



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative Session

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

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilmember Moffett

Councilman Moffett gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

7. [17-0023](#) Resolution to Authorize the Acquisition, by Negotiation or Condemnation, of 1,350 Square Feet (0.031 Acre), More or Less, for a Temporary Construction Easement from a Portion of the Common Area of the Property Located at 100 Bridge Street (LRSN 13000211) Owned by Bridge Street Condominium Association, Inc. for the Replacement of Bridge Street Bridge Project, City Project No. 07-010

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Presentation](#)

This item was taken out of order and removed from the agenda, as the matter had

been resolved earlier in the day. There were no speakers, so a Public Hearing was not necessary.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, that this Resolution be removed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. [17-0017](#) Resolution in Recognition of Robert "Bob" S. Williams in the City of Hampton, Virginia

WHEREAS, Robert S. Williams is being recognized for his dedication to the City of Hampton, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Leo University in 1995, a Master of Public Administration degree from Troy State University in 1998, and a Master Government Deputy Treasurer (level II) Certification from Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service;

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Treasurers' Association of Virginia and a member of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Williams retired from the Hampton Police Division at the rank of Major;

WHEREAS, during his 31-year tenure with the Hampton Police Division, Mr. Williams held numerous command level positions and focused on criminal investigations;

WHEREAS, he specialized in high profile crimes and set a new standard for investigating cases that is still in effect today;

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams used his operational experience to help bring training and technology to the Hampton Police Division;

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the Hampton Police Division, Mr. Williams joined the City of Hampton Treasurer's Office as a field investigator;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Williams was appointed to the position of Chief Deputy

Treasurer;

WHEREAS, during a special election in November 2008, Mr. Williams was elected as the City of Hampton Treasurer;

WHEREAS, during his time as Treasurer, Mr. Williams brought a higher level of customer service to the citizens of Hampton by providing DMV Select and Passport Acceptance services;

WHEREAS, he also revolutionized the payment processing system by obtaining lockbox services, which allowed more effective and efficient posting of tax payments;

WHEREAS, during his time as Treasurer, Mr. Williams was instrumental in maintaining a high collection rate for real estate and personal property taxes;

WHEREAS, his ability to maintain such a high collection rate is a true testament to the leadership and innovation that he displayed as the Treasurer of the City of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Williams retired from the City of Hampton on January 1, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that Robert S. Williams be, and hereby is, recognized for his commitment to the City of Hampton, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the January 25, 2017, City Council meeting of the City of Hampton, Virginia, and that an appropriate copy be signed by the Mayor, attested by the Clerk, and presented to Robert S. Williams.

Mayor Tuck read and presented a resolution to the recently retired Treasurer of the City of Hampton, Robert “Bob” S. Williams.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to the City and those who supported him over his career.

A motion was made by Councilmember Snead seconded by Councilmember Moffett, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Tuck welcomed Mrs. Velva Goodman, who made the following statement: "I want to thank you for the invitation to speak before the City Council. Last October, our neighborhood was hit with an incident of violence on Ethel Drive that shook our quiet community to the core. My elderly neighbors and everyone living in the vicinity were terrified, but we quickly decided we were not going to become prisoners in our home and ignore the situation. We requested an immediate meeting with the Hampton Police Division (HPD) to discuss what would be done to address the shooting and our meeting was the first of three the City held to lay out their plans to combat guns, drugs, and the gang violence in our City. Mayor Tuck was in attendance as Assistant Chief (Orrin) Gallop and Corporal (Colgan) Wilson talked to the concerned citizens assembled. I am here with a few of my neighbors from the Briarwood Terrace community to offer a small token of our appreciation for a job well done. We can honestly say everything that was promised was given. We had increased patrols and almost immediate responses when we called with complaints of gunfire or a suspicious car parked on the street. Assistant Chief Gallop, this is only a gesture of gratitude for all you and your staff did to make us feel safe again. You were great about taking my calls when possible and letting me know how the investigation was going. You answered my many questions and I thank you so much for your patience. I know it was hard; at times I heard you take a deep breath. Sergeant (Nakia) Peek was my liaison if Mr. Gallop was not available. Thank you. Corporal Wilson, I also thank you for helping us to get our Neighborhood Watch Program active again. We appreciate all you've done. Please don't forget about us; we won't forget you. Thank you."

