



# 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, July 9, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members of the City Council were present except for Councilwoman Harper who is traveling.

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Randy C. Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Carolyn S. Campbell, Councilmember Michelle T. Ferebee, Councilmember Martha Mugler and Mayor Jimmy Gray

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Hope L. Harper

### JIMMY GRAY PRESIDED

### INVOCATION: Councilwoman Martha Mugler

Councilwoman Mugler gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Gray shared information about Hampton's recent victory at the All America City competition, which is Hampton's fifth win.

City Manager Mary Bunting also shared information about the All-America City award and the resiliency projects that were highlighted by Hampton's team at the competition.

The participants who were able to be present were recognized with plaques.

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

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

1. [25-0175](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$715,057.37 from the Hampton Coliseum Fund's Net Position to the Hampton Coliseum's Capital Outlay Account  
Item approved.

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

2. [25-0201](#) Resolution to Amend the FY2026 City Council Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$1,010,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation in Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission Funding to the Capital Fund (Capital Projects Fund) for Three Projects  
Item approved.

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

3. [25-0209](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Council Approved Budget to Appropriate \$300,000 from General Fund Committed Fund Balance - Budget Savings to Fund a Portion of a 1.5%

One-Time Bonus

Item approved.

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

4. [25-0146](#) Approval of the minutes from the work session of April 9, 2025, the work and legislative sessions of April 23, 2025, and the legislative sessions of May 7, 2025, and May 28, 2025  
Item approved.

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

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

Mayor Gray read and presented a proclamation to Colonel Matthew R. Altman, Commander of the 633rd Air Base Wing Joint Base Langley-Eustis. Colonel Altman was also presented with a City coin, a City of Hampton flag, which was flown today, along with a flag certificate. Colonel Altman presented the City with a photograph.

Mayor Gray also read a proclamation regarding the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and presented it to Vivian Austin, the Chair, and Philip Siff, the Vice Chair, of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

Mayor Gray read a proclamation for the "Everybody's Got a Story" Festival and recognized Jay Johnson and Cindy Carlson who were in the audience. He also read a proclamation in celebration of Hampton's 415th Birthday.

A few comments were made and photos were taken following the proclamation presentations.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ms. Glass read the protocol for public hearings.

5. [25-0102](#) Community Plan Amendment No. 25-0102 by the City of Hampton to Consider an Amendment to the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) to Update the Future Land Use Map for Certain Parcels Known as 183 E Mercury Blvd, 183A E Mercury Blvd, 261 Woodland Rd, 265 Woodland Rd, 303 Woodland Rd, and 305 Woodland Road [LSRNs: 12003432 12003433 12003435 12003434 12003429 and 12003430]. The Proposed Amendment Would Change the Land Use Designation for the Specified Parcels Referenced Above from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential Land Use

Attachments: [Exhibits](#)  
[PC Resolution](#)  
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Glass read the titles for the next three items as they are related.

City Manager Bunting introduced Chief Planner Donald Whipple to make the comprehensive presentation and noted that the public hearing will also be combined, but each item will require a separate vote.

Mr. Whipple greeted those on the dais and began the presentation by speaking about Community Plan Amendment 25-0102 to amend the Future Land Use Map with regard to six parcels. The amendment changes the parcels from limited residential to high density residential. Mr. Whipple also shared two maps which indicate the location of the site in the east central portion of the City.

Mr. Whipple spoke a bit about the purpose of a Land Use Plan and how staff utilizes it. In summary, staff uses the Plan to set expectations for property owners, developers and the community. The Plan also assists with making zoning decisions, infrastructure planning and environmental protections and preventing conflicting uses.

Mr. Whipple displayed images of the current Future Land Use Map and the proposed Future Land Use Map and then spoke about public policies in the Hampton Community Plan related to the proposed change. These policies are both land use policies and housing neighborhood policies. Some of the policies are related to evaluating land use proposals from a regional, city-wide and neighborhood perspective, encouraging a mix of land uses that is appropriate for each district, promoting the efficient use of land and high-quality urban design, protecting adjacent neighborhoods, supporting targeted community redevelopment, promoting

the construction of resilient housing and neighborhoods and focusing on unique community needs.

Mr. Whipple briefly spoke about resilient policies and living with water.

Next, Mr. Whipple shared the community's feedback on the project. In summary, 75 residents attended a community meeting in January and 148 surveys were completed of the ones that were distributed. The majority of people were opposed to the project, mainly due to the fit, traffic and environmental impacts.

The next portion of the presentation included the analysis of the survey and surveyor comments. Overall, the comments were related to fit, congestion, traffic impacts, greenspace, price point, necessity and stormwater.

Mr. Whipple noted that from staff's perspective, most of the community's concerns are considered development specific, most of which can be addressed through specific development proposals such as rezoning and use permit processes.

Lastly, Mr. Whipple shared staff's analysis of the proposal. In summary, staff believes the proposal is consistent with City land use policies; is consistent with current development trends; would provide needed multifamily housing for airmen at Langley Air Force Base, students and young professionals; and enables the future zoning process to convert existing commercial use to allow multifamily residential.

Mr. Whipple stated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of amendment 25-0102.

Mr. Whipple transitioned into speaking about the rezoning and use permit applications to rezone the properties from C-3 and R-11 to MD-4. He shared the site's location on the City's location map (the property formerly known as the Wood's Orchard) and also shared specifics about what is being proposed related to land acreage, rent, number of buildings, units and parking spaces, architecture, building materials, fencing, lighting, landscape buffers, clubhouse, pool, the Wood's Orchard Barn and resiliency elements.

