



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Special Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Chris L. Bowman
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Billy Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Second Public Hearing and First Reading of the Budget

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked the Clerk of Council to read the call for the special meeting.

READING OF THE CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

The Clerk of Council, Katherine K. Glass, stated that this meeting was called by agreement of all members of Council for the specific purpose of conducting public hearings on the FY 22 budget and to take legislative actions specifically required to adopt the City of Hampton's budget for FY 22.

Clerk of Council Katherine K. Glass then called the roll and all members of the City Council were present.

Present 7 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

AGENDA

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Steven Brown

Councilman Brown gave the invocation.

Mayor Tuck stated tonight is a special meeting and a special presentation.

Mayor Tuck continued, someone once told me that “The NFL begins in Hampton” and our Clerk tried to track down where that originated. We believe it dates back to the days when Charlie Walker was the Director of Parks and Recreation or perhaps even as far back as when Suey Eason held that position - actually he was Hampton’s first Director of Parks & Recreation. A review of Hampton’s football history will likely yield names beginning with Chris Hanburger and, in more recent times, Dwight Stevenson, Jerod Mayo, Ronald Curry, and Tyrod Taylor among others. In any event, the saying resonates right now as two young men from Hampton were drafted during last weekend’s NFL draft: Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah and Dazz Newsome.

Tonight, we’d like to take a few minutes to recognize these young men and wish them their city’s best as they begin their professional careers. While it is interesting to have two picks during the same draft, the real story here is that both Jeremiah and Dazz began playing football with Hampton recreation league teams right out of Gosnold’s Hope Park and went on to play during their high school years at Darling Stadium. Certainly, the skills, teamwork, camaraderie, and commitment to school work that these young men learned as rec-league participants carried forward to their successful Hampton City School years. Additionally, football alone isn’t what got these young men into the University of North Carolina and Notre Dame.

Jeremiah, who I believe goes by Woo, played for Y. H. Thomas and then went on to play both football and basketball at Bethel High School. He then went onto play at Notre Dame and now will begin his professional career with the Cleveland Browns. During his junior year, Jeremiah won the Butkus Award as the country’s top linebacker and was also a finalist for two other awards. He was named a first-team Associated Press All-American and ACC Defensive Player of the Year. Woo was a second-round pick at number 20.

Dazz began his football journey as a Woodland Wildcat and then moved over to the Kappa Cardinals. It was obviously in his blood as his father and brother both played football at Virginia Tech. He later played at Hampton High School where, as a senior, he was named the Daily Press Player of the Year with 35 touchdowns. He continued his football career at the University of North Carolina where he received second-team All-ACC honors having a team-high 72 receptions and 10 touchdowns in 12 starts. The Chicago Bears selected Dazz as a Wide Receiver and a sixth-round pick at number 37.

Mayor Tuck then read a statement of congratulations from Superintendent of Hampton City Schools, Dr. Jeffery Smith.

Mayor Donnie Tuck, Vice Mayor James Gray, and members of the City Council. Unfortunately, I cannot be with you on this momentous occasion because of a schedule School Board meeting. However, please know that I join members of our school community in extending congratulations to Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, a graduate of Bethel High School and Notre Dame, on being drafted to the Cleveland Browns and Dazz Newsome, a Hampton High School graduate and the University of North Carolina, on being drafted to the Chicago Bears.

Their individual journeys demonstrate the importance of leadership, discipline, and commitment on and off the field. To say that we are proud of Jeremiah and Dazz is an understatement. Without question, we will continue to follow them as they enter into the next phase of accomplishments within the NFL arena. Knowing the skill and talent they embody will create greater excitement as we watch the Cleveland Browns and the Chicago Bears play during the upcoming season. Indeed, they are our hometown heroes.

We wish them all the best during football season and, more importantly, good health and prosperity in life!

Mayor Tuck stated I know that all of those here with us in Council Chambers as well as those watching from home will join me, my fellow members of the City Council and the Hampton School Board and administration of Hampton City Schools in wishing these young men the best as they continue their journey. We have some sendoff gifts to share with them in the hopes that they'll keep Hampton in their hearts and return, as many of their peers have, to give back to the generations who follow them.

Mayor Tuck made the comment that he did not pick out all of the Carolina blue stuff and asked that Jeremiah not be offended and his mother would say, "You need to treat your guests decently." The Mayor stated he could not resist in putting on his Duke mask tonight.