Mayor Tuck requested additional information on the gift. Ms. Goodman stated that it was a cake for HPD to share, and a smaller cake for City Council.

Assistant Chief Gallop stated that even though they are thanking HPD, it was the residents who came together and organized for the betterment of their neighborhood. They are a neighborhood that took initiative and took the lead; HPD was just a liaison to help them.

Councilman Gray announced that for the 15th time in 16 years, Hampton has been named one of the top cities in the nation when it comes to using technology to improve citizen services, enhance transparency and encourage citizen engagement. The Center for Digital Government judged dozens of cities based on 10 key

characteristics, including being mobile, engaged, connected, efficient and innovative. Hampton came in fourth among cities with a population of 125,000-249,999, based on several factors, including return on investment, progress over the previous year, and successful measures of transparency, privacy and security. He presented the award to Ms. Beth Wyatt, Project Manager in the Information Technology Department, and Ms. Dacia Hollis, Website Manager in the Marketing and Outreach Department.

Corporal Wilson introduced the Hampton Police Explorers, a program similar to Scouting but focused on police work. These youth are from various high schools in Hampton, as well as one youth from Windsor, VA, which does not have its own program. The City Council presented the Hampton Police Explorers with Hampton City pins and the Hampton City Challenge Coin.

Mayor Tuck recognized Mr. Alex Peek, who is celebrating his fourth birthday tonight. Those in attendance sang "Happy Birthday."

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Vice Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. [17-0021](#) Resolution appropriating \$126,653.86 from the designated fund balance of FY16 Fees-Ambulance Service to Division of Fire & Rescue's current FY17 budget to purchase much needed equipment for fire/ems operations and fire stations
Item approved.

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

3. [17-0024](#) Reappropriate the Fiscal Year 2016 Hampton City Schools'

Contribution to the City of Hampton, Virginia's Youth Violence Prevention Efforts from the Donations Received-Restricted Fund Balance in the amount of \$10,000

Item approved.

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

4. [17-0025](#) Resolution Appropriating \$5,354.87 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund to the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget of the City Attorney as Authorized by Code of Virginia §58.1-3969

Attachments: [Entered Amended Order Approving Bid \(17 Lacrosse\)](#)
[Entered Order Approving Bid \(237 Pocahontas\)](#)
[Code of VA 58.1-3969](#)

Item approved.

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

5. [17-0031](#) Approval of the minutes from the legislative session of December 14, 2016.

Item approved.

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

6. [17-0034](#) Request for Approval of Refund(s) and/or Abatement(s) for Tax Year 2017

Attachments: [Refund Applications](#)

Item approved.

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Glass read the protocol for the Public Comment session.