Mr. Whipple described the images in the next group of slides related to the proposed property including building elevations. He then pointed out the site on the City's Zoning Map and listed the by-right uses under the C-3 district. Some of the uses include retail sales, vehicle sales and repair, ice distribution, manufacturing of baked goods and wholesaler.

Mr. Whipple displayed an extensive list of public policies related to this zoning and

use permit. He also spoke about resilience and housing and neighborhood policies. The full list of public policies can be found in the slide presentation on the City's website.

Mr. Whipple closed the presentation with the following information. The applicant held a community meeting on March 24th , at which about 75 people from the public attended . Staff's analysis of the rezoning and use permit proposal, should the Community Plan Amendment be approved, is that the proposal aligns with City land use policies; is compatible with the neighborhood; and includes ample community amenities. There are eight proffered conditions, some of which are related to the concept plan, resilience elements, amenities, landscaping and traffic improvements. Some of the recommended conditions are related to dumpsters, compliance with rezoning, certificate of occupancy and compliance with applicable laws.

Mr. Whipple indicated that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning and use permit applications subject to conditions, noted that the applicant has information to present and opened the floor for questions from Council. No questions were posed at that time.

Mr. Daniel Whitmore Aston, founding member of The Whitmore Company, indicated where his business is located in the City and also introduced his partner, Brennan Raab, who runs the construction part of the business.

Mr. Aston provided information about The Whitmore Company and indicated that he believes this project will do great things for this neighborhood, just as his project, the Monroe Gates Apartments, did for the Phoebus neighborhood. Mr. Aston shared statistics related to the success of the Monroe Gates Apartments project and compared that to what is being proposed for this project.

Mr. Aston summarized his communication with the owner of Wood's Orchard about the future use of the property and indicated that the prior owners were in support of this project with the caveat that it would honor Hampton and be a project of great quality. He shared that since that time, the owner passed and his family indicated that he had chosen The Whitmore Company as stewards of the property.

Mr. Aston spoke about the studies and site plans that were done to ensure that this project would be done with the highest possible quality. He also shared how this project will benefit the community.

Lastly, Mr. Aston called on Mr. Raab who highlighted some screen shots with more insight about the proposal. Mr. Raab spoke about building features, market rate rent, insight revealed from the traffic study, stormwater management, and plans to

address any concerns that may arise.

Mr. Aston and Mr. Raab thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and offered to answer any questions posed by Council.

Mayor Gray again opened the floor for questions, but none were posed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Gray opened the public hearing and called on the first speaker, Brenda Marks.

Ms. Brenda Marks introduced herself, greeted those on the dais and City staff and made the following statement: I'm here tonight to request you deny the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan rezoning application and use permit application for the Wood's Orchards property. I make this request because I believe this project does not serve as best fit for the neighborhood. I was well aware when Wood's closed, it would not be replaced with a like business, however, I had hoped it would be developed as a single-family subdivision. The construction of three and four-story buildings is an esthetic affront to all who own property surrounding that area. I reviewed the economic impact study and where it tells you all the money you're going to make off of it, it does not address the additional need for fire, police and rescue squads to serve that apartment. They represent - they are affordable apartments, however, based on...I checked to make sure I wasn't speaking out of turn, because most apartments charge three times the rent to qualify. Monroe Gates said they require two and a half times the rent, which means the minimum salary for a loft size apartment is \$47,700 a year. You don't have to pay that, but you have to have that coming in to qualify. Apartments do not support or promote stabilities for cities. Home ownerships do. I can tell you I have a mortgage that I pay \$923 a month on a 2,100 square foot house with a 700 square foot garage that I can put the smallest apartment in my garage. Y'all keep promising affordable housing, and I'm not talking section 8 or income subsidized. I'm talking really affordable housing. Their apartment complex looks great. Monroe Gates is a great looking apartment, but nobody's discussing (and I've talked to appraisers) what the impact of having four and three-story multifamily apartments next to single family houses will do to the market value of the houses that surround it. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Edward Carden.

Mr. Edward Carden greeted those on the dais and staff, introduced himself and made the following statement: This is my first time at a Council Meeting, and when I see on the agenda requests for Community Plan Amendment, rezoning, use permit

for the same piece of property, cynical me thinks that this is a done deal. Here are my thoughts, and some of the statements will be redundant, and for that, I apologize. I attended a Community Development meeting on January 30, 2025. It was held in a music room of Kilgore Gifted Center. Turnout was more than expected, requiring seating to be added, with people standing around the walls. Not one person spoke in support of rezoning this property to high density. After this meeting, 148 surveys returned to the Community Development Department - 130 opposed the rezoning, was 121 strongly opposed. I also attended the applicants' community meeting on March, 24, 2025. This meeting in the auditorium of the Kilgore Gifted Center - the meeting was well-attended. No head count was published, but I would estimate a minimum of 125 people in attendance. No one spoke in support of the rezoning or the development. I attended the Planning Commission meeting on June 24 and heard two people speak to approve the rezoning. High density development should not be approved for this neighborhood of single-family homes. Just a few blocks from here sits 13 plus acres owned by Hampton Housing and Redevelopment Authority. This property has been empty for years and generating no tax income. Sell this property to the Whitmore Company and let them build their proposed development there. Council is elected by the people and should do the will of the people. The people do not want this high-density development, the rezoning here. I urge you to vote no. Thank you for the opportunity to address Council.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Donnie Tuck.

