



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Linda D. Curtis
Councilmember W.H. "Billy" Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck announced that Vice Mayor Gray and Councilwoman Snead should be arriving soon. Mayor Tuck announced that Deputy Clerk Tammy Lee is sitting in for Clerk of Council Katherine Glass.

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Present 5 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

Excused 2 - Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, and Councilmember Chris Snead

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

AGENDA

1. [18-0369](#) Presentation by Dominion Energy (formerly Dominion Virginia Power) on Storm Power Restoration Process

Attachments: [PRESENTATION.pptx](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting introduced Ms. Melanie Rapp Beale, Dominion Energy External Affairs Manager of the Eastern Region. Ms. Beale gave brief remarks and introduced Mr. Wade Potter, Peninsula Manager, Mr. Jim Willis, Eastern Regional Center Manager, Mr. Max Bartholomew, Director Eastern Region State and Local Affairs, and Mr. Greg Boyce of their Eastern Regional Operating Center, who gave the presentation.

Mayor Tuck asked about proactive planning. In the past he noticed a lot of bucket trucks with no emblems on them on Mercury Blvd. near the Holiday Inn Express and asked if they were Dominion Energy trucks or contractors.

Mr. Boyce answered that they have system contractors that Dominion Energy uses first and that could be a staging area for them.

Mayor Tuck asked Mr. Boyce to repeat and explain the amount of time given to the customer after impact of outage.

Mr. Boyce replied that the time given is the goal set to have everything restored.

Mayor Tuck asked what the regional and global numbers represent.

Mr. Boyce replied that the regional number is a rolling five year average and global numbers are when alerts are given out to customers that acknowledge the outages and provide updated restoration time information.

Councilwoman Curtis asked why under the State and Local Government Category the State Corporation Commission is listed on the restoration priority sheet as critical.

Mr. Boyce replied the information is provided to Dominion Energy by the local jurisdictions and the slide is an example and not specific to this area.

Mayor Tuck asked if the large industrial customers are fed by a different type of substation.

Mr. Boyce replied that some industrial customers are fed directly from their own substation.

Councilman Brown thanked Mr. Boyce for his presentation and asked if large customers are based on employees or priority in terms of having their services restored.

Mr. Boyce replied that the large customers identified in his presentation were based on revenue.

In response to Councilman Brown, Mr. Boyce replied that the priority customers are your hospitals.

Councilman Brown stated during Isabel some of his neighbors had power where he did not and asked if that was because they may have been on a separate grid and is Dominion Energy moving towards more underground cables.

Mr. Boyce replied that Councilman Brown could be on a different grid or circuit and since Isabel a lot of things have improved and Dominion Energy does have an underground program.

Councilwoman Curtis stated just because the lines are underground does not necessarily mean the power will not go out and when it has to be repaired it is harder to access.

Mr. Boyce replied that Councilwoman Curtis' statement is accurate.

Mayor Tuck thanked Mr. Boyce for making the presentation and explained why Dominion Energy was asked to be here. Mayor Tuck experienced the same situation as Councilman Brown during Michael and understands the aspect of priorities.

Mr. Boyce replied that there may be situations where a one member crew can handle restoring power from a circuit by himself but there may be another situation within the same area that requires additional crew members and resources. Dominion Energy is always working hard to do better.

Mayor Tuck stated that after looking at the chart next time he will spend the night at the Shipyard.

Councilman Brown asked if there is a priority for those customers who have various medical equipment needs.

Mr. Boyce replied that customers need to register and let Dominion Energy know they have special needs. These situations are so sporadic and it would be impossible to put a priority on each one so a universal call is made alerting those customers of the possibility and the need to make arrangements.

Councilman Hobbs commented on the great presentation and made the statement that Dominion Energy must coach their lineman when they interact with customers to be very positive and upbeat. Councilman Hobbs stated that he stopped at a staging area at Peninsula Town Center to thank the workers for what they were doing and

exclaimed on how upbeat and positive they were.