Mr. John Krulis greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: It's kind of a feel-good evening here tonight. I hope I don't rain on the - I hate to do that. Another good thing though, it was shrimp night over at Station #3, Firehouse #3. Thank you for - they're going to finally build it, aren't they? I think, right? Yeah. They need it. They really need it. I'm back on the aqua center. You haven't voted on it yet, have you? That we didn't hear about? Oh, okay, got to keep going then. \$2.3 million, remember that, that's the debt service. I don't know, when you have a debt service, is it 20 years? 30 years? If it's 20 years, at \$2.3 million, that's \$46 million. Think about that, \$46 million. And do you think that there won't be more necessary capital expenditures during that 20-year period of time? If it's 30 years, it's \$69 million. What's a few million here and there, right? Now, I really think, though, that that's kind of the funny money kind of thing that Hampton - and I'm not saying that you're dishonest, I'm not saying that at all, but the way in which things are presented are not the full picture, are they? To say that it would break even or not break even is irrelevant if it's costing \$2.3 million a year in debt service. Isn't it? Isn't it? I think so. The best example, though, of that is the Convention Center, and I know I've talked about it over and over again, but I'm going to keep talking about it because it just makes sense. The Convention Center has a budget every single year, this year, last year, the year before, all the years going forward of \$10 million. It makes maybe \$1-2 million, a deficit of \$8 million every year, which is tax dollars, is it not? Now, I know the 2+2 or 3+3 or whatever, but - now you all know these numbers, but Hampton citizens probably don't know all these numbers. What do we collect that pays that \$8 million every year, year after year after year? Do you know how much we pull in on amusement tax? \$1 million a year. \$1 million. Do you know how much we pull in on tobacco tax? \$4 million. Those are all Hamptonians that are buying those cigarettes. No one's coming from York County to buy their cigarettes, right? \$4 million tobacco. Yes, we're making a lot of money on meals, \$19 million - these are 2015 numbers, so maybe they're up or down, but you get the point. If you go and look at any one of our outlets here in town, you know it's Hamptonians who are making that basically. You know what the lodging is? The whole and entire lodging tax that it brings in? \$3.4 million, and that's the highest it's ever been. Sometimes it's been way in the \$2 million. When we say that it's paying for itself in tax dollars, you got to tell me where those dollars are found in the budget, because I'm not finding

them. Maybe you can find them, but I'm not. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for Station #3. They thank you.

Mr. Luke Marsden, accompanied by Mr. Joshua Nichols, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I am a member of the First Lego League (FLL) Team the Ruling Robot Falcons. Recently, my teammates Joshua, Ethan and Carter - who are both not here today - and I competed in the Virginia First Lego League State competition where we won the First Place Championship award, becoming the first team from Hampton Roads to do so. You may wonder, what is the First Lego League? The FLL is a global competition that engages kids ages 9 to 14 in science, technology, and math. Each year, the First Lego League issues a theme that challenges kids in research, problem solving, and engineering. There are four parts to our competition. One is a project, my favorite part. Teams research a real world problem and solve it with an innovative solution. This year, we studied the decline of native bumblebees and designed a special habitat called "Bees in a Box." We are working to patent and sell our solution with a local garden store. Two is core values, which is teamwork, community outreach, and friendly competition combined. We do a lot of community outreach to include mentoring other teens, offering programming camps, and offering robotics days. Three is robot design where we have to design an autonomous robot to complete tasks on an obstacle course to score points. Four is a robot game where we use our robots to compete with other teams to score as many points as we can. We've been competing for four years, each year we've made it to the Virginia State competition and each year we've been striving to get better and better. The first year we got the Best Rookie Team award. The second and third years, we got the Gracious Professionalism award. The fourth year we got the First Place Championship and the Third Place Robot Game. At the end of April, we will represent Virginia and especially our area of Hampton Roads at the First Robotics World Festival Championship in St. Louis. We will compete with 108 different teams that have won their regional and state competitions around the world. In order to go, we have to raise \$7,000. We've always raised our own money. We hosted two summer programming camps. We raised \$1,100 that we used to pay for our entire season, our robot, our project, our outfits, and our tournament fees. We work on ideas for fundraisers, such as a spring native plant sale, and a spring break robotics camp, but we cannot raise all the money on our own. We came here tonight to ask for help connecting with people in our community who might help us get to the world competition. I thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Following several questions from Mayor Tuck, Mr. Marsden and Mr. Nichols revealed that they are aged 11-12 and homeschooled, and their team members are from Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk, and Carrollton. The competition takes place in St. Louis over three days during the last week in April. If anyone is interested in

donating or additional information, they can contact the team at rulingrobotfalcons@gmail.com.

GENERAL ITEMS

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Resolutions

8. [17-0032](#) Resolution to Transfer Two Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$201,360) from Council Strategic Initiatives in the Capital Budget to the Police Division to Fund Equipment Upgrades to support their Gun Crime Initiative

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Mr. Brian DeProfio, Director of Budget and Strategic Initiatives, who summarized the reasons for this budget adjustment. She noted that Chief Terry Sult, HPD, and Assistant City Manager Steve Bond provided Council with some of the City's enhanced initiatives during the last Council meeting. At that time, it was indicated that staff would be requesting an appropriation for additional mid-year funding for HPD.