Mr. Donnie Tuck greeted those on the dais and Clerk of Council Katherine Glass, introduced himself and made the following statement: I'm here to speak in support of the rezoning of the former Wood's Orchard. I met Mr. Dan Aston of the Whitmore Company in 2017 when serving as Mayor. Mr. Aston came to me with a concept for Monroe Gates, a project he felt would be a statement for individuals entering the Phoebus area of the City. I believe that many of you would agree that Monroe Gates is indeed a signature development. Mr. Aston lives in Hampton. His company is headquartered in Hampton, and he's fully invested in Hampton. Because of his philosophy of only having his name associated with projects of the highest quality, I'm certain that this will be a signature development as well. Two years ago, the City of Hampton announced that 700 Airmen, plus their families, approximately 2,500 people total, would be coming to Langley Air Force Base with the transfer of the F22 formal training unit from Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida to Langley. There's a critical housing shortage at Langley. Those families will need housing, housing that should be provided in the City of Hampton, but if not that, York County would gladly provide. The proximity of this proposed project to Langley Air Force Base makes it ideally situated to provide needed housing, not only for military families, but for others in the City who desire housing along this corridor. Hampton is a landlocked City, and while the desire of some is to leave this area's open green space or to



build single family homes on the property, that would not be the best and highest use for the land. The Planning staff's assessment is that the addition of these proposed housing units would not negatively impact traffic, and this project is consistent with the City's land use policy. In conclusion, I urge the City Council to approve the rezoning. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Donald Heath.

Mr. Donald Heath greeted those on the dais, introduced himself and described the location of his residence, which is about a quarter of a mile west of this project, and made the following statement: I've lived there for over 37 years. I was born in Hampton, and I've lived here for 73 years. I've seen Mercury Boulevard go from Military Highway, two lanes, to the monstrosity that's out there now. This project, in no way, fits with the neighboring, surrounding neighborhoods. They're all single-family houses. These buildings are going to be 45 to 50 feet tall. The person at the top is going to be able to look down in everybody's neighborhood around. They're going to have a nice view of the City, but what are the people down there going to say? The high-density housing - we do not need it in this part of the town. There's none there now in any place. Traffic, they say, is minimal. I've lived 200 feet from Mercury Boulevard. You come there between 3:30 and 4:30 going westbound, and you will stop on the Hampton River Bridge. You will wait to go through the Fox Hill light. If you add another 400 cars going that direction, we're going to be back...they won't even be able to get out of their own driveway, much less go west. I can't go west. I can't go east because I got to go west first to go back that way. It doesn't have any shops, restaurants or stores anywhere. So, people are going to have to walk to get where they want to go. His Monroe place was built in downtown Phoebus. You can walk to the store. You can walk to restaurants. This place has none of those redeeming things. I don't have anything against the Wood family. I hope they get a fair price for their zoned property, but changing the zoning to this high-density stuff does not fit with the neighborhood and help in any way possible. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Connie Heath.

Ms. Connie Heath greeted those on the dais and staff and described the location of where she resides in the City and made the following statement: I'd like to talk about the traffic also. There's a group of us, we have been to the Planning Commission meetings and we've listened to everything they've told us. When we have had questions and questions about their traffic study, and we were told that they look at the traffic - the traffic study was just a small area, it was Andrews and Mercury, and then it was Andrews to Pembroke, and then Woodland to Andrews and Woodland to Pembroke. Well, the traffic starts back at Fox Hill Road, people. There's four streets.

There's Pinecone, Tomahawk, our street, Fulton Farm and Kings Point. The only way to get out of our neighborhood is to come to East Mercury Boulevard. We're stuck. If you go down Curle Road, you know the traffic's backed up, you can still go out to Fox Hill Road. So, I don't think they really took into account, or they made their traffic study wide enough or long enough to show all the problems that we have there. Do any of you live down that way? Do you have any idea how many emergency vehicles go down that road? There's like fire trucks, police cars, ambulances constantly up and down East Mercury Boulevard, and there's just traffic out there all the time, and when you try to go down east and you get down to Pembroke Avenue, a lot of the times, the traffic's backed up to Wood's Orchard, and you can't - when we need to go somewhere, you have to plan, can I get out onto East Mercury Boulevard? So, we question the traffic. I mean, I just can't fathom 400 cars coming out of that little development onto East Mercury Boulevard. I mean, I just can't imagine how it's going to be for us trying to live there. I mean, these are single-family homes around there, and we already have traffic problems as it is. And I think this is just going to really compound our traffic issues til - I mean, I can't imagine it. And, one of the things they were going to make a left turn lane, and I thought, well, that's not going to do a lot of good. Everybody's still going to be sitting there trying to get in and out and on Woodland Road, they're going to be coming in and out, and there's a school right there. I mean, how...people are... the traffic coming in and out of that school and people trying to... and they have to just turn onto Woodland Road over there. There's not a - it's not four lanes with a median like it is over on Mercury, but we come - and the other question I had was the maps that they showed us at the meetings, they were 10 acres, and then all of a sudden it was 16 acres.

Mayor Gray indicated that Ms. Heath's speaking time had expired. He also noted that Mr. Benjamin Staton signed up to speak under public comment and offered for him to speak under the public hearing.

