



# City of Hampton

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## Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Special Session

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

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

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**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### **Public Hearing & First Reading of the Budget**

#### **AGENDA**

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. All members of the City Council were present except for Councilman Moffett who was attending a Cities United meeting.

**Present** 6 - Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt, Councilmember Chris Snead, Councilmember Donnie R. Tuck, and Mayor George Wallace

**Excused** 1 - Councilmember Will Moffett

#### **GEORGE E. WALLACE PRESIDED**

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Vice Mayor Curtis**

City Manager Mary Bunting gave introductory comments on the procedures for adoption of the budget.

#### **Public Hearings**

Clerk of Council Katherine K. Glass read the protocol for Public Hearings.

1. [16-0137](#) FY17 Annual Action Plan

**Attachments:** [Budget](#)  
[Draft Action Plan](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[Revised Presentation](#)

Mayor Wallace opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to approve the FY17 Annual Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Snead and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

2. [16-0168](#) Public Hearing and Vote on Recommended Fiscal Year 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

**Attachments:** [FY2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan](#)

Mayor Wallace opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Curtis moved to approve the FY2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Snead and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

3. [16-0140](#) Public Hearing to Receive Citizens' Comments Relative to the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Proposed Taxes and Fees

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing. There were two speakers present.

Mr. Jason Young, Executive Director of Community Brain Injury Services, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: I'm here tonight just to say thank you for continued ongoing support of the Denbigh House for your outside agency funding program. I believe it's the eighth consecutive year that Denbigh House has been included in the City Manager's proposed budget. As most of you know, I'll just give you a brief kind of rundown of the

Denbigh House. It's part of a State-defined core safety net of programs for survivors of brain injury and is the only safety net available here in the Peninsula area. Our services are designed to help survivors of brain injury return to paid employment, regain their independence, and for many of the folks we serve, it just allows them to continue to live safely and independently in our community. Services are provided as long as our folks need them and request them, which for many of our members, due to the severity of their disability, is for an extended period of time. As we are part of the Commonwealth safety net, we never deny anyone service based on their ability to afford the services. Additionally, as part of our requirements for being a safety net, is a mandate to engage the communities that we serve to more fully serve persons with brain injury within them, so having your support not only helps us to fulfill this State mandate, but quite frankly, we wouldn't be able to adequately staff the program without your continued, ongoing support. Brain injury is very much a square peg in a round hole of disability service systems. If you have an intellectual disability, if you have a mental illness, if you have substance abuse issue, you can turn to your community service board and get access to a whole array of services. Unfortunately, brain injury is not one of the mandated service populations for any of the Commonwealth's forty community service boards. Consequently, despite the fantastic services offered by the Hampton-Newport News Community Service Board, they are not offered, nor if they were would they be appropriately offered, for persons with brain injury. Brain injury is not a small, fringe disability population, either. It affects about 3,000 Hampton City residents currently living with a disability resulting from a brain injury. Your funding sends a strong statement, not only for the need for our services, but the value of having a diverse service system that supports the needs of persons with a variety of disabilities, including brain injury. I'd also add that community-based services are very cost effective services for you to fund to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, and help people to remain living in their community and out of costly institutional settings. The funding you provide is not hand-out for us, but rather cost savings investment that supports some of our City's most vulnerable residents. On behalf of our entire agency and the 220 survivors and families that we provided service to last year, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for your funding, but also for your ongoing support in helping to provide a streamlined, diversified service system here in the area for persons with brain injury. Thank you.

Mr. Hugh Bassette approached the on the dais and made the following statement: I would like to have seen a property tax reduction in this budget, considering a couple years ago the large one we got, but we have to take it from somewhere. The staff salary increase, I don't think the top people in this City, the top staff should have gotten a reduction. While I think Mr. Peterson is probably one of the most valuable persons here, I don't think he needs a raise. Anybody who's making more than the average citizen, us out here got to pay for it, I don't see how we get a raise. And the bonus? I don't think anybody should get a bonus for doing their job. That's what your paycheck is, that's your bonus. And if you're doing a good job, and you get a raise, fine, but to give somebody a bonus? I worked 30-some years, I never got a bonus. I think you should just base that on me. The biggest thing, though, that I didn't see in the budget was enough money being spent on crime reduction, okay? I brought this with me because when we talk about crime, people always say how safe Hampton is. I've got 119 shootings that I took out of the newspaper, so this is not a glittering generality. These young people are shooting up this City. Now, do I have a solution for it? No, but I think we should start thinking about it. We had that meeting at the Convention Center, where they passed out these handouts. They talk about things that were being done around the country. I think staff, or somebody, should go through this and look at what's being done and put out what might be appropriate here. But to sit back and watch this municipal shootout occur? I was talking to Mr. Tuck and I told him I like to sit on my porch, and sometimes I sit on there at 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning, but now I have started sitting on my porch with a pistol because that's how bad things have gotten. I don't know which neighborhood each one of you live in, but in a lot of neighborhoods, the shooting has gotten outrageous. I don't think we can afford to just sit back. You talk about bringing tourists here, tourists are not going to come here if they keep seeing 119, this is since January 2014, 119, that's almost one a week, and it's getting worse. Like I said, I don't have the solution, but Ms. Curtis and Mr. Moffett, their committee is working on efforts to reduce crime. After the meeting, seemed like we had the meeting and I haven't heard anything else happening after this. So what comes next? We're just going to have this meeting and talk about crime all over the nation and then nothing? Or are we going to use what you found out at the meeting to come up with a plan appropriate for this City to do something about it? It's not just a Hampton problem, this is a national problem, but I think we should put some more money in that budget to deal with crime reduction than stuff like \$3.5 million

acquisition in Buckroe in the Master Plan. Buckroe Master Plan is the only one that got any money, what about the other Master Plans? And lastly, I object, of course, to the \$1.7 million for the Coliseum extension. We've been driving around there all these years and I can't see why you have to drive the Coliseum Drive all the way over to Butler Farm Road. Thank you.