Mr. Boyce thanked Councilman Hobbs and stated they have some top notch-employees.

Ms. Beale made closing remarks.

Councilwoman Snead arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Present 6 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray

2. [18-0365](#) Air Power Park 2018 Multi-year Phased Recovery Plan

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting gave a brief statement and introduced Mr. Allen Hoilman, Hampton History Museum Curator. Additional information was provided by Mr. David McCauley, Director of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services.

Mayor Tuck asked if all individuals that were asked about the relevance or perception of the park were native born.

Mr. Hoilman replied that kind of question was not asked and it was an open forum.

Mayor Tuck stated that people who may have grown up with the park may have more of an infinity for it opposed to those who may not know the history or purpose.

Mr. Hoilman recalled the comments he heard at the community forum were from citizens who were familiar and had an attachment to the park and he would guess they were either native or very fond of the subject.

Mayor Tuck asked where the aircraft would be reassembled.

Mr. Hoilman replied that the aircraft would be reassembled wherever the owners asked for the aircraft to be delivered.

Mayor Tuck stated that there are aircraft there that are over forty years old and some newer aircraft and he would think for relevancy that younger people and parents would want to see something more current. What would be a replacement cost for something newer.

Mr. Hoilman replied that a request can be made through the repository of the National Museum of the United States Air Force for something more modern. Once granted the City would be responsible for the expense of breaking it down and reassembling here in Hampton for exhibit.

Mayor Tuck asked about incurring such cost for returning the aircraft and are all communities faced with similar costs and have we had any communication with the owners concerning the costs.

Mr. Hoilman replied that the standard loan agreements are consistent throughout and reject any responsibility for the cost involved. It has been his experience that the loan agreements are hard, fast and the expectations are clear that the expense is born by the borrower and not the lender. However, all types of negotiations are possible.

City Manager Mary Bunting asked Mr. Hoilman to explain why some can be scrapped and replaced and some cannot.

Mr. Hoilman explained that they had spoken with NASA directly and they have an adopter for the Little Joe and the City would not bear any expense and if we no longer wanted the Jupiter they would find a home for it or it could be scrapped. The aircraft that is listed as scrap has no loan agreement associated with it and could be scrapped if chosen to do so.

Mayor Tuck asked what is at these other destinations that allows them to have the aircraft and will they then maintain them. Is it shipped to the destination and it sits in a box until whenever asked for or until the owner scraps it. Mayor Tuck stated he could not imagine that somebody would want this old aircraft and would incur a \$300,000. expense to disassemble, ship it and reassemble it.

Mr. Hoilman replied that there are large repositories that have the resources to store the aircraft and would prefer the aircraft to be adopted by another institution.

Councilwoman Curtis asked if the costs associated with the disassembling and

transporting involve restoring. Is the City required to return the item in the same condition as we received it or can they be returned in their current state of disrepair.

Mr. Hoilman replied that it is an unanswered question that is dangerous. They would not demand that the aircraft be restored before return but there is a clause in the loan agreement that would allow them to request that of the City. He does not believe they would as partners but it is a possibility.

Councilwoman Curtis stated that there is potential additional cost if the aircraft had to be restored prior to returning.

Mr. Hoilman confirmed that was true and stated that NASA stated they would not require the items to be restored.

Councilman Brown asked to affirm that we are here because the City has not maintained the aircraft.

Mr. Hoilman replied that the aircraft have not had the attention required in the last couple of decades.

Councilman Brown asked if Parks and Recreation had a schedule to maintain the aircraft.

Mr. Hoilman replied that there is no specific schedule in the loan agreements but the aircraft should be kept in such condition where they do not shed bad light on the institution they represent.

Councilman Brown stated that it seemed to maintain the integrity of the aircraft there would have been some type of maintenance plan in place.

Mr. Hoilman replied that he has no prior information and his best estimate would be that the City should be prepared to spend a little under a \$100,000. a year to keep the park going.

Ms. Bunting stated that when former Parks & Recreation Director Jim Wilson was here he worked with volunteers to help with the maintenance of the park.

