



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Legislative 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, March 27, 2019

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.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Linda D. Curtis, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, Councilmember Chris Snead and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

INVOCATION - Councilmember Eleanor Brown

Councilwoman Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tuck commented that it is not often he gets nervous at a Council meeting but when he walked into Council Chambers and saw all the individuals in red he thought he had walked into a North Carolina State Wolf Pack Boosters' Club meeting. He welcomed the members of our Hampton Fire and Rescue Department as well as their families and asked the new Fire and Rescue members to stand to be recognized.

City Manager Mary Bunting shared that the Manager's Recommended Budget will be officially released on April 15th and will include a change to the Law Enforcement

Officer Supplement (LEOS) multiplier to 1.85% and stated she feels it is important to recognize the men and women of our Fire and Police community. She also shared that there will be a 3% general wage increase and no health insurance increase for employees.

Ms. Bunting announced the City of Hampton is extremely honored to be the host City for Joint Base Langley-Eustis, specifically Langley Air Force Base (LAFB) and we're excited about the recent basing decision regarding the F-22 Raptor Formal Training Unit mission. As many of you may have heard, yesterday The Secretary of the Air Force signed a basing decision memo designating Joint Base Langley-Eustis Air Force Base as the only candidate and reasonable alternative for the F-22 Formal Training Unit. As you know, Hurricane Michael devastated Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida, the previous site of the Formal Training Unit. The unit was temporarily relocated to Eglin Air Force Base to expediently resume pilot training and production and leverage surviving F-22 infrastructure and existing civilian, contractor and Total Force personnel at Tyndall Air Force Base. Based on strategic basing analysis, the Air Force determined Langley Air Force Base is the most suitable F-22 location to support Formal Training Unit operations. The Air Force will make its final basing decision following compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory and planning processes. City Staff has been working with LAFB to support this mission and part of our work continues to focus on acquiring privately owned parcels of property in the flight approach zone to prevent encroachment and non-compatible uses. Because of our efforts, the criteria the strategic basing process uses includes encroachment issues and we have significantly helped mitigate that issue. The roughly 700-800 new jobs the Formal Training Unit will bring to the installation will also bring significant economic benefits to both the City of Hampton and Hampton Roads. The City will continue to support LAFB as it prepares to add this new mission.

Mayor Tuck stated some citizens may have noticed that Council did not have an afternoon work session or a spotlight meeting today. The reason these meetings were cancelled is because the entire City Council and several staff members attended the Urban Land Institute's Inaugural Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia with educational seminars on Creating and Sustaining Happiness in Virginia Communities. Our sessions focused on what makes cities lovable and why we connect emotionally with some places and not others; Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs; and changing the physical form of cities to influence people's decisions about living there.

Mayor Tuck acknowledged John Edwin Walker Sr. who turned 100 on March 17th,

and is the oldest living WWII veteran in the City of Hampton and his wife of 73 years who will be 99 this year.

The Mayor also noted that Bethel and Kecoughtan High Schools participated in the African American Heritage Scholastic Bowl this past Saturday at Fort Monroe. They were two of ten regional high schools who participated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Clerk Tammy Lee read the protocol for the consent agenda and a summary of the consent items.

Mayor Tuck acknowledged Deputy Clerk Tammy Lee for sitting in as the Clerk.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Curtis, and seconded by Councilmember Hobbs, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

1. [18-0302](#) Consideration of appointments to Hampton Employees Retirement System Board (HERS)

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

2. [19-0094](#) Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate the 2019 Violence Against Women's Act Program - VAWA Prosecution Grant Awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to the City of Hampton, Virginia

Attachments: [Award Letter -19-W](#)
[2019 Grant Application](#)
[Certification Form](#)
[General Grant Conditions](#)
[Grant Routing Sheet](#)
[Grant-Proposal-Overview](#)
[Underserved Data Sheet](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

3. [19-0108](#) Approval of the minutes from the Work Session of February 13, 2019, the Work, Ceremonial and Legislative Sessions of February 27, 2019, and the Work and Legislative Sessions of March 13, 2019.