Mayor Wallace stated that Councilman Moffett is at the Cities United Annual Convening and will be bringing back information relative to youth violence. Additionally, he will ask Ms. Synethia White, Youth Violence Prevention Manager, to contact Mr. Bassette about what steps the City is taking following the Regional Symposium.

Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing.

#### **Tax Non-Coded Ordinances Requiring Two Readings**

Councilwoman Snead asked the City Attorney if the ordinances setting the tax rates had to be adopted before action was taken on the appropriation ordinances. In response, the City Attorney indicated that they did have to be done first but could be in a consolidated motion.

The Clerk read the motion required for items 4 - 15.

4. [16-0165](#) Ordinance to set the Real Estate Tax Rate in the City of Hampton Virginia, for Fiscal Year 2017 Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017

Councilwoman Schmidt asked Ms. Bunting explain the real estate taxes and its relation to Fort Monroe. Ms. Bunting stated that Fort Monroe is in the boundaries of the City of Hampton, therefore private properties or properties in long-term leasehold are subject to the City's tax rate; however, most of the property does not fall into that category, still being under State or Federal government ownership. If the Fort Monroe Authority sells any property or enters into a long-term leasehold, that property becomes subject to the tax rate, which is why Council must adopt it in this manner. The State does provide a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to help offset that loss of tax revenue, but it does not cover the full amount required by State Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead,  
Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

5. [16-0156](#) Ordinance to Set the Tax Rates for All Categories of Tangible Personal Property liable for such levy in the City of Hampton, Virginia for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead,  
Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

**Appropriation Non-Coded Ordinances Requiring Two Readings**

6. [16-0141](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the General Fund Expenditures of the City of Hampton (City and School Operations) for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 General Fund Revenue Ordinance](#)  
[FY17 General Fund Expenditure Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead,  
Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

7. [16-0142](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the Capital Budget for the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Capital Budget Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at TIME. All members of the City Council were present.

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

8. [16-0147](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Fleet Services Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Fleet Services Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

9. [16-0154](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Risk Management Fund for the City of Hampton (City and Schools) for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Risk Management Fund Ordinance](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

10. [16-0148](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Hampton Coliseum and Hampton Arts Commission Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Hampton Coliseum and Hampton Arts Commission Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

11. [16-0149](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Hampton Roads Convention Center Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Hampton Roads Convention Center Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

12. [16-0143](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Solid Waste Management Fund for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Solid Waste Management Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Councilwoman Schmidt noted that there is a landfill usage revenue listed and asked from where this was coming. Ms. Bunting stated that the landfill is owned by a corporation, and the City purchased a landfill capacity, which is still abundant. When the City entered into that deal, the City could not afford to buy the entire landfill. Part of that arrangement allowed that if that company ever accepted waste from other communities, the City would receive a host fee. She noted that the Steam Plant reduces the waste to about one-third of its starting size before being taken to the landfill.



Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

13. [16-0146](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Steam Plant Fund for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Steam Plant Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Councilwoman Schmidt asked about the Steam Plant user fee. Ms. Bunting stated that the City charges National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for the use of the steam that is produced.

Councilwoman Schmidt noted that NASA is listed, but there is also a user fee listed. Ms. Bunting stated that is where the City is paying for its use of the Steam Plant. Both entities pay into the Steam Plant.

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

14. [16-0144](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the General Expenditures of the Stormwater Management Fund for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Stormwater Management Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead,  
Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

15. [16-0145](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Wastewater Management Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Wastewater Management Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

Councilwoman Schmidt noted that the City had to appropriate funds from the Fund Balance this year. She asked if this was done because the fund was not balancing. Ms. Bunting stated that equipment is depreciated over time, and the City puts money into Fund Balance for when equipment needs to be replaced.

Assistant City Manager Pete Peterson stated that Ms. Bunting was correct. Fund Balance is divided into two pieces, unreserved and investment in equipment. This is where Enterprise entities go for equipment replacement. General Fund City departments use Fleet Management Fund to replace their equipment.

Vice Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve agenda items 4 through 15 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schmidt and passed on the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Snead,  
Councilmember Tuck and Mayor Wallace

#### **Appropriation Non-Coded Ordinances Requiring One Reading**

16. [16-0150](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Information Technology Fund for the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Information Technology Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

The ordinance was read by the Clerk. A vote is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

17. [16-0151](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of The Hamptons Golf Course Fund for the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Hamptons Golf Course Fund Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

The ordinance was read by the Clerk. A vote is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

18. [16-0152](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Woodlands Golf Course Fund of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Woodlands Golf Course Ordinance](#)  
[FY17-Budget-Ad-outlined](#)

The ordinance was read by the Clerk. A vote is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

19. [16-0153](#) Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Appropriate Monies for the general expenditures of the Economic Development Fund for the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017

**Attachments:** [FY17 Economic Development Fund Ordinance](#)

The ordinance was read by the Clerk. A vote is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Curtis mentioned that a Sandy Bottom Nature Park employee (Art Mertz) recently participated in the Ultra Run which raised over \$25,000 for Relay for Life.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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George E. Wallace  
Mayor

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Katherine K. Glass, CMC  
Clerk of Council

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