Mr. Benjamin Staton, greeted those on the dais and other individuals, thanked Council for their consideration, introduced himself, described where he resides in the City near the site in question and made the following statement: In afternoons, traffic is horrendous. I'm here to ask for your consideration in regards to this. Parts of the day, we cannot get out. Mornings, sometimes we can't get out also. My problem is traffic. My heart goes out to the people in regards to this proposal that live around this apartment complex. They're the ones - are going to suffer from this. If 316 units going to be built, I just heard 500 cars, 400 cars, but I'm sure that a husband and wife can each have an automobile that's... and maybe a child, so you look at maybe six or seven hard cars coming in and out of day. They go into shopping centers, they go in different places. They're not going to go on the road. They go on Mercury Boulevard, because that's their mode of traffic. We can't

handle any more traffic on Mercury Boulevard in the afternoons when, like I say, when you try to get out, you can't move. If I get out, I've got to go right to go to Pembroke Avenue, to Mercury Boulevard to Pembroke Avenue and go around. I can't get out because of the east bound traffic going east and then go through the intersection and then make a left-hand turn. Traffic is so backed up, it's past Andrews Boulevard. We've had three street lights down in the last year. We have corrugated fences at Andrews and Mercury that have been taken down. These are made of galvanized steel. Traffic is bad at nighttime and daytime. We don't need any more traffic as it is. There's nothing there now on the Wood's property, but with the consideration of all these automobiles and the children coming and going, we're going to have some more problems. I'm here to ask for your consideration. I'm opposed to the proposal. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Staton was the last speaker for the public hearing, therefore he closed the public hearing and called for the motion on the first item.

Mayor Gray opened the floor for discussion.

Councilwoman Campbell spoke about the reasons why this decision is difficult for her which are that Mr. Aston does wonderful developments, including the Monroe Gates project; the Wood and Frazier families have been great to the community; and she respects former Mayor Tuck's opinion, however, she has some things for consideration which are summarized as follows: The original Zoning/Future Planning Map done by the Planning Commission was for low density, therefore this project is the reason for the proposal to change to high density, showing that the Planning Commission's original recommendation was for low density. With regard to traffic, she has a hard time believing that there will be no impact to traffic considering the 300 houses. Councilwoman Campbell paused to announce that she has been working with the Public Works Department on getting the light at Fox Hill Road and Cherry Acres Drive fixed and then continued speaking about additional things for consideration: the proposed location is next to the Gifted Center between two academies that a lot of taxpayer money went toward, and in her opinion, this spot is a perfect place for families, yet these homes are intended for singles and seniors, and in her opinion, we should be supporting our schools making it a perfect place for families. Next for consideration is that all units will be rented and none are for ownership. In her opinion, it is important for people to commit and reside here long-term and seek home ownership. Lastly, for consideration is that Mr. Aston does projects for the "living experience" which involves building a location near nightlife which has restaurants and entertainment activities, so Downtown seems to be better suited for a living experience rather than this location. She indicated for these reasons, she will vote no.

Vice Mayor Brown inquired about the results of the traffic study and the plan to mitigate any concerns that may have been identified. With regard to the rental aspect, he shared his opinion which is that renters also contribute to the community by buying groceries, buying gas, paying taxes, visiting restaurants and entertainment spots and sending their children to the schools, so renters' contributions should not be discounted as renting is typically the start for most people, with homeownership as the goal. He continued saying that he was impressed with the walk through at the Monroe Gates project, particularly that all units were occupied and there was a waiting list. He expressed some concern about the high rent for this project, but also said that we need to consider that Langley requested the City increase rental housing for the approximately 700 families expected to come. He emphasized that those families will help generate revenue by living, working and playing here. He added that it is important that the citizenry and Wood family know his thoughts on this and that he appreciates the family legacy.

Councilwoman Mugler clarified that the existing zoning is half low density and half commercial, not all low density as stated earlier. She referenced the list of by-right businesses that could potentially go on that portion of the property and the amount of work that has been done by the developer to honor the legacy of the land and the family's generational wealth. She also indicated that, in her opinion, we should honor the individuals (Billy and Betty Wood) wishes for the plan, if possible.

Councilwoman Mugler also indicated that, as someone who lives in that area, she understands the frustration with the traffic and then shifted to speaking about a concern that was brought up during the Planning Commission meeting also related to traffic in the area. In her opinion, the problem is most likely a result of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) expansion project which is projected to be completed in 2027. Lastly, she inquired about potentially having a traffic light installed to alleviate some of the traffic problems.

City Manager Bunting shared that our traffic engineers agree that much of the traffic will dissipate once the HRBT project is complete, however, if the problem continues, staff is able to bring a proposal to Council with regard to installing a traffic light.

Mayor Gray made comments about the high demand for all forms of housing including rental apartments, single-family homes, multi-family units and the various projects that are in the planning phase throughout the City. He spoke about the various housing needs of airmen, college graduates, retirees and others who all have varying incomes, some of whom are stable enough to own homes and others who prefer to rent. He emphasized the importance of drawing people to Hampton with the right mixture of housing, amenities and good schools, otherwise, they will move elsewhere. He closed his remarks saying that he believes this is a good

project for our City and that there is demand for it.

Councilmember Randy Bowman moved that the City Council approve Community Plan Amendment 25-0102. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Michelle Ferebee.