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

4. [19-0116](#) Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Acceptance and Appropriation of Funds for the Hampton Clean City Commission from the Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant Program

Attachments: [Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant Application HCCC 7-12-18001](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

5. [19-0119](#) Resolution to accept the donation of an Accelerant Detection K-9 from State Farm Insurance for use by Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue to continue their Accelerant Detection K-9 Program

Attachments: [STATE FARM Scholarship Award Ltr](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

6. [19-0120](#) Resolution to approve and appropriate FY18 Hazmat Recovery Funds in the amount of \$33,201.19 from the Hazmat Restricted Fund Balance to Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue's current FY19 budget

Attachments: [FY18 Hazmat Recovery Fees NWS](#)

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

7. [19-0092](#) Resolution to Accept the Donation of Kanopy, a Streaming Video Service, Valued at \$28,000, from the Hampton Public Library Foundation to the Hampton Public Library

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

8. [19-0114](#) Resolution to Appropriate the Additional Allocation from the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") for the Fiscal Year 2019 Urban Maintenance Program

Item approved.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS

9. [19-0128](#) Census Awareness Day Proclamation

Mayor Tuck read the Census Awareness Day Proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

Ordinances

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Deputy Clerk Tammy Lee read the protocol for the public comment.

Mr. Raymond Flora addressed Council and made the following comment. I live at 20 Butler Drive and the neighborhood is the subject of my conversation. I was here at the council meeting before last and we addressed the idea of storm water in my neighborhood and what is not being done to correct it. I presented it to Council, and Water Resource Engineer Brian Lewis followed me out and stated he would be in touch right away. I have not heard anything from Mr. Lewis and tried to reach him last Friday and left a message for him to return a call to me. I have not heard anything from him and I guess he has nothing to say to me. Has there been any further conversation as to the storm water problem on Butler Drive in Hampton?

Mayor Tuck thanked Mr. Flora and asked City Manager Mary Bunting to respond. Ms. Bunting stated she did not know why Mr. Lewis had not responded and will find out. Ms. Bunting pointed out Public Works Director Jason Mitchell who is Mr. Lewis' boss and he will be sure to get with you and reiterated that she will find out why Mr. Lewis did not return the call.

Mr. Flora asked if the only response will be from Mr. Mitchell.

Mayor Tuck replied Mr. Mitchell will respond to you and has ultimate authority to try and assist you.

Ms. Bunting also stated that storm water is a technical issue and requires engineering support and none of us are professional engineers, which is why we want to refer you to the person who can really address those matters. Mr. Mitchell is the Department Head and you will get a response.

Mr. Flora stated that he has been coming to City Council meetings for about ten years about this process and there have been some new developments but engineering is not the problem. There was a conversation between engineering and the actual people who do the job, and the first time they just fouled it up and made it worse. Second time they made some improvements and since then they have done nothing to correct the problem they created to begin with. If this gentleman will correspond with City Council or whoever necessary to get something done. It has

become a little exhausting and it is also decreasing property values. There are two houses at the end of the street that most recently sold for, this is a new problem, that someone bought them and made them an offer of \$40,000 for a three bedroom rancher and \$20,000 for a two bedroom frame house and both of them for \$60,000. That really doesn't do a lot for my property value, but then the buyer cut down about sixty trees and the drain runs down the back of the property which is the City right-of-way. Once he cut the trees down he graded it level and now we have no drain so the water stands in my backyard and that has not been addressed. It has been a little aggravating and he has not been getting responses from anybody or direction while his property value is going in the drain.

Ms. Bunting replied that Mr. Mitchell will respond to you.

Mr. Paul Nichols addressed Council and made the following comment: My name is Paul Nichols, most of you know me as Chuck. I am the President of Hampton Professional Firefighters Association, Local 2450. We originally came here tonight to talk about the multiplier but it looks like that is being taken care of and we would like to thank you for doing that. We would also like to thank you for the 3% the manager is proposing and hopefully you will vote to approve this in the budget. We would also like to talk about the public safety pay scale. Currently, the pay scale has a beginning, a mid-point and an end but there is currently no vehicle to get through the pay scale. The current vehicle we had was the merit based system which has not been funded for many years and we are asking that this somehow be addressed in the next year or so to bring us back to help us get through our pay scale. The other thing we would like to talk about is National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1710 where four firefighters are on a fire truck. Currently, we are five firefighters short of meeting that standard per day. We would hope that we would readdress that and I know we started it and I know that when Vice Mayor Gray was Chief we started this four or five firefighters on a fire truck and since the recession it has gone by the wayside and we would love to see it come back. I would love to thank you for the proposed budget of 1.85 and 3% we do appreciate it. Thank you.

