

# **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, November 8, 2017

6:30 PM

**Council Chambers** 

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

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members of the City Council were present except for Councilwoman Schmidt who arrived just after roll call.

Present: 6 -

- Vice Mayor Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, Councilmember Will Moffett and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
- Absent: 1 Councilmember Teresa V. Schmidt

#### **DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED**

# **INVOCATION - Councilmember Hobbs**

Councilman Hobbs gave the invocation.

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Tuck thanked City staff for their work on Council Chambers renovations and also thanked the School Board for the use of their facilities while the renovations were taking place.

He then stated that recently the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce hosted State of the City which had a record crowd and he shared a snippet of that program.

After a short video, Mayor Tuck acknowledged Langley Air Force Base and NASA as they celebrated their 100th anniversaries; Hampton University is celebrating its 150th anniversary; President of Hampton University Dr. Harvey is celebrating his 40th anniversary; and Thomas Nelson Community College is celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Tuck asked the Clerk to read item 13-0361 to be added to the agenda.

<u>17-0363</u> Motion to add legislative item 13-0361, as read by the Clerk, to the agenda under general items.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Vice Mayor Curtis, that this Motion 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
- 4. 17-0335 Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and Appropriate 2017 Port Security Grant Funding Awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security for Use by the City of Hampton Police Division

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Award Letter</u> <u>Grant Routing</u>

Following a short presentation by Hampton Police Chief Terry Sult, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, 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.** <u>17-0343</u> Resolution Supporting the ACT Work Ready Communities

Initiative and Authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to Execute All Documents Evidencing the City's Support of and Participation in this Effort

Attachments: Support Letter

Application

**Academy Acceptance Letter** 

Following a presentation by Pam Croom, Workforce
Development Coordinator, a motion was made by
Councilmember Snead and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs,
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 took a moment to recognize several individuals in attendance at the meeting: William Harrell, the President and CEO of Hampton Roads Transit; Cpl. Wilson with some of his Explorers: Jordan, Jeremy, Naomi and Grace; and Pam Croom, Workforce Development Coordinator who had her children with her.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Tuck stated that Vice Mayor Curtis requested item five and Councilwoman Snead requested item #9 be pulled from the agenda for staff to provide additional information.

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Chief Terry Sult to give Council a brief summary of the Port Security Grant that the Police Department has received.

Chief Terry Sult provided Council with an explanation of the benefits the Grant will have for the City of Hampton. Chief Sult stated that the Police Department has applied for a Port Security Grant that would give the Police Department the ability to partner with the United States Coast Guard and the Port Authority to protect citizens on our waterways. The Grant will help expand the camera system along the waterways and importantly it will link the command centers to our real-time

information center. This system will assist the Police Department in search and rescue and in identifying problem areas.

Ms. Bunting introduced Workforce Development Coordinator Ms. Pam Croom who gave a presentation on the ACT Work Ready Communities Initiative.

[There was no audio from 15:55 to 17:21]

Councilwoman Schmidt asked the difference between ACT Ready and a College SAT.

Ms. Croom replied this program is based off of work keys that the college system uses. If a person does not place at a bronze level then they would be placed into a career readiness program. The Workforce one stop offers this testing through Thomas Nelson Community College and individuals have a better understanding of what type of job role they are suited for. If minimal requirements are not met they will go through a training process to get their skill levels up.

Councilman Moffett asked how many other localities offer this type of program.

Ms. Croom replied that there are seven communities throughout the southeastern region and Hampton would be the first in this region to take on this initiative.

Councilwoman Snead asked who the benefactors are.

Ms. Croom replied that all residents would benefit from this program.

Councilman Hobbs stated he would love to get involved once the program is up and running.

Ms. Croom thanked Councilman Hobbs and stated that some of the larger employers require certain testing and are sent to Peninsula WorkLink.

In response to Councilman Gray, Ms. Croom replied that students have the opportunity to be certified in the ninth grade to gauge their skill level.

Mayor Tuck recognized Hampton Roads Transit President and CEO William Harrell and two members of his staff; Cpl. Wilson along with his Explorers Jordan, Jeremy Naomi and Grace and Ms. Croom's children.

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass made a corrective announcement that items four and nine were pulled, not item five.