Mayor Tuck asked Jermeiah and Dazz to come forward to receive gifts and take pictures.

Public Hearings

Mayor Tuck asked City Manager, Mary Bunting, to make comments on tonight's meeting.

Ms. Bunting made the following remarks. In tonight's special meeting the City Council will hold a statutorily required public hearing regarding the real property tax levy, and a second public hearing on the City budget and tax rates. Council will also conduct an initial vote on the City's Fiscal Year 2022 budget and appropriation ordinances that require two readings (ordinances that, by City Code, cannot be passed on the same day of their introduction.) These ordinances include those appropriating money exceeding the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and those imposing taxes. The budget ordinances that require only one reading for adoption are in the agenda tonight for public hearing as advertised, but only for public hearing. They will be on your agenda for vote at a later meeting along with the appropriation and tax ordinances that require a second reading. Thus, the final vote on the entire budget will take place on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

By tradition and practice, even when we anticipate subsequent changes to the budget, we approve all budget ordinances as presented for first reading to move things along and to give Council and staff a second full opportunity to hear from the public. We incorporate desired changes after first reading by amending individual ordinances as necessary on second reading when they are approved. Please note that the budget ordinances, even when finally approved, will not be effective until July, 1, 2021 or January 1, 2022 in case of personal property taxes. For voting tonight, each budget and tax ordinance will be voted on separately.

Clerk of Council, Katherine Glass, read the protocol for the public hearings.

1. [21-0009](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments relative to the Proposed Effective Real Property Tax Increase The real property tax rate is proposed to remain at its current rate of \$1.24 per \$100 of assessed value
The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no speakers so the public hearing was closed. No action was required.
2. [21-0030](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments Regarding the City Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Jerry Eley stated that his concern was about the letter the City Manager Mary Bunting put out with the proposals for the \$6.5 million gun range for the Police Department versus the lack of funds for storm water fees and so forth. My concern was this something that is actually needed for the City of Hampton versus flood

control. Mr. Eley stated he was not sure the \$6.5 million has already been allocated but from what was online was that the funds for the flood control was lacking. Instead of increasing the tax rate for everyone in the City of Hampton with the increase in sewer fees and what not versus gun range. My thing was is it necessary and how important is a gun range for the City of Hampton versus flood control and that money could be better suited for the community. Mr. Eley wanted to know if it is actual fact or was that just a proposal that was being done.

Mayor Tuck responded that someone would get him an answer before he leaves.

Executive Director of Community Brain Injury Services, Jason Young, greeted Council and made the following statement. Community Brain Injury Services is a designated safety net provider for brain injury here on the Virginia Peninsula and I am here tonight to thank you for your continued support of our clubhouse program down here called The Denbigh House in your proposed budget. The funding you give us is critical, not only the full staffing of the program but the State Contractual obligations we have to provide our services down here. Like everyone else this past year has been a year like no other. I want to give you a brief update on what we have been doing. First of all, brain injury is defined as a chronic illness by the Center of Disease Control so our population was at a heightened risk do to COVID. When the pandemic first hit, like everyone else, we had to shut down our in person services. But we adapted almost overnight to an all virtual platform to continue our services to the over 300 clients that we serve. Within them purchasing tablets, ensuring access to Wi-Fi so they can access those services. However, we knew that as a safety net human service provider that it was essential for us to reopen our in person services and one of the very reasons clubhouse programs like The Denbigh House even exist is to break the social isolation that is a common place after disability. I think that is something that after this past year we can all relate to that prolonged social isolation has a way of debilitating mental health impacts on individuals. We were one of the first brain injury providers in the state to reopen. In July, we obviously did so with an array of safety precautions, organization of clubhouse space, continually updating our protocols as science and government mandates events. With that said, many of our clients and our clubhouse members elected not to return to in person services initially. Because of this we had to continue to offer our daily virtual services and right now we offer this dual hybrid level of services so we are able to engage everyone within our service system effectively. Lastly, and perhaps one of the most important things we were able to do this past year is that we partnered with a local pharmacy down here and we were able to put on two vaccination clinics for persons within our services as well as their direct family members and care givers. We able to give out a total of 240

vaccinations at those clinics, one at The Denbigh House and the other one up in our Richmond Clubhouse. At the clinics we have people in wheelchairs come in, people with walkers, persons with cognitive deficits, persons we serve have a lot of anxiety and perhaps some hesitancy with getting the vaccine but because we were able to have it at our facilities. A place that they knew, people they trusted we were able to get our folks vaccinated. I just wanted to say that because I know there has been a lot of discussion around vaccine equity and making sure the vaccine gets to the underserved communities. But not a lot about making sure it gets served to people with disabilities. We are very proud we were able to make the vaccine accessible for our community that we are charged with serving. Our ability to navigate this once in a century pandemic would not be possible without the strong and ongoing funding commitment from the City of Hampton and once again thank you for your continued support.