Following discussion, the motion carried as follows:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Campbell

## Rezoning

6. [25-0148](#) Rezoning Application No. 25-0148 by Orchard Oaks, LLC to Rezone +/-10.18 acres at 183 E Mercury Boulevard, 183-A E Mercury Boulevard, 261 Woodland Road, and 265 Woodland Road [LRSNs: 12003432, 12003433, 12003435, and 12003434], from General Commercial (C-3) District and the One-Family Residential (R-11) District to the Multifamily Residential (MD-4) District, with Conditions for a Multifamily Development

**Attachments:** [Application](#)  
[Proffer Agreement](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[PC Resolution](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[Applicant Presentation](#)  
[Applicant's Economic Impact Analysis](#)  
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The City Manager introduced Donald Whipple, Chief Planner who presented information on items 25-0102, 25-0148 and 25-0149. Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, the applicant, Daniel Whitman Aston and Brennan Raab presented. Following the presentations Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 25-0102, 25-0148 and 25-0149. The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: Brenda Marks, Edward Carden, Donnie Tuck, Donald Heath, Connie Heath, and Benjamin Staton.

Councilmember Ferebee moved that the City Council approve Rezoning 25-0148, subject to 10 proffered conditions as found in the agenda package, and Use Permit 25-0149 with 8 conditions as found in the agenda package.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowman. The motion carried as follows:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Campbell

#### Use Permits

7. [25-0149](#) Use Permit Application No. 25-0149 by Orchard Oaks, LLC to permit Multifamily Dwellings at 183 E Mercury Boulevard, 183-A E Mercury Boulevard, 261 Woodland Road, and 265 Woodland Road [LRSNs: 12003432, 12003433, 12003435, and 12003434]

**Attachments:** [Application](#)  
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Following Mr. Whipple's presentation, the applicant, Daniel Whitman Aston and Brennan Raab presented. Following the presentations Mayor Gray opened the joint public hearing on items 25-0102, 25-0148 and 25-0149. The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: Brenda Marks, Edward Carden, Donnie Tuck, Donald Heath, Connie Heath, and Benjamin Staton.

Councilmember Ferebee moved that the City Council approve Rezoning 25-0148, subject to 10 proffered conditions as found in the agenda package, and Use Permit 25-0149 with 8 conditions as found in the agenda package.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowman. The motion carried as follows:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Campbell

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Mayor Gray called on the first speaker, Thomas Moran.

Mr. Thomas Moran greeted those on the dais, introduced himself, described where he resides in the City and made the following statement: My topic is maintaining the integrity and safety of the Langley polling area and elementary school during Election Day. For background information only, my journey with this topic began on November 5, 2024, at the Langley Elementary School voting precinct. This was my first election as an election officer, and it was a general election. Unfortunately, by 9:30, I was on my way home - I was put in a position by members of the Hampton Electoral Board to leave the precinct building because I was not allowing unauthorized persons, in this case, campaign workers, into the polling area. The Electoral Board made it a priority to not enforce current election law in Virginia and to ensure campaign workers were allowed to use the polling area as a thoroughfare to access bathrooms in the elementary school. Per Virginia law, campaign workers are not allowed in the polling area during Election Day. All election officer training, including the final exam, are very specific what persons are allowed in the polling area during Election Day. Campaign workers are not on that list. After months of attending Board meetings and writing emails to the Board to obtain their official comment on my situation, I received an email from the Board Chair with the following notification, and I quote "In accordance with performance evaluations guidance established by the Virginia Department of Elections, and following further investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the events that took place as they relate to your service during the November 24 general election, our Board remains concerned regarding your ability to follow procedure, to deal effectively with

voters and to work well with other officers. Thank you for expressing your interest and continuing to serve as an officer, but we will not be renewing your appointment at this time.” After receiving this notice, I decided not to pursue my reinstatement as an election officer, but more importantly, to bring to the attention of the City Council that a collaborative effort between the Hampton City Council, Hampton Electoral Board and the Hampton School Board is needed to keep unauthorized persons out of the polling area at the Langley Elementary School during Election Day. The Virginia Election Law is very clear about what persons are authorized to enter a polling area during Election Day, and as citizens, we should be concerned about maintaining the safety and integrity of our electoral system as well as the safety of our schools, two of our most cherished democratic institutions. I believe there is confusion between public access to public restrooms and public access to polling areas. In the case of Langley Elementary School, the polling area is accessed from the school parking lot. The only way for the campaign workers to access the school bathrooms is through the polling area, which is unlawful. In addition, campaign workers can access the school unvetted and unescorted by using the polling area.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Moran’s speaking time had expired and noted that he would ask the City Manager to address his concern with the appropriate person.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Anderson Cuffee.

Mr. Anderson Cuffee greeted those on the dais, introduced himself, described where he resides in the City and made the following statement: I want to take a few minutes and talk about some of the crimes that are being committed in the area. You may or may not be aware of them already, but I want to take a few minutes to shine a light on them, because it's a serious problem, and based on my experience, it's on an organizational level, and I know that if it's happening to me, it's very likely it's happening to a lot more people, and not just where it started from, which is the state of California, but right here in the Hampton Roads area, as well, because it's all connected, and it's something that, if it isn't addressed and stopped, the one's committing these crimes aren't held accountable, it's going to only continue to affect, cause serious harm or ruin the lives of many more people, if not worse. For me, it stems from an attempt that was made on my life back in October of 2020 and there's crimes being committed (inaudible words) personal information. The problem of battered and abused women and the victimization of men as well, and what that could lead to and being assaulted and personally violated through technology. Law enforcement is already aware of the attempt and other crimes that I'm going to be talking about. One of the last times I spoke to the FBI in Los Angeles regarding the issue, I was told certain details they can't say, as it's an ongoing investigation, and if they need any additional information from me, they would have contacted me, and I've been reaching out to the FBI field office in Norfolk as well, right here on