Mr. DeProfio stated that when Council approved the FY17 Budget, it included approximately \$2.86 million in additional funding for HPD. He broke down each of the individual items funded and where the funding came from. Since approving the FY17 Budget, the City has also received a COPS grant, which adds five new officers in the first year, totaling \$323,785 including Federal and State funding. Today's request for funding goes towards the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network in partnership with the City of Newport News and equipping officers with smartphones. Another \$30,000 of reengineering funds will be dedicated to a Lexus Nexus Accruint Virtual Crime Center program for the Real Time Crime Center.

Mr. DeProfio stated that between the original funding provided in the FY17 Budget, the addition of the COPS grant, and the current request for funding, the total amount of funding provided by Council to address crime related issues is approximately \$3.415 million.

Presented by Brian DeProfio, Director of Budget and Strategic Initiatives.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, that this Resolution-Budget be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. [17-0033](#) Resolution to Appropriate Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) from Committed Fund Balance - Departmental Savings to the Capital Budget for Public Works Engineering to Fund the City Council Chamber Renovations

Ms. Bunting summarized the changes that would be made to Council Chambers, referencing a presentation made in December. She noted that it is unusual to appropriate money in the middle of the fiscal year, but there were end-of-the-year savings that have been identified to move this item forward.

Councilman Gray noted that he recently had surgery and discovered that the dais was not wheelchair accessible. He requested that this be taken into consideration. Councilwoman Schmidt requested new chairs for Council. Councilwoman Snead requested a railing for the stairs.

Presented by Mary Bunting, City Manager.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis seconded by Councilmember Gray, that this Resolution-Budget be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Appointments

Ms. Glass read a summary of the appointments.

10. [16-0222](#) Consideration of appointments to the Peninsula Stadium Authority

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis appointing Wayne Gomes and Brenda Stokes, each to a first term which will expire on September 30, 2020, and appointing Kevin Myers as the City's voting representative to a first term which will expire on September 30, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. [17-0002](#) Consideration of an appointment to Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis appointing Eleanor Brown to fill a vacancy commencing immediately and expiring on June 30, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

Ms. Bunting announced the Hampton History Museum has just opened an exhibit that has ties to the newest Academy Award nominated film "Hidden Figures," featuring the African American women who worked at NASA as "human computers." The Associated Press (AP) has picked up the story. The exhibit is entitled "When the Computer Wore a Skirt: NASA's Human Computers." Mayor Tuck noted that he has received phone calls from other cities that would like to feature an exhibit on these women.

Councilman Moffett highlighted a community healthcare fair entitled "Celebrate Healthcare," on January 28th from 10am to 4pm, and January 29th from 11am to 4pm at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. This is one of the last opportunities for those needing healthcare to enroll in Affordable Healthcare. The fair will include vendors, a health and wellness expo, and seminars. It is sponsored by Celebrate Healthcare in partnership with the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. On Saturday, at 12pm, the special guests will be Governor Terry McAuliffe and Congressman Bobby Scott. For additional information, citizens can contact 287-0277.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gray noted that the nation recently celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the City has not yet finalized the plans for a permanent Martin Luther King memorial at the Convention Center. There was a recent report from Assistant City Manager Laura Fitzpatrick outlining the steps the City has taken. He stated that there needs to be closure to put this structure in place. He issued a challenge to Council, staff, and citizens to have a memorial completed in time for the next Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Vice Mayor Curtis stated that Sentara Hampton General and HPD have begun a collaboration to train officers in administering NARCAN (naloxone HCl), which helps counter the effects of an opioid overdose. She noted that opioid issues are rampant in the City, the State, and the nation. Officer Everal Walker was able to successfully administer NARCAN to an unresponsive individual last week, resulting in the person's survival. She stated that approximately 88 officers have been trained and more are scheduled for training. Saving a life is the best thing they can do.

ADJOURNMENT

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____