



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

*Mayor Jimmy Gray*

*Vice Mayor Steven L. Brown*

*Councilmember Randy C. Bowman, Sr.*

*Councilmember Carolyn S. Campbell*

*Councilmember Michelle Taylor Ferebee*

*Councilmember Hope L. Harper*

*Councilmember Martha M. Mugler*

*STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager*

*Courtney R. Sydnor, City Attorney*

*Katherine K. Glass, MMC, Clerk of Council*

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**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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**This is an interim record of the legislative actions of City Council. It will be replaced by the City Council's minutes once they are approved by the City Council.**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members of the City Council 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 Michelle Taylor Ferebee**

Councilwoman Ferebee gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Gray shared that March is Women's History Month and shared that this is the first time that there has been a majority of women sitting on City Council and also acknowledged the female City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. He indicated that the female members of City Council would give a presentation later in the meeting.

Mayor Gray also shared the following details of the next steps on his listening tour. Listening sessions will take place Wednesday, March 18 at the North Hampton Community Center from 6:00 – 7:30 pm; March 24 at Sandy Bottom Nature Park from 6:00 – 7:30 pm; April 2 at Aberdeen Elementary School from 6:00 – 7:30 pm; and a makeup session on April 16 at the Fox Hill Neighborhood Center. In addition, two listening opportunities will take place for the Hopeful Hampton Initiative which will bring young people and community partners together to combat gun violence. The Mayor encouraged citizens to attend these sessions and to reach out to him about their thoughts and concerns if they missed the opportunity to attend these sessions.

## 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 Councilmember Harper, 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. [25-0080](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant Awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Attachments:** [CORRECTED CoC Overview CY25](#)  
[Grant Routing Form CoC Planning Project FY25.pdf](#)  
[Grant Proposal Overview - CoC Planning Project FY25.pdf](#)  
[Award Letter - CoC Planning Grant FY2025.pdf](#)  
[Grant Agreement - CoC Planning Grant FY2025.pdf](#)

Item approved.

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

2. [25-0082](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget to Accept \$457,068 in Additional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to Appropriate those Funds to the Capital Fund (Capital Projects Fund) for the Traffic Signal System Retimings Phase II Project  
Item approved.

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

3. [25-0081](#) Resolution Requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation Program Four New Projects into its Six-Year Improvement Plan

**Attachments:** [119212 Agreement Package](#)  
[119233 Agreement Package](#)  
[123163 Agreement Package](#)  
[123173 Agreement Package](#)

Item approved.

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

4. [25-0086](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate a Total of \$500,000 from the Capital Budget (Projects) Committed Fund Balance Account to the Capital Budget (Projects) Fund to fund a Contribution to the Hampton Newport-News Community Services Board  
Item approved.

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

5. [25-0078](#) Approval of the minutes from the ceremonial session of February 26, 2025, and the legislative sessions of January 8, 2025, February 12, 2025, and March 12, 2025.

Item approved.

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS**

Councilwoman Campbell gave a brief history of Women's History Month and she was followed by Councilwoman Mugler sharing information on Hampton's first female Mayor, Ann Kilgore; Councilwoman Ferebee sharing information on Hampton's second female Mayor, Mamie Locke; and Councilwoman Harper sharing information on Hampton's third female Mayor, Molly Joseph Ward. Councilwoman Campbell closed with a bit more information about Women's History Month and the history of the many women who have served or are serving the City of Hampton in various roles.

Mayor Gray also made remarks about women who have served or are serving the City of Hampton in various roles.

Mayor Gray presented a pin to Katherine K. Glass, the Clerk of Council, on the occasion of her twentieth anniversary as Clerk of Council.

Ms. Glass made remarks and was photographed with Mayor Gray.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None Scheduled**

There were no public hearings scheduled.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mayor Gray noted that one person signed up to speak and called upon that speaker, Ms. Joan Weaver, to come to the microphone in the center of the aisle.

Ms. Joan Weaver greeted those on the dais and the Clerk of Council and made the following statement: I am here to publicly give acknowledgement to an accomplishment that was long overdue, that has finally come to pass. I advocated it. I complained when I didn't have it. I finally got it, and I'm woman enough to come here to give thanks. Thank you so much, Ms. Bunting and everybody who made it possible for our Virginia State School of the Deaf and Blind to finally be brought home and given the dignity and acknowledgement that it deserved. It was a phenomenal unveiling of the panels. I could not ask for more. It was elegant. It was enjoyable, and even throughout the entire process, the respect and dignity that was given to our students was second to none. So, I am here, as I said, to give thanks to finally bring our school where it needs to be, even though we still know what sits over there is still an atrocity. It's something that should have never been. There should have been a monument. Virginia State should have been given so much more than those two aircraft sized carrier warehouses, but, yet, our dignity still prevails. Our legacy cannot be taken or removed. And last, but not least, I also want to let City Council know, this front row, I will still be here because Old Wythe is a force to reckon with. We're not sleeping giants. We want our spot of respect that we have so long deserved. This Hampton University graduate is one of many in that neighborhood, and we will be back. We will demand our place with the City of Hampton. So, my deputies, save my seat. I will be back.

## GENERAL ITEMS

There were no general items.

## Appointments

6. [25-0063](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Virginia Peninsula Community College Board of Trustees

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, to appoint Leonard Sledge to the Virginia Peninsula Community College Board of Trustees.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. [25-0084](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Social Services Local Advisory Board

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steven Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hope Harper, that Quincy Byrd and Spenser W. Bosch be appointed to first terms expiring on March 31, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Ms. Bunting reminded everyone that next week kicks off the annual public I Value budget input sessions. In-person preference polling sessions will take place on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hampton, Virginia Aquaplex and on Saturday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the American Theatre. A virtual Facebook live discussion will take place on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. Online polling will also take place between March 18 - 25 at hampton.gov. Feedback from all of these sessions will be presented to Council at the afternoon work session of March 26. This work session will replay on the City's television station for those who may not be able to watch at that time.

Ms. Bunting explained that these sessions provide opportunities for the public to learn about the City budget, the issues we face with unfunded mandates, potential real estate tax adjustments, fees related to public works services and requests made by City departments and community groups. This is the public's opportunity to express their high, medium, low and no priorities and their thoughts on various revenue options. She encouraged the public to participate in the in-person sessions because they are a great way to learn how other Hamptonians feel about the topics at hand.

Ms. Bunting shared more important dates. Staff will use the information provided by the public and Council to finalize the Manager's recommended budget which will be released on April 15. Public hearings will take place on April 23 and May 7 with final approval of the budget on May 14th.

**MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Donnie R. Tuck  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, MMC  
Clerk of Council

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