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass read the protocol for the Consent Agenda.

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Curtis and 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
- 1. Approval of the minutes from the legislative sessions of May 10, 2017, July 12, 2017, and from the work and legislative sessions of October 25, 2017.

Item approved.

- Aye: 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck
- 2. <u>17-0332</u> Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2018 First Quarter Budget Adjustments

Attachments: FY18 1st Qtr Budget Adjustments

Item approved.

- Aye: 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck
- 3. <u>17-0356</u> Resolution Approving FY 2017 Year End Budget Adjustments

<u>Attachments:</u> FY17 Year End Budget Adjustments

Item approved.

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

- Fesolution to Appropriate \$33,187.22 of Insurance Proceeds and Amend the City of Hampton Police Division's Fiscal Year 2018

  General Fund Operating Budget

  Item approved.
  - Aye: 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck
- 6. 17-0354 Resolution Appropriating \$65,000 of the Committed Fund Balance of the Home Elevation Revolving Loan Program to the Emergency Management Operating Budget to Fund Costs Associated with the Administration of Home Elevation Projects Item approved.
  - Aye: 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck
- 7. 17-0358 Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of \$877,332 in Fiscal Year 2017 State Carryover Funds for the School Operating Fund of the School Board of the City of Hampton, Virginia to Offset the Impact of Fiscal Year 2018 State Revenue adjustments.

  Item approved.
  - Aye: 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt and Mayor Tuck
- 8. 17-0347 Resolution of the City Council of Hampton, Virginia to Amend the Approved Fiscal Year 2018 Council Approved Budget by Accepting and Appropriating \$2,516,700 in Grant Funds Awarded by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to the City of Hampton, Virginia to Elevate Seven (7) Repetitive Loss Properties

Attachments: Award Letter

City Attorney Sign-off for City Manager Signature

Item approved.

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

10. 17-0345 Resolution Endorsing the Two Recommended Alignments

Resulting from the Peninsula Corridor Study for the Implementation of Bus Rapid Transit and Formally Requesting Hampton Roads Transit to Initiate an Environmental Review Study for those Options Identified in the Cities of Hampton and

**Newport News** 

Attachments: Fixed Guideway Alternatives Map

Item approved.

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

11. 17-0340 Resolution Approving the Terms of a Service Agreement between the City of Hampton and the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) to Provide Fleet Service and Maintenance and Repair of HRHA Vehicles and Authorizing the Execution thereof

Attachments: Agreement

Item approved.

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

12. 17-0348 Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 27, Pawnbrokers; Junk and Secondhand Dealers, Section 27-8, Retention of purchases, in order to allow secondhand dealers to move items out of the City of Hampton prior to the expiration of 15 calendar days.

Attachments: Redline

Item approved.

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

#### PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ms. Glass read the protocol for the Public Hearing Session

#### **Ordinances**

#### Resolutions

13. 17-0342 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease for a 3,160 sq. ft. Portion of Land Over City Owned Property Located at 1590 Briarfield Road, LRSN: 1000275 to Crown Communication LLC, for a Power Equipment Compound and Cell Tower

Attachments: Lease Agreement

City Manager Mary Bunting stated that Crown Communication LLC entered into a lease with the City of Hampton on December 10, 2012 and the new lease has been renegotiated and staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Hearing. As there were no speakers present, Mayor Tuck closed the Public Hearing.

Following a public hearing where no one signed up to speak, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Gray, 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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Tuck opened the Public Comment period. Ms. Katherine Glass read the protocol for the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Tim Leighton introduced himself and made the following comment: Tonight I