Clearfield and (inaudible word), so they're aware of the problem, but as of yet, arrests haven't been made. So, until arrests are made, I'll continue to make people aware. But, like I said, for me, it stems from an attempt that was made on my life back in October of 2020 by Tory Roberts and others. Tory is the senior pastor of the Potters House Church in Los Angeles. I was living in Los Angeles, California, State of California, during the attempt and while fleeing the state, I spent a short time in a couple other states before actually getting to Virginia. Part of the proof I have regarding the attempt itself and their intent is in my phone. My phone was hacked before I fled the state of California, and Tory Roberts and others were uploading videos, threats, and other hack messages into my phone as I was being tracked and pursued out of the state. And it wasn't just a video that was uploaded here or there, either, but it was an influx of videos, threats and other hack messages that I continued to get that were commenting on me and my actions. Even after I fled the state of California, there were videos uploaded to my MacBook Air, my iPhone, success. I still have my phone in my possession, and one of the things that was said on stage on camera by Roosevelt Stewart, just a few days or not long before I actually fled the state of California, was that you're going to need a different name, a different face, and that you'll bring down the whole organization. And after getting to Virginia unharmed, I continue to receive threats, another hack message into my phone, one of which was a threat that I received just a few days after arriving to Virginia. It was a threat that was sent to the drop box of my news notification, where, at the end of it, it read, and forget all this talk of conspiracy. In fact, it could get you killed. And from that time, I've been aware that there are people who are aware of me and my actions on a day-to-day basis and on a level that I can't prove, that have been causing problems and inconveniences and committing crimes against me and others who as of yet - not been held accountable. From that time, I've had my emails hacked and was locked out.

Mayor Gray indicated that Mr. Cuffee's speaking time had expired. Mr. Cuffee finished his sentence: And as far as being assaulted and personally violated through technology, this is one avenue to prove it.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Chris Hobbs.

Mr. Chris Hobbs greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: Thank you for hearing me tonight. I'm here to basically make two requests to City Council concerning the current STR (Short-term rental) rules that are affecting the City - last implemented, I think, September of last year. The first request is to publish the process and periodicity that the City is currently using to review the STR overlay limitations, everything. Talking to the City workers, there doesn't appear to be any direction or understanding of how those limitations are going to be modified or even assessed, specifically with the process I'm concerned about is the City using the

ability to modify or even remove the density and separation requirements. I live in Buckroe, I've lived in Buckroe since 1992. I'm a property owner there, and I'm concerned about things stagnating and not being addressed as we move forward. My second request is on the subject of the actual zap applications. We went from a use permit to a zap application, for folks that are familiar with that. Currently, there's no mechanism in place for the zoning department to render anything but a denial once the zone becomes locked because of separation or density. They have no tools, for even in an appeal process, to obtain a variance or anything else. They've told me their hands are locked, so technically, we're being deprived of any kind of fair use on our property and no path of appeal because the appeal is already known to be no because they don't have any power to change from the current path. So, I'm basically asking that some process be put in place for the appeals implemented for the STRs apps that are specifically denied on the grounds of separation and density. Like my unique case, the property we own is directly adjacent to us, so we are there all the time. So, yeah, I got it. There's a lot of other things going on in Buckroe, but from the concerns of - negative concerns we've heard before, I think a lot of this could be mitigated. But again, I have access to no appeals process because of those hard, fast separation density rules, and I'm hoping the City finds some way to manage those, especially in the Buckroe two district. But again, thank you for your time and your consideration.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Aaron Weaver.

Mr. Aaron Weaver introduced himself and made the following statement: I want to speak clearly on a work session item of you all's that was coming up on two months ago. No action is before us today, but this conversation matters. I'm a strong proponent of requiring community meetings for any rezoning or use permits. Why? Because land use is about more than property lines, and it's about people, and government should never, I mean, never make those decisions without people being part of the process. This should not be a suggestion. It should be a standard that we all have. Norfolk gets it right, a tight legal requirement, not just encouragement, that sets the tone for respect and accountability. I believe Hampton can set the same tone, if not a higher one. Now I support common sense waivers. If something's within a business park or school, on campus or university, a meeting may not be necessary for that kind of thing, but those cases should be the exception and not the rule. What concerns me the most, and I speak from experience, is how selectively we've applied the City's own land use rationale in the past. In my neighborhood, there was a rezoning where only parts of the City plan that supported the project were cited, other key criteria that the project didn't meet were ignored. That's not planning, that's cherry picking. We need consistency across the board. The full plan should be the full plan, not a menu. So, yes, let's move forward with the formal requirement. Let's build in clear limited waivers, but most of all, let's make sure the

City reasoning is applied fairly, fully and publicly every single time. This is a partnership between the community and government, between developers and neighborhoods, between vision and accountability. This partnership starts with a conversation, and that conversation at a community meeting. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Tabitha Atkins.

