time for community engagement resulting in the need for more officers and a balance between professionally aggressive enforcement and community oriented policing.

At Mayor Tuck's request, Chief Sult spoke about recruiting retired officers to work part-time in an attempt to help with the police officer shortage. Chief Sult stated a few officers have been hired to assist in administrative areas; however, there has not been much success in locating officers interested in patrolling the streets. He explained that retired officers have either pursued other higher compensating

opportunities or are enjoying retirement. He noted that the police department is hoping to see more success with an auxiliary opportunity and is always interested in having officers return to the department.

Mayor Tuck expressed concern about our officers being fatigued due to working 12 hour shifts.

Chief Sult reminded everyone that the 12 hour shift recommendation came from a committee of officers, not the Police Chief. He stated his preference would be to follow the 21st Century policing model which allows officers to choose from reasonable margins of 8, 10 or 12 hour shifts. He shared that the committee was required to abide by two guiding principles when making their decision. They were that officer availability could not be reduced and the recommendation could not logistically cost more.

Chief Sult shared some of the challenges associated with the 12 hour shift and expressed the need for evaluation of the plan. The challenges include: (1) requiring officers to appear in court the morning after a night shift. (2) the high retirement rate. (3) the shortage of HPD officers. (4) once hired, new officers must be trained appropriately and (5) officers have different scenarios to fit their schedules. For example, a retail officer may need an 8 hour shift during a retail establishment's hours.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Chief Sult clarified that the 12 hour shift change came about because the other shifts in place were believed to be in violation of the Department of Labor rules.

At Councilman Moffett's request, Chief Sult spoke about the correlation between crime and the opioid epidemic. He explained that there is some crossover with opioids; however, the opioid situation has taken a unique turn with the mixture of drugs becoming more powerful and deadly. He announced that Hampton saw 105 overdoses and 17 opioid related deaths in 2016. He also informed everyone that Hampton treats every opioid death as a homicide because it is likely that an illegal drug nexus is associated with each death. He reminded everyone that the HPD responds to every overdose in an attempt to track these incidents as a public health issue. Hampton has also partnered with health care providers who provide training and drug counteracting medication in an attempt to save lives in our community.

Chief Sult noted that the opioid epidemic combined with other crimes and concerns create an atmosphere where police resources are stretched.

Ms. Bunting noted that the technology initiative will require mid-year funding;

therefore, staff will come before Council at the next meeting with a proposal for funding regarding the appropriate resources for smart phones and other technology.

PART III

Assistant City Manager Steven Bond provided an update on the City's approach to youth violence. He also spoke about some of the departmental programs designed to support this effort. He encouraged everyone to visit the City's website at [www.hampton.gov](http://www.hampton.gov) for more information on each program and to view today's presentation.

Mr. Bond elaborated on the Balanced Approach to Success and Empowerment Program (BASE). This program creates and sustains a system of support with the purpose of eliminating barriers for children regarding attendance, engagement and achievement in school. Mr. Bond explained that under this program, social workers are placed in schools with the purpose of ensuring all family problems (of the child having problems) are addressed. This ensures that there are no barriers for that child to be able to come to school ready to learn.

Mr. Bond spoke about the Economic Development Department's effort to enhance the connectivity between Hampton businesses and citizens in order to fill job openings.

Mayor Tuck noted that Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) has a program in which it provides transportation passes for our youth. He inquired about what programs exist in which the older population can take advantage of employment opportunities and transportation to and from jobs in our community.

Mr. Bond stated the Work Force Development and Economic Development Departments are working with community partners to tackle those concerns. He also noted that the Economic Development Department will provide more details at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Bond elaborated on the Grassroots Grants Program, one of the programs under the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. He explained that programs are allowed to apply for funding year after year; however, are awarded a reduced amount of funding each year and are required to move toward self-sustainability. He clarified that the program is designed to provide start-up funds to assist those with evidence-based programs with moving toward self-sufficiency rather than to completely fund or pay for the programs.