speak as a resident and President of the Long Creek Waterway Association. I and other members of the association have spoken to you several times in the past about the importance of not just our inland but all of Hampton's waterways, inlands and shorelines. You may remember from our past comments here that over ten thousand boaters transit this area south every Fall and back every Spring. Most of those cruisers are not rich but they do spend money. Slip fees, grocery shopping, entertainment, maintenance, repairs, etc. it all adds up. Unfortunately, Hampton has a less than stellar reputation amongst boaters who transit this area. Even though those who attend the popular Snow Bird Rendezvous every year have commented to us that the only reason they stopped in our city was because of the event. Not because of the City itself. Well once we get them here, we change their minds but we have to get them to stop. So why? Hampton has 150 miles of shoreline, 3 navigable inlets lined with marinas, great restaurants, museums and other attractions. So why aren't we the southern bay version of Annapolis? We certainly have a prime location at the crossroads of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay intercoastal waterways. So why? At least part of the answer lies in the lack of boater friendly infrastructure. We have enough marina base, so that is not the problem; what we lack is access. There are many parts to this access issue but I will touch on just one. The Long Creek Salt Ponds Inlet goes through an eighteen month to two year shoaling/dredging cycle that significantly restricts its use about half the time. There is just not enough water at low tide to safely enter and exit the inlet due to shoaling. There are almost five hundred boat slips in the Salt Ponds area and the latest estimate is that only fifty percent is occupied by long term boaters despite the fact that the City has the lowest boat tax in the area. Transit boaters also totally avoid the inlet. Why is that? The word has spread amongst us that our inlet is not to be used except for the local knowledge. As a matter of fact, the City even posted signs several years ago on the inlet warning boaters "shoaling in the channel". That is certainly not an image the City wants to display. I will not bore you with the details but the Long Creek Waterways Association has provided some out of the box ideas to the City to help mitigate this issue and we hope they will receive some serious thought. Last week we were able to show Councilman Gray and Waterways Engineer Brian Lewis the inlet from a boat. I think it was an eye opening experience for both of them as they got a close-up look at the challenges that we all face transiting the inlet. I would like to extend that invitation to any member of Council who would like to have a look at a vital City asset and that also extends to anybody on the City staff. We promise not to preach but just to show you. I have business cards with me with my contact information that I would be happy to pass out. If you have any questions I will try to address them at this time. Thank you.

Mayor Tuck stated the City is aware of the situation and this would be one of the items for discussion during the Strategic Priorities Sessions.

Ms. Rochelle Yarborough introduced herself and made the following comment: I started a support group for people who have Vitiligo. Vitiligo is an autoimmune disease that affects the pigmentation of the body and that is what I have. I started meetings in July and we have had a meeting every month at Northampton Community Center. This month's meeting will be November 18th at 2:00 p.m. and I encourage you to come out and learn more about what vitiligo is. Vitiligo is when melanin attacks the pigment cells in the body and you lose your color and it can affect anybody, any race and any age. I see a lot of people in our City that have vitiligo and I just want to spread awareness about it and want them to know that there is someone out there that cares about them. People are committing suicide all over the country and I want to bring some awareness to our City. My husband and I just left D.C. last month to advocate on Capitol Hill along with people from all over the United States. I was not able to speak to our Virginia representatives but did make our presence known and we hope we have made an impact so that we can bring some awareness to this. So that is what I am trying to do.

Mayor Tuck commented that his deceased aunt and five of her seven children had vitiligo.

Ms. Yarborough shared their slogan "It's more than skin deep".

Mayor Tuck asked Ms. Glass if our list of people who signed up to speak tonight came up before the cut-off time, and the time period for signing up.

Ms. Glass replied that we stop accepting sign ups at 6:45 p.m., 15 minutes after the meeting has convened.

Mayor Tuck allowed Mr. King to speak.

Mr. Joe King introduced himself and made the following comment: I have been doing a lot in this City, I want to tell you that Cliff Harmon passed night before last. I put him in business about thirty-five years ago. He was one of the best bodied people in the country. I put him in business for two hundred dollars a month and he says to me, "Joe, I can pay you more than that" and I said what I want you to do for me is win. He was one of the best in the country. I had Import Auto King, Harmon's Body Shop, restaurants, Merchant's Square all those things. Let me tell you something, we've got a problem in this community. The court system has sued me for three

quarters of a million dollars and they have gotten paid and here I am. I have not done one thing. The judge is a gangster, criminal.

Mayor Tuck interrupted Mr. King and told him he cannot disparage anyone as he speaks and it will not be allowed.

Mr. King stated he will do what he needs to do and he has worked in this community and has put people in business, hundreds of people who are working right now and the court system has allowed gangsters, you want me to be nice - I am not nice.

Mr. King made some disparaging remarks about the local court system and the Mayor indicated to him that he would not allow that. Mr. King continued and the Mayor again stated the behavior would not be allowed and his speaking period was terminated and thanked him for the information regarding Mr. Harmon's passing.