Councilman Brown asked if the City started the maintenance too late to try to bring the aircraft up to a decent appearance.

Ms. Bunting stated that if the City decides to commit to the park that an annual schedule will be set in place versus relying on volunteer labor.

Mr. Hoilman stated that there was a fundamental shift on 9/11 and the Air Force no longer has the freedom to help as they had before and that started the beginning of the slide in the volunteer base that the City depended on.

Councilman Brown asked if there are any historical organizations who are interested in helping us restore the aircraft or funding sources.

Mr. Hoilman replied that he has individuals and organizations interested in helping.

Councilman Brown asked Ms. Bunting if the City has the initial \$341,000 in this current fiscal budget.

Ms. Bunting replied that the money would be coming out of the Parks & Recreation maintenance budget.

Parks & Recreation Director David McCauley stated that they plan on doing Phase I this year and Phase II next year. The department could probably do Phase IV and are working on funding Phase III and there may be a possibility in sharing the costs.

Councilwoman Snead asked why you would have staff supervise the volunteers in the painting and perhaps not include this as part of the repainting of the aircraft. Instead why not take more money to have a contractor do all of the painting.

Mr. Hoilman replied that this could certainly be reorganized.

Councilman Snead inquired about the cost of the regrading and feels we are putting the cart before the horse. She believes we should address how we need to bring the ground up before we start remounting planes and is concerned that we do not have a true cost of the project. If the City does decide to proceed with the project we need to look very carefully at how to keep this a very active park.

Mr. Hoilman replied the presentation reflects the reorganization of the Phase Plan presented to the City Manager who asked for those same concerns to be taken into account and wants a robust and active plan.

Councilwoman Snead stated the City is investing a lot of money to make some things look pretty and is concerned that by the end of the project it is cost prohibitive and

why are we not looking at that first before we start the project as a whole.

Mr. Hoilman replied that those concerns will be addressed.

Ms. Bunting stated that perhaps some of the elements of Phase II should be moved or have Phase III happen at the same time due to the permanent installations.

Councilwoman Brown shared the same concerns as Councilwoman Snead and feels these types of assets are what make us special, unique and give us a sense of place.

Councilman Brown shared too the same concerns as Councilwoman Snead and asked Mr. Hoilman about the increase in attendance and who visits the park and will we market this to school and churches

Mr. Hoilman verified that the intent is to reach out and market the park to increase visits.

Councilwoman Brown added that the park is an enjoyable recreational outside space and a fun place to play.

Mr. Hoilman replied that new playground equipment is being looked into that is rocket and aviation themed.

Mayor Tuck wondered about that after Councilman Brown commented about playing on the planes.

Mr. Hoilman replied that is why there are now fences around the aircraft.

Mayor Tuck commented that in North Carolina there were slides built into the aircraft.

Ms. Bunting commented that there was an actual slide built like a rocket ship.

Mr. McCauley reiterated that the urgency is now since NASA is threatening to close the park unless the City does the deferred maintenance.

Councilman Hobbs asked if the Little Joe rocket is the one that shot Sam the monkey into outer space.

Mr. Hoilman said he would find out the answer.

Mayor Tuck thanked everyone for the presentation and asked about the next step.

Ms. Bunting stated that with the understanding that Council does not want to do anything that would put a permanent stake in the ground that may not be useable in the future the City will proceed with Phase I. (painting and any additional securing). Council agreed.

REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

CLOSED SESSION

3. [18-0307](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711.A.1, .3, .7, and .8 to discuss appointments to the H2O Community Development Authority and the Board of Zoning Appeals; to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property in the Olde Hampton for a public purpose, and the disposition of publicly held real property in Phoebus, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the city; to consult with legal counsel regarding actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the city; and to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the city regarding specific legal matters concerning use permit conditions requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 2:27 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Chris Snead and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Closed Session - Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

CERTIFICATION

4. [18-0349](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Councilmember Chris Snead, that this Closed Session - Certification be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

ADJOURNMENT

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____