Mr. Bond spoke about the Phoebus Pilot Partnership Program. He said this is one



of the pilot programs for our asset based community development model where people from the community identify their assets and their challenges and determine solutions in which the City plays a supportive role in helping them resolve their problems.

City Manager Bunting recognized Pastor Gail House who was in the audience. Pastor House shared information about the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service to take place on Monday, January 16, 2017, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at North Phoebus Community Center. Interested participants were encouraged to register at <http://www.allforgood.org/volunteer/opportunity/21447> .

Mr. Bond spoke about the Community Basketball Tournament Spring Break Initiative. He explained that the City will partner with organizations to provide a positive outlet for students while they are on spring break and encourage them to participate in healthy competition. He added that in addition to the tournament, staff is considering organizing a neighborhood basketball league as another positive activity for our youth.

Mr. Bond reminded everyone that our approach to youth violence and the prevention of crime must be a complete community effort. He encouraged every adult in the community to commit to improving the community by helping a child in any way possible. He then opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

Councilman Moffett thanked Mr. Bond for the informative presentation. He asked Mr. Bond to check into extending community and neighborhood center hours of operation past 6:00 p.m., as this may assist youth who typically get involved in trouble after 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Bunting clarified that the 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. operation hours refer to the after school program. Most of our community centers remain open until 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. She noted that extending community center hours beyond 9 p.m. will be taken into consideration.

Councilman Moffett asked Mr. Bond to share the outcome of the survey taken by our youth and their parents regarding the Urgency of Now Symposium.

Mr. Bond said the responses to the survey were used to create the topics that will be discussed at the Urgency of Now Symposium. He clarified that the purpose of the survey was to ensure that the issues that are important to the community get addressed.

Councilman Gray thanked Mr. Bond for a comprehensive presentation and inquired

about how many families are being assisted by the Healthy Start Program. Mr. Bond noted that he did not have the exact information, but would provide it to Council at a later date.

Councilman Gray asked whether the program called Youth Connect is still active. He explained this program was known for providing resources to youth who were on the verge of getting involved with gangs and other juvenile situations.

Mr. Bond stated the Youth Connect Program is currently not in operation; however, staff is working to build pieces similar to the Youth Connect Program to encourage positive engagement for families of our youth.

Presented by Hampton Police Chief Terry Sult and Assistant City Manager Steve Bond. Chief Sult presented until about 7:20 p.m. and then this agenda item was suspended until the end of the agenda so as to not inconvenience other individuals present on other agenda items.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., this agenda item resumed with Mayor Tuck asking several questions of Chief Sult.

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Bond began his presentation on the City's youth violence prevention efforts.

During Mr. Bond's presentation, the City Manager recognized Pastor House who was in the audience. She shared information on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to take place on Monday, January 16, 2017, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at North Phoebus Community Center. Interested participants may register at:

<http://www.allforgood.org/volunteer/opportunity/21447>

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

City Attorney Vanessa Valldejuli read the modified language to the resolution regarding item 17-0015.

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember

Hobbs, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

2. [17-0001](#) Resolution to Accept and Appropriate a Contribution of Money from Hampton City Schools in the Amount of \$10,000 to Further Youth Violence Prevention Efforts in the City of Hampton  
Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

3. [17-0007](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant through the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Health

**Attachments:** [MIECHV2017AwardLetter](#)  
[CONTRACT 705BJ632554 City Hampton](#)  
[Attachment G revised](#)  
[Attachment E MIECHV Budget Revision](#)

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

4. [17-0011](#) Approval of the minutes from the legislative session of November 9, 2016.  
Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

5. [17-0015](#) Resolution of the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia Confirming the Declaration of a Local Emergency Made

Necessary by the "January 2017 Snow Storm" also named "Helena" and Declared by the Hampton Director of Emergency Services on January 6, 2017, and the termination thereof effective 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2017.