Mayor Tuck closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tuck addressed Mr. Eley's question and stated the gun range and the storm water fees and projects are not mutually exclusive. In one sense, the gun range the police use is in a neighborhood that also has a children's pre-school and they try and make arrangements so children are not outside when the gun range is in use but does not always happen that way. The City finally has the money and the will to move the gun range and it is not something that is nice to have but a necessity. In respect to storm water, it was found that Hampton is one of the lowest among a number of localities. Council is also concerned about the increase in the fees and are looking into.

Mayor Tuck yielded to City Manager Mary Bunting for additional comment.

Ms. Bunting agreed with what Mayor Tuck stated and the consideration for moving the gun range over the last thirty years. The city will be able to do many storm water and flood control projects in the upcoming budget and a final decision will be made next week.

No action was required.

Tax Ordinances (Non-Coded) Requiring Two Readings

3. [21-0010](#) Ordinance to Adopt the Tax Rate Applicable to Real Estate and Improvements Thereon in the City of Hampton, Virginia for Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Bowman and seconded by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 4. [21-0011](#) Ordinance to Adopt Tax Rates Applicable to All Classifications of Tangible Personal Property Liable for Such Levy in the City of Hampton, Virginia for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2022

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray and seconded by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Fees and Fines (Coded) Requiring One Reading

- 5. [21-0012](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 33.2, Titled "Stormwater Management," Article IV, Titled "Service Charges and Revenues," Section 33.2-35, Titled "Same-Billing, Payment, Interest, Fee and Lien"

Attachments: [Stormwater ERU increase 4.21.21](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

- 6. [21-0031](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 30, Titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal," Article III, Titled ""Sewer Use Charges," Section 30-48, Titled "Amount"

Attachments: [Sewer User and Surcharge 4.21.21](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12,

2021, legislative session of City Council.

Appropriation Ordinances (Non-Coded) Requiring Two Readings

- 7. [21-0013](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the General Fund of the City of Hampton (City and Schools) for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) General Fund - as published](#)
[\(2022\) General Fund RV 1 - as passed](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown and seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 8. [21-0014](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Capital Budget (Capital Project) Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Capital Budget \(Capital Projects\) Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 9. [21-0015](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Hampton Coliseum - Arts Commission Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Hampton Coliseum - Arts Commission Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Chris Snead, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. [21-0016](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Hampton Roads Convention Center Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Hampton Roads Convention Center Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. [21-0019](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Fleet Services Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Fleet Services Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Bowman and seconded by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. [21-0022](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Risk Management Fund of the City of Hampton (City and Schools) for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) 25-47 Ordinances - Risk Management Fund](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray and seconded by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13. [21-0023](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Solid Waste Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Solid Waste Management Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown and seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. [21-0024](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Steam Plant Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Steam Plant Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. [21-0025](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Stormwater Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Stormwater Management Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Chris Snead, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

16. [21-0026](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Wastewater Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Wastewater Management Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

17. [21-0029](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Grant Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Grant Fund](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Bowman and seconded by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, that this Ordinance-Budget-Non-Coded be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Appropriation Ordinances (Non-Coded) Requiring One Reading

18. [21-0017](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for The

Hamptons Golf Course Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) The Hamptons Golf Course Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

19. [21-0018](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Woodlands Golf Course Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Woodlands Golf Course Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

20. [21-0020](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Fleet Services - Equipment Replacement Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Fleet Services - Equipment Replacement Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

21. [21-0021](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Information Technology Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Information Technology Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

22. [21-0027](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME") Fund of the City of Hampton for the Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) CDBG and HOME Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

23. [21-0028](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Economic Development Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Attachments: [\(2022\) Economic Development Fund](#)

This item was read but no action is required until the May 12, 2021, legislative session of City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____