Ms. Regina Quinn addressed Council and made the following comment: I came to Council tonight because the true animal issues continue to be a low priority in the City. I have shared case after case with many of you over the last several years, many of them documented and many of them still not addressed. Many animals have suffered, languished and died in our City due to understaffing, poor leadership, inconsistent enforcement and due diligence follow ups where it was cruelly needed. Despite my many pleas for help for animals in our City, Animal Control has taken the

approach to support my advocacy and go after my organization instead of working together with me. This is not in the best interest of the animals in our City that are in dire need. Rather than focus on the issues at hand, the stray and loose dogs in our community, Animal Control spins their wheels on areas that are not as important. Animal Control needs leadership, it has had many assistant chiefs over the years and once they get to learn a little about the animal control division they end up being transferred to another department and they never really learn the issues at hand and what is needed. I apologize as this is a very important topic to me. The burden of the leadership has greatly fallen on one person, the Animal Control Supervisor and has spread her duties so thin that animals have been the victims. The City needs to have an Animal Control Manager as soon as possible to provide consistent, solid and sound leadership and an oversight of positive outreach to citizens and rescue groups. The current antagonistic communications and confusion between Animal Control personnel and citizens needs to stop. We all need to work together and help animals in our City and take the ego out of the mix which has no place in advocacy. Animal Control also needs to be available and respond to every animal in need after hours. Having a police officer dispatched to check an animal that may be in dire need of an emergency is a duplicate effort and waste of precious time for that animal that may be in need. I also want to ask Council to please consider enacting stricter laws and penalties for backyard breeders. Backyard breeders are filling our shelters with unwanted dogs, mainly Pitbull's. Our City is promoting breeding and we need to consider that and over-population in our City. Thank you.

Mr. Lance Jones addressed Council and made the following comment.: I am the first Vice President of the Hampton Branch NAACP and with me is second Vice President Natasha McLain. On behalf of our President Gaylene Kannoytan we would like to invite you, members of council, city staff, Hampton citizens and area churches and organizations to the first Annual Remembrance, Unity and Public Assembly "We are Living the Dream of Tomorrow's Leaders" in commemoration of the assassination Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The commemoration will be on Thursday, May 4, 2019 at 12:00 noon. The march will begin on East Mercury and Hope Street and we will march over the Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge onto Fort Monroe and end at the historic 1619 marker where the first enslaved Africans were brought to shore.

Ms. McLain added that all insurance and permit forms are complete. Hampton City Schools will be on spring break so we do encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren to this event. We want the children to lead the march for they are our future leaders in Hampton. For more information please call 757-827-1768 that is the Hampton Branch National Line for

our area of Hampton. I do answer that voice mail, so you can definitely leave me a voice mail concerning the march and a contact number and I will be sure to get back with you for any information you need. We do have a lot of youth here so I do give you the invitation to come out and lead in this march for this historic event. You can also find us on Facebook at HamptonVANAACP. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Johnnie Watkins, Sr. addressed Council and made the following statement. On behalf of the Executive Director Dr. Hope Sinclair we bring you greetings. I am Johnnie Watkins Sr., Development Director of Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads, and it is an honor to stand before you and share with you who we are and the impact of what we are doing here in the Hampton Roads region right here in your great city of Hampton at Hampton High School and our needs to be able to do more. Communities in Schools is the nation's largest dropout prevention organization and the only one that can guarantee a decrease in dropouts and an increase in on-time graduation rates when its model is implemented with fidelity. Communities in Schools is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1977 in Hampton Roads region since 2012. Our mission is to surround students with a community of support and to empower them to stay in school and achieve in life. Nationally Communities in Schools serves over 2 million students with a 94% graduation rate. Statewide we serve over 43,000 students with an 86% graduation rate. In Hampton Roads region itself we are in 11 schools located in Suffolk, Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth. During the 2017-18 school year our Site Coordinator Ms. Andre Cuffy case-managed 51 at-risk students and improved 87% in their behavior, 61% improvement in their course work, 93% were promoted and 100% of them graduated. Ms. Cuffy currently case-manages 80 students and accomplishing this task at a part-time rate right now. We work directly in the school along with the school staff and administrators. Our site coordinators have degrees in psychology, social work, and human services. As an advocate for the child and the teacher, we focus on attendance, behaviors, and course performance, which in turn increases their time in graduation. We are a K-12 model and our site coordinators are in schools everyday building relationships with students and working hand in hand with the schools, families, communities to create access to the resources and opportunities that will help them overcome life's current and future barriers. Every one of our case-managed students are tracked and measured on a national database for their attendance, behavior and academics. The cost for a full-time site coordinator in school is currently \$66,440. We are asking the City Council and the School Board to strongly consider adding a line item in your budget as a fair amount based on our excellent results to continue to bring needed support for these students so that they can focus on learning and, as a result, teachers can focus on teaching. Therefore, we humbly solicit your financial

support so that we can make a greater impact in Hampton. Let's work together in helping our children overcome their barriers so they can become outstanding citizens. I would also like to invite you out to a golf tournament on April 11th at Cedar Point Country Club in Suffolk. We ask that you join us where we will have 25 of our students join us who have never been out on a golf course. Thank you.