**Attachments:** [Declaration of Emergency](#)  
[Termination of Emergency](#)

Item approved.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

## PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Clerk read the protocol for Public Hearings.

## Community Plan Amendment

6. [17-0006](#) Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the future land use designation for the former site of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-disabled

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)  
[Future Land Use Map](#)  
[Presentation](#)

Chief Planner Mike Hayes emphasized that this is regarding a policy change, not a change to zoning or what may potentially be built there under our zoning rules and regulations. He added that any future development or rezoning would come before Council for review.

Mr. Hayes clarified that the future land use map recognizes the school as still existing because the plan was adopted in 2006; however, the school closed in 2010. He explained that since that time, the City has taken possession of most of the property with approximately 25 acres of property in a private trust.

Mr. Hayes spoke about possible future uses for the site. The City explored making this location a residential site through Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA); however, no viable proposals came about as a result of that effort. Staff recommended the larger portion of the property be used for business industrial land use given the proximity to I-664 and Copeland Industrial Park. He noted that

access to I-664 gives this site great access to the port of Virginia and I-64 west to Richmond.

Mr. Hayes also spoke about the heavily wooded southern portion of the site and stated the recommendation is for low density residential in that location; this could potentially include new residences, a park or another public amenity for the community. Mr. Hayes added that in discussions with the City Manager, this may present an opportunity to pay homage to the former school site.

Mr. Hayes briefly spoke about the desired goals and objectives to be accomplished with this recommendation.

Mr. Hayes stated staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the community plan amendment. He then opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

In response to Councilwoman Schmidt, Mr. Hayes clarified that approximately 14 acres of land would buffer the neighborhood. He noted that a rezoning would be required and provide an opportunity to work with any proposal to ensure the appropriate buffer is there.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the motion.

This item was presented by Mike Hayes, Chief Planner. There were no speakers on this public hearing. Following the public hearing, Councilwoman Schmidt made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan amendment. It was seconded by Councilwoman Snead and passed on the following vote.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

#### Resolutions

7. [17-0008](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Between the City of Hampton and Curt Mont Global Services, Inc. for Approximately 1,845 sq. ft. of Space in the Hamptons Clubhouse at the Hamptons Golf Course, 320 Butler Farm Road

Attachments: [Lease Exhibit A - Restuarant Inventory](#)  
[Lease](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

City Manager Bunting noted that staff has recommended Council approve this lease. Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Myers was in attendance to address any concerns; however, no questions were posed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Randy Dillard greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm the Vice President of Curt Mont Global Services, Inc. The last time I spoke before this body, Ann Kilgore was the Mayor of the City of Hampton. I'm here to tell you who I am. I am a native of Hampton. My corporation is out of the Chesterfield, Virginia area. We are here to serve the community and the golfers of the City of Hampton. We have excellent cuisine. Curt Mont Global Services, Inc. also does food service management for institutions, colleges, universities, as well as transportation management. We partner with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT). In addition to that, we have a government relations and association management organization. We are very pleased to be in my home town of Hampton, Virginia to provide excellent service. We want you to come by. We want you to experience Annabelle's menu. Thank you.

In response to Councilman Hobbs, Mr. Dillard confirmed that the restaurant will serve breakfast. Mr. Dillard continued stating that management is in the process of tweaking some things. For example, there aren't as many patrons during the winter months; however, there will be food at the turn. Mr. Dillard added that his company is an experienced operator at golf courses and conference and other types of centers. They also operate a golf course in Petersburg, Virginia. He noted that the company has also hired a catering staff, a chef, a kitchen manager and a substitute chef, so they are ready to represent the City of Hampton with the best cuisine available.

Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing and called for the motion.

There was one speaker under the public hearing, Randy Dillard, of Curt Mont Global Services, Inc. Following the public hearing, Councilman Hobbs made a motion to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Curtis and passed on the following vote.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

8. [17-0009](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Between the City of Hampton and Mutzy, Inc. for Approximately 1,513 sq. ft. of Space in the Woodlands Clubhouse at the Woodlands Golf Course, 9 Woodland Road

**Attachments:** [WOODLANDS Exhibit A - Floor Plan.pdf](#)  
[WOODLANDS Exhibit B - KITCHEN EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE.doc](#)  
[WOODLANDS - Lease 2017 - FINAL DRAFT.doc](#)

The Clerk read the title for this item.