#### **GENERAL ITEMS**

Clerk of Council Katherine Glass read the titles of each of the general items on the agenda.

City Manager Mary Bunting stated that CCJ Armistead LLC requested permission to encroach onto the pubic right-a-away. Staff recommends approval with conditions outlined in the encroachment agreement.

Ms. Bunting introduced Vice President C. J. Stolle of Two Capitols Consulting who made a presentation to Council.

17-0361

Resolution Authorizing the Grant of an Encroachment, Pursuant to § 34-86 of the City Code, to CCJ Armistead, LLC, Into Areas of Public Rights-of-Way Known as N. Armistead Avenue, LaSalle Avenue, and Thomas Street for Force Main Connections Comprising 4,000 Square Feet, More or Less, for the Development at 1100 N. Armistead Avenue (LRSN 8000286)

Attachments: Encroachment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, 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

**14.** <u>17-0346</u> Briefing and Approval of the City of Hampton, Virginia's 2018

**General Assembly Priorities** 

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Afternoon Presentation</u>

Evening Presentation

Following a presentation by C. J. Stolle of Two Capitols Consulting, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, that this Motion 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

#### **Ordinances**

#### Resolutions

**15.** <u>17-0337</u> Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation Program Seven (7) New Capital Projects into Its 6-Year Improvement Plan

Attachments: Presentation

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Programs Manager Angela Rico who made a presentation to Council.

Following a presentation by Angela Rico, the City's VDOT Programs Manager, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, 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

**16.** <u>17-0344</u> Resolution to Establish a Serious or Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) Committee

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Presentation 1</u>

Presentation 2

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Lieutenant (Lt.) Jason Price who made a presentation to Council followed by additional information by Chief Terry Sult and Assistant City Manager Steve Bond.

Mayor Tuck asked Lt. Price to go back two slides and stated that at some point someone should have notified Human Services or some other support agency that there was a problem with a particular child. Mayor Tuck stated he was curious about all the breakdowns noted and how the SHOCAP system will help if there is a failure all along to identify a person needing some additional services. What is the difference with SHOCAP?

Lt. Price replied that SHOCAP is not an early intervention but an intervention committee designed for juveniles already deemed serious habitual offenders.

Ms. Bunting elaborated that the City does not have the authority to share information early on about juveniles unless there is evidence of eminent danger.

Mayor Tuck asked if Juvenile Services comes into play when a juvenile commits a felony and has to be supervised through their probation.

Lt. Price replied that is not necessarily the case. Neither the Police Department nor Human Services would be privy to that information because they are juveniles. That is the key with the SHOCAP Committee that if a juvenile meets the criteria, it affords the police the opportunity to discuss the information and provide resources to help the offender and possibly their siblings.

Councilman Moffett stated he was excited when he read this in the newspaper and is interested in the response from the partners thus far.

Lt. Price replied that there had been an initial meeting and everyone is on board. SHOCAP Committees can discuss other habitual offenders with other SHOCAP Committees.

Councilman Gray asked about the criteria, what constitutes a serious and habitual offender?

Lt. Price read the definition from the State Code.

Councilwoman Snead asked what you are trying to do by gathering all the information because it seems so after the fact.

Lt. Price replied when you look at those individuals that have committed three or more offenses, other than murder or attempted murder, they are still in society and may still be attending public school. He stated that it is important not to lose sight of trying to help those who some may have thought were not worth helping.

Councilwoman Snead agreed with Lt. Price and understands the outcome of the program.

Vice Mayor Curtis stated that Councilwoman Snead's assumption is that by the time you see someone's record as shown there is no one in the community to help, but the reality is there are. The Juvenile Court system is designed to help and find ways to reach young people. The assumption is that everyone has thought people have been able to talk to each other but they cannot due to the State Code until it reaches a certain stage.

Chief Terry Sult reminded Council about a HUB concept discussed some time back and this is the HUB concept at the habitual offender level. The HUB concept broke down because people did not trust each other because of the legal complications.

Vice Mayor Curtis stated that all the things in the social autopsy are places where the person was caught and there could be other offenses where the person was not caught.

Councilwoman Snead stated that she believes the program is good if we can help young people before they get hard core and asked at what point you intervene?