Ms. Tabitha Atkins greeted those on the dais and staff, introduced herself and made the following statement: I'm the owner of DIVA Styles Salon located right here in Hampton, Virginia. I've been in business since 2007, so that's been 17 years my salon has been located in Hampton. I employ over six stylists at the moment. I'm here to speak on the business that opened next door to me, which is a smoke shop, and it seems to be opening everywhere. The issue that I have with it is that in my unit, soon as I come through the door, I can smell the smoke. I can go straight to the back to the bathroom and where I do towels at, you can smell the smoke. I've lost two stylists due to this. I'm losing clients because they don't feel safe coming through the crowd where they are parking illegally in the fire zone. I have met with the Police Chief. We've talked about this. It has changed some, but when the police presence is not there, they're doing it constantly. It's a trigger for me, because when I see people park there, I'm thinking that they're going to do something, a quick run in, grab, smash, or whatever it may be. My staff don't feel safe. I've been in my location now for six years, and I'm at the point where I'm looking to relocate because of this, and I know that they do generate business, but I shouldn't walk into my place and smell secondhand smoke. I'm not a smoker. I don't want to have that in my business. My salon is not a pop-up salon. I put a lot of work in my salon. I house people that take their craft seriously. I generate income from white class collar workers, blue class collar workers, we do kids, we do men, we do women, and this is not something that I want to hear from my clients, that they don't want to come into my establishment. This is my bread and butter. I've been in Hampton, and I feel like that you guys need to make some type of amendment to how many of these smoke shops and vape stores are coming into the shopping centers. Because right where I am, the shopping center next to me, Food Lion, it has a vape store, so it's within walking distance, and they're popping up everywhere. I'm losing business, and I'm sure that the rest of the people in the shopping center are losing business too. It's causing trash to be left out in front of the business. It's causing crowds to be there. I think they're open 24/7 because when I come in, I hear a dog in their unit. I have a meeting set up with the owner of the center to speak with him with my concerns, but I'm coming here to bring this to you guys to say, okay, enough is enough. We have enough smoke shops. We have enough vape stores. Let's have some restaurants. Let's... I mean, small businesses are the backbone of every city, and I feel like I'm not getting any help from anyone. Thank you.

Mayor Gray called on the next speaker, Cheryl Ratulowski.

Ms. Cheryl Ratulowski greeted those on the dais, described where she resides in the City and made the following statement: I am representing the RRCA, which is the Riverdale Regional Civic Association. I have been a resident in Hampton since 2017. A little bit about me: I retired from civil engineering. I have 35 years of experience. My last position was at the city of Newport News in the traffic engineering department. We just want to get some feedback or some just conversation started. So, according to longtime residents in Riverdale, which is a neighborhood that is on the northeast corner of Armistead and Mercury, there used to be speed bumps and pavement crossing markings on Charlton Drive. Also on Charlton Drive, which was repaved a year ago, we requested the bike lane pavement markings to be reapplied. That was a year ago. They still have not been applied. Our big concern, though, is the speed. We have a 25 mile per hour speed limit in all of Riverdale. Some of the worst fears are school buses, City vehicles, garbage trucks and police vehicles with no sirens or lights on. Accidents are occurring more frequently, and we have had some conversations with the fire department about using speed bumps or speed humps, and they absolutely hate those because it does damage to their axles. I looked that up, and that is absolutely true, but there are other options besides those two. They are speed tables. There are speed cushions. We could do small roundabouts at the intersection of Charlton. We could do stop signs, specifically at three busiest intersections, which is Charlton Drive and Westbrook Drive, Charlton Drive and Wheatland Drive and Charlton Drive and Marvin Drive. We could use additional enhanced signage along Riverdale and Charlton, basically, and then there's also the electronic speed ticketing, which I don't think there is any place yet in Hampton. So, those are our issues - is the speed, and I've contacted you, Mr. Mayor, I've contacted the previous mayor. I have contacted the Police Chief for the last eight years about the speeding. We had a terrible accident two weeks ago where a car flipped over three times at the corner of Charlton and Westbrook Drive. Basically, that is our concern - if we're going to ever get any help with the speeding on Charlton Drive and Wheatland Drive and within Riverdale. Thank you.

Mayor Gray asked Ms. Ratulowski to stand by as the City Manager will address comments at the end of the meeting. He then called on the next speaker, Brenda Marks.

Ms. Brenda Marks introduced herself and made the following statement: This is my complaint session. The first complaint is the City's 311, number. I wouldn't have the rest of the complaints if any of the last five times I have called them, I have not been put on hold for 35 minutes only to be disconnected, and one phone call I got was answered by someone who said, Newport News Water Works. So, when I asked him why he answered that way, he said they share people answering the phones,

and he got confused what line he was answering. So, first complaint: the roundabout at Armstead and Victoria - on the side of the roundabout, coming down Victoria, heading to Bridge Street on the right-hand side, there is a pothole deep enough that you cannot avoid because when you go around the roundabout, the rear end of your car falls into the pothole. Second complaint, you need to tell your trash pickup people to slow down. The last three trash pickups in a row, I have gone out to find my trash cans laying on their side with the tops open, laying flat on the ground. Y'all will be happy to charge me when one of them gets broken, but I'm not going to pay it if your truck drivers keep throwing my trash cans on the ground. The last thing is, Ms. Bunting, budget's over, and I'm still waiting on those financial statements from my Aquaplex. Should I not hold my breath? So, those were the things. But really, the 311-call center has gotten horrible. You used to maybe sit 10 or 15 minutes and get through, but there... I know that I sat at least 35 minutes, and then only to have somebody pick up and cut me off. So, thank you.