Ms. Bunting reminded everyone that Mutzy Inc. owns and operates Crabtown Raw Bar and Grille in Hampton and will be providing breakfast, lunch and snack services on and off course. She noted that Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Myers would answer questions regarding this item if needed; however, no questions were posed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the motion.

There were no speakers on the public hearing. Following the public hearing, Councilman Hobbs made a motion to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Councilman Gray and passed on the following vote.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk read the protocol for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. John Krulis greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am back on the aquatics center. Thirty one point five million. It's amazing when you actually think in those terms, \$31.5 million almost makes Harbor Square pale at \$13.5 million. About the teen center: I know it is like comparing apples to oranges. It is one of those things that I followed before and after. I really found it to be

disappointing that that went forward the way it did because it really was obvious that it wasn't going to work. It was obvious to me, at any rate, that it wasn't going to work. It was an expenditure for purchase of about \$3 million and then (the City) spent how many more millions (elevators don't come cheap). Yet, it has never found its purpose. Five million dollars, maybe, and who knows why or how? Think about it. So, \$31.5 million - I'm not talking about something that needs to be replaced for the City of Hampton, for the citizens of Hampton, for people who swim and for our athletes, but his idea of going into business I think is just absolutely foolhardy. The article in the paper - Mr. Murphy is no longer at the paper. Isn't that amazing? I don't know what the story is, but if Mr. Murphy is out there somewhere, thank you for this article. I'm going to make copies of it (I think that is legal). Everything you need to know about this proposal is right there. All of the instances in North Carolina, Christiansburg, Virginia and there are many more instances that you can look at and ask is this a worthy project? Is this going to really make the money that this is telling you it will? And, really and truly, the last sentence in this last article is the winner. Take this to heart: the projections are for annual operations only and don't include the roughly \$2.3 million in debt service the City would have to pay for the center every single year. Do you think that investment of \$31.5 million would not call for many, many, many more millions of dollars to maintain it beyond falling apart? These projections, which don't make any sense whatsoever, about what it would cost and how much return on investment pales compare to the debt service - \$2.3 million. Every one of you needs to be very, very, very, very concerned about it. Very, very concerned. Happy New Year. Thank you.

## GENERAL ITEMS

### Ordinances

### Resolutions

### Appointments

The Clerk read the motions required with respect to the appointments.

9. [16-0222](#) Consideration of appointments to the Peninsula Stadium Authority  
  
A motion was made by Councilman Hobbs, and seconded by Councilman Gray, that this agenda item be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back by 1/25/2017. The motion carried.



**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

10. [17-0002](#) Consideration of an appointment to Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority

A motion was made by Councilman Hobbs, and seconded by Councilman Gray, that this agenda item be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back by 1/25/2017. The motion carried.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

11. [17-0018](#) Consideration of appointments to Animal Control Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis to reappoint John "Andy" Anderson as a citizen representative and Dr. Henry McKelvin as the veterinarian representative to second terms expiring on January 31, 2020. The motion carried.

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck

#### **REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES**

Ms. Bunting shared that several businesses have donated supplies and are participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday. She encouraged everyone in the community to participate. Mr. Bond challenged local students of higher learning to participate in the event.

Ms. Bunting reiterated that some of the problems discussed in today's meeting can be solved by people coming together and working together in the effort to reduce crime.

Mayor Tuck shared that there is a Day of Caring tomorrow at Y.H. Thomas Community Center. Mayor Tuck announced that he will be holding a town hall meeting at the Northampton Community Center on January 12th from 6 until 8 p.m.

He also mentioned that on December 17th, wreaths were placed on graves at the Hampton National Cemetery on the campus of Hampton University; volunteers are needed this Saturday, January 14th at 10 a.m. to assist in removing the wreaths. He then reminded citizens of the opportunity for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday.

**MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Curtis thanked the Public Works crews and other City staff who worked hard during the recent snow storm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Donnie R. Tuck  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, CMC  
Clerk of Council

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