Chief Sult replied that at the point the statute allows the police to do so. We need to get the ball rolling to see how it is going to work. This is another tool on the tool belt to reach a child that might otherwise be doomed for life and feels it is worth trying for that one child.

Councilman Gray stated that when he was a staff member he too had tried, to bring a group of individuals together to share information to get programs and services to the right group and was unable to break through and did not have the benefit of SHOCAP.

Chief Sult stated the police department is trying to get to the kids a lot sooner than

SHOCAP would allow and pushing the legal envelope.

Ms. Bunting emphasized that it was not because the Police Department did not want to but because of the legal constraints. What we are asking Council to do today is to approve the resolution to demonstrate what it can do.

Mayor Tuck asked what is lacking other than sharing information if the person is already interacted with multiple departments.

Chief Sult replied that absent a court order from a judge they cannot talk to juvenile services or anyone else regarding that juvenile. The judge may have access to a small portion of the necessary information and has to make a decision based on what is before the court. This program allows us by statute to share information on a broader sense amongst designated partners.

Mayor Tuck asked the age of the SHOCAP Program.

Chief Sult stated he remembered it in the 90's but was not aware until recently that Virginia had codified it.

Mayor Tuck asked if there are any other localities in our region other than Newport News using it and if there is any data on the program's success.

Chief Sult affirmed that Portsmouth, Fairfax and another locality in the northern part of the State are using SHOCAP.

Lt. Price stated that Portsmouth has had this since the late 90's and it is still in effect and he believes that since the program has continued since the 90's then the program is successful.

Councilman Moffett stated he realizes the importance of data sharing but would like some warm fuzzies regarding the committee structure and if the committees are all run by law enforcement? How do other jurisdictions operate?

Lt. Price replied that had not yet been determined.

Chief Sult replied that he anticipated it would be service driven. Part of our mission statement is that we pull other resources together to solve a problem and police agencies across the country are typically the leading department within communities to push these agendas to help prevent crimes.

In response to Councilman Moffett, Assistant City Manager Steve Bond stated that the leadership will be dictated by the needs of the child. SHOCAP will enable information to be shared and develop a plan to treat the whole child.

Councilman Moffett agreed this is a great tool and wanted the understanding of the leadership role.

Chief Sult stated that a draft policy is in place and once the resolution is passed everyone can come together.

Councilman Moffett stated that if the leadership role is based on the need whether it is the Police Department, Social Services, School Division or Court Services and if you have a model that is flexible he believes you can make some headway.

Chief Sult stated that saving a child may mean placing that child in jail, for their safety and after all other resources have been exhausted. The key is what other lives the individual has touched and where a difference can be made.

Ms. Bunting commented to Councilman Moffett that to give him additional comfort she pledged to have Mr. Bond convene the first meeting so there can be no perception that the Police Department is taking the leadership role away from others.

In response to Councilman Gray, Chief Sult replied that there are about fifteen to twenty serious habitual offenders currently in our community and more could easily be added to the list.

Councilman Gray asked for a report back to Council regarding the outcome of the progress being made.

Chief Sult stated that benchmarks for success and evaluation points can be shared just not detailed information regarding the juvenile.

Councilman Gray suggested a social autopsy based on real data could be used as shown in the presentation Chief Sult stated that part of the first meeting should be how to define success and be able to report back to Council on whether or not it is a good thing. Mayor Tuck stated that he was uneasy about acting on this item this evening because he felt he did not know enough about what the City is trying to accomplish and who is involved in accomplishing it. It is hard for him to understand that someone committed multiple offenses and the different departments not knowing

about it.

Chief Sult replied that it is black and white in the law about what is allowed to be shared and he understands the Mayor's concerns.

Chief Terry Sult made a Violent Crime Task Force presentation.

Lt. Price briefed Council on the Rapid Engagement of Support in the Event of Trauma (R.E.S.E.T.) Program. This door-to-door program is for Hamptonians to help fellow Hamptonians and to provide information to those who have been traumatized or have a need for different levels of help.

Chief Sult announced that they had been awarded a grant in partnership with Newport News and two prestigious universities. More information will be given at a later date.

Councilman Gray mentioned to Chief Sult that at the Greenwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting last night he stated that the Police Department had an attorney working on staff but did not see that position mentioned in the presentation and asked if that attorney is part of the Violent Crimes Task Force.