Mayor Gray noted that Ms. Marks was the last person to speak under public comment and called on City Manager Bunting for remarks. The below summarizes the City Manager's remarks in response to comments made during the public comment period.

Ms. Bunting explained that localities in Virginia, which is a Dillon Rule state, have the authority to govern what they are permitted to govern, as opposed to Home Rule states which are different. For example, under Virginia law, the City is not permitted to limit the number of vape and smoke shops and can only enact laws that are permitted by state code, otherwise the City would be required to get legislative permission. The City is, however, able to address illegal activities, therefore, she will follow up with the Police Chief about proper investigative practices and ensuring that illegal substances are not being sold. She suggested that Ms. Atkins' speak with the shopping center's owner about what businesses are allowed to lease property there and under what conditions.

Next, she addressed the traffic concern in the Riverdale subdivision and the potential for electronic speed ticketing which does monitor activity when police officers are not able to be present. However, this is another example in which the locality does not yet have permission from the state to do something such as install speed cameras wherever it would like. She explained that cities currently have authority to put speed cameras in school and work zones only and have limited authority for red light cameras in certain areas. In terms of lower-level options like speed tables, roundabouts, speed stop signs and enhanced signage, she explained that the City can work with Riverdale to try to help that situation. She noted that, to her knowledge, speed bumps have never been installed in that neighborhood, but the City is willing to work with the neighborhood to find a solution. She also spoke about

the potential for a roundabout and agreed that the one Ms. Marks mentioned near Armistead and Victoria helped mitigate speeding in that area.

Ms. Bunting thanked Ms. Marks for sharing her concerns about the 311-call center. She indicated that she will follow up on the long wait time; will check into the other situation as she is not aware of any outsourcing; believes that the pothole is already on Public Works' list, but will follow up; will address the issue about the truck drivers speeding and aggressively handling toters; and will follow up with the Finance Director about the financial report after he returns from handling other obligations.

With regard to Mr. Weaver's concern, Ms. Bunting announced that Council supports moving the item forward on requiring community meetings and that the initiative is in the processing phase with the legal and Community Development departments and the Planning Commission.

Lastly, Ms. Bunting spoke about the timeframe for establishing STR (short-term rentals) overlays and density and separation requirements in response to Mr. Hobbs' concern; indicated that she would share Mr. Cuffee's letter with Chesapeake's City Manager; and assured Mr. Moran that while Council and City staff do not directly manage the electoral process, she would forward his concern to the voting registrar and the Electoral Board to work together to try to resolve the matter.

## GENERAL ITEMS

### Appointments

8.     [25-0178](#)     Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority (HRHA)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to appoint Caryl Johnson to serve a first term until July 31, 2029. The motion passed on the following vote:
- Aye:** 6 -   Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray
9.     [25-0180](#)     Consideration of Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to appoint Joy Kirch-Kelling to serve the unexpired portion of a term until December 31, 2025, and Joseph Zagari as an alternate until

June 30, 2030.. The motion passed on the following vote:

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

10. [25-0186](#)

Consideration of Appointments to the Hampton Economic Development Authority (EDA)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown to appoint Dwayne Blake to an unexpired term until March 31, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. [25-0197](#)

Consideration of Appointments to the Wetlands Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 8/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. [25-0200](#)

Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning Commission

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown to appoint Joe Griffith to serve a first term until June 30, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13. [25-0142](#)

Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens' Engagement Advisory Review Commission (CEARC)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown to reappoint Jasmine

Luckey, Lance Jones, Kathryn Wiesmann, and Michele Hamilton to second terms until June 30, 2030, and appoint Shant'a Miller White and Even Grummell to first terms until June 30, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**14.**     [25-0177](#)     Consideration of Appointments to the War Memorial Stadium Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to appoint Dave Rogers, Wayne Gomes, and Randy Price to two year terms until July 31, 2027; Garth Wallis, Ruth Simmons, Malik Perry, and Paul London to three year terms until July 31, 2028, Nick Hobbs, Karla Crump, John Jakowski, and Jerry Patrick to four year terms until July 31, 2029, and Jim Wilson as an emeritus member.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**15.**     [25-0183](#)     Consideration of Appointments to the Towing Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 8/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**16.**     [25-0192](#)     Consideration of Appointments to the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to reappoint Ryan Kotrch and Tamara Temoney-Porter to second terms ending on June 30, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:



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

17. [25-0193](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Citizens Unity Commission (CUC)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to reappoint Viviana Andrade and Mei Stukes to first full terms until June 20, 2029, and appoint Ellen Velissarios to a second term until June 30, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18. [25-0194](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to appoint David Andrews to fill a partial term until February 28, 2028, Desre Willingham to a first term until July 31, 2029 and Jacqueline Keener and LaSaundra Kay to first terms ending July 31, 2029. Four vacancies remain. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

19. [25-0198](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Clean City Commission (HCCC)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to appoint Kimberly King to a partial term until March 31, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

20.     [25-0202](#)     Consideration of Appointments to the Grievance Board
- A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, that this Appointment be deferred to the City Council Legislative Session, due back on 8/13/2025. The motion failed by the following vote:
21.     [25-0205](#)     Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton Commission on the Arts
- A motion was made by Councilmember Carolyn Campbell and seconded by Vice Mayor Steven Brown, to reappoint Karen Ward to a second term until July 31, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 6 -     Councilmember Bowman Sr., Vice Mayor Brown,  
                    Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Ferebee,  
                    Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Gray

#### **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 9:08 p.m.

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