



City of Hampton

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Notice of Action City Council Work Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Chris L. Bowman
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Hope L. Harper
Councilmember Billy Hobbs
Councilmember Martha Mugler

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Steven D. Bond, Interim City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. All members of the City Council were present. Mayor Tuck acknowledged those in attendance and shared that Trish Melochick, Senior Deputy City Attorney, was sitting on the dais today as Interim City Attorney Steve Bond is attending Judge's School this week.

Present 7 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Hope L. Harper, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Martha Mugler, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

AGENDA

1. [24-0236](#) Briefing on Hampton City Schools Budget
Presented by Dr. Richard Mason, School Board Chair; Dr. Raymond Haynes, Superintendent of Hampton City Schools; and Brittany Branch, Chief Financial Officer.

Also present were School Board members Ann Stephens Cherry and Jason Samuels and Dr. John Caggiano, Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Staff.
2. [24-0235](#) Briefing on Elizabeth Lakes Estates Request for a Service District Tax Increase
Presented by Donald Neubert, President of Elizabeth Lake

Estates Civic Association. He was accompanied by Sandy May and Pam Pringle.

Mayor Tuck called a recess from 2:39 p.m. until 2:50 p.m.

3. [24-0238](#)

Budget Discussion: City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

The City Manager invited the members of Council to share any ideas and/or potential changes to the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Councilwoman Mugler asked how it is handled if the City receives more money than initially anticipated from the General Assembly. The City Manager said that sometimes state funding comes with conditions but, absent that, staff would go back to the priorities which were ranked by Council earlier in the process.

Councilman Brown inquired if it was too late for an outside agency to request funding. The City Manager outlined the process and indicated that it is unfair to those who follow the process but the entity can use the public hearing process to make such a request.

Mayor Tuck had a few questions for Chief Wideman about if there is a need for funding for decibel meters to assist in vehicle noise citations and enforcement. Chief Wideman explained that the statistics are increasing on successful prosecution of these offenses and often prosecution is enhanced by the Officer's testimony as opposed to relying on a decibel meter.

Vice Mayor Gray stressed the importance of middle school sports and suggested that, if what Hampton City Schools is currently doing with middle school sports is also combatting youth violence, which is also an issue the City is addressing, shouldn't funding be increased supporting that. The City Manager indicated that she will work with Hampton City Schools to get more information on needs.

REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

CLOSED SESSION

4. [24-0161](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711.A (.1) (.3) and (.8) to discuss appointments as listed on the agenda; to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or the disposition of publicly held real property in the areas of Buckroe and Downtown Hampton, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the city; and to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters pertaining to Chesapeake Bay regulations and Service District taxes which require the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 3:11 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Martha Mugler and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Closed Session - Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Tuck

5. [24-0144](#) Consideration of an Appointment to the Hampton VA 250 Committee
6. [24-0229](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Virginia Municipal League 2024 Policy Committees

CERTIFICATION

7. [24-0237](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session
- A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Closed Session - Certification be approved. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Mugler and Mayor Tuck

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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