Chief Sult replied that the U. S. Attorney's Office is not limited to Ms. Amy Cross. She is an employee assigned to the Police Department who is a special assistant to the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Newport News Office and prosecutes cases from Hampton.

Councilman Gray asked Chief Sult who she works for.

Chief Sult replied that Ms. Cross works for the Police Department and is supervised by the supervising U. S. Attorney.

Councilwoman Schmidt asked if Chief Sult had heard about the concept of Hot Spot Neighborhood? In one of the Governing magazines she read where you move an officer into a Hot Spot Neighborhood to live to establish relationships.

Chief Sult replied that concept has been around for quite a while. Choices from low to no interest loans on houses to an officer to live in a City renovated home for a specified number of years along with a number of incentives such as a take home vehicle are incentives that can help to promote this type of program.

Councilwoman Schmidt stated that in the article the officer would live free but had to live in the home two to three years and showed the crime rate had dropped in the neighborhood. She asked Chief Sult had he considered this type of program.

Chief Sult replied that he would certainly be willing and probably should explore. If there are properties that need to be renovated and it could be a win win situation for the City. There are a lot of ways that this could be used strategically to help communities that need assistance.

Councilman Moffett thanked Chief Sult and Lt. Price for their presentations and expressed his appreciation for all the officers of the Hampton Police Department. He also acknowledged the successes of the Police Department in the Academy, Real Time Center and the R.E.S.E.T. Program. He suggested that all members of Council take training in the R.E.S.E.T. Program so if they are needed they would be adequately trained to help.

Councilman Moffett continued by stating that this Council along with the City Manager have funded nearly all of your technology requests. In looking at all the different task forces, Gang Task Force, Gun Task Force and a task force for every task force. In looking at the Violent Crime Task Force and what citizens are looking for is, do we feel safe? From July to October there were nine arrests, is it reasonable to see that as a success?

Chief Sult replied yes and described examples of their successes.

Councilman Moffett asked Chief Sult if there was anything else operationally that the City can do to help with the progress.

Chief Sult replied that it boils down to the community's help and the use of technology to validate the information and that is why all these programs are important.

City Manager Mary Bunting reiterated the importance of community involvement, everyone needs to come together before crimes happen as opposed to expecting the police to arrest our way out of the problem.

Chief Sult stated that the social autopsy is very telling and if looked at in ten years it would show a continued same path and revolving door in the court system.

Following a presentation by Lt. Jason Price of the Hampton

Police Division, with additional information being provided by Chief Terry Sult and Assistant City Manager Steve Bond, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett and Councilmember Schmidt

Nay: 1 - Mayor Tuck

Following the vote on item 17-0344, Chief Sult provided additional information on the crime initiatives pursued by the Hampton Police Division. Lt. Jason Price also provided information.

## **Appointments**

- 17. 17-0351 Consideration of appointments to Peninsula Agency on Aging Reappointed Thomas Fukawa to his first full term which will expire 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
  - 17-0364 Motion to appoint Mary Bunting in the place of Leonard Sledge to the Thomas Nelson Community College Board of Trustees to serve until June 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Curtis that Ms. Bunting be appointed. No second was required. 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

There were no reports.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS**

In response to an e-mail he received this evening from a citizen, Mayor Tuck asked the City Manager if a community meeting was held in connection with the improvements at Todds Lane and Big Bethel Road. The City Manager was unable to respond at that time but indicated she would follow up with the Public Works Director to ascertain this information.

The Mayor also expressed appreciation to all of Hampton's veterans.

Vice Mayor Curtis shared that she attended a unique ceremony held by the Elizabeth Lake Stewardship Committee where a 6' sapling from the Emancipation Oak was planted in their common area. She shared some of the history of the Elizabeth Lake development and why the roads curve in an unusual direction. During the program, developer Tommy Thompson shared that the cows used to calve in a particular area and trees were planted to shelter them. When the area was developed, the roads were designed to preserve those trees. Additionally, the sapling was planted in an area over the oyster reef in the Hampton River. Vice Mayor Curtis shared how unique the ceremony was to Hampton and expressed her appreciation for the preservation of Hampton's history.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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