Mr. Hugh Bassette addressed Council and made the following statement: I could not turn anything loose. The City could do more about the sign at the park at Fort Monroe. It was in the newspaper this morning that the Jefferson Davis Highway name is going to be changed in Arlington. One of the State legislators had made that request. Council is scared. Reading from the article written by Mr. Levine, Council should agree, especially Councilman Brown since he went to Jefferson Davis Middle School. The highway honors a racist traitor and slave owner who led the fight against our nation in order to preserve the brutal system of slavery. In that brutal civil war, more Americans died than in all our other wars combined. We still live with the terrible legacy of the ruthless and once legal system of terror that represents America's greatest shame. I was born and raised in Hampton and I am embarrassed that we have a park and a sign named after Jefferson Davis. If it was up to Jefferson Davis, Mr. Gray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tuck and Ms. Snead, we would be just coming in from the cotton fields after working a hard day for free. I think this Council should stand up and if nothing more write a letter to the Fort Monroe Authority saying Council is in favor of getting rid of the sign and statue, even if you can't do it. I also think you should direct the City Attorney - the Virginia Attorney General made an opinion to get this Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington County renamed. I think you should ask the City Attorney if it can be done. What can be done to get rid of this statue in Hampton. This should be an embarrassment to every single person who lives in the City, black or white. To have a 50 foot sign - I was born and raised in Hampton, I did not even know that was even there until I read an article in the paper. The same Daughters of Confederacy that named this highway is the same group that paid \$10,000 to put that sign up. I think this Council should stand up and stop being so conservative, it is going on all over the State. I went to college in Richmond, Monument Avenue has statues all along of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee and it is an effort in there to get rid of it. I am asking you to direct the City Attorney to write to the Attorney General of the State of Virginia and ask if it is possible, who can do it, to change the name of the park and get rid of the sign. It is an embarrassment to all of us. Secondly, I provided you with a list of projects that Olde North Hampton would like to see in the budget. Come on Mr. Gray, Mr. Brown one of you stand up and do something. Don't sit back there and say nothing while this racist sign is terrorizing this City. Thank you.

Mayor Tuck referred Mr. Bassette to the conversation prior to tonight's meeting explaining the position regarding the sign and that it is not a simple matter of either Fort Monroe Authority or even the Governor with a stroke of a pen removing the sign. There are a number of agreements that are involved in Fort Monroe National Monument as well as the State having that property and if one were to just simply remove that sign we would be violating the programmatic agreement and, therefore, anything that is written on paper contractually could be just done away with by the stroke of a pen and I am not sure we can operate that way. Mayor Tuck told Mr. Bassette he appreciated his sentiment and stated he thought it was unfortunate that he chose to call out Councilmembers in the manner he did, but that is his right. It is a complicated matter and it is not a matter of the City Attorney writing a letter or City Council writing a letter to either the Attorney General or the Governor. It is a very complicated matter and I have had discussions with the Executive Director of Fort Monroe Authority and it is something they also understand and that it is not something they agree with. Again, contractually there is nothing they can do about it, at least right now.

GENERAL ITEMS

Deputy Clerk Tammy Lee read the protocol for general items.

Ordinances

10. [19-0121](#) Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 2, Titled "Administration," Article I Titled "In General," Section 2.2 Titled "Residence Requirements for Members of Boards, Commissions, Etc." and Chapter 28 Titled "Pensions and Retirement," Article II, Titled "Hampton Employees Retirement System," Section 28-43, Titled "System Constitutes Separate Trust; Board of Trustees, Generally"

Attachments: [Redline](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting made the following statement. The Hampton Employees Retirement System (HERS) has been in place since July 1, 1966. The system has been closed to new members since 1984. It is managed by a Board of Trustees, the composition of which is dictated by the Hampton City Code. As it exists today the Council and School Board each appoint certain individuals to the board based upon specific requirements dictated by the Code, including but not limited to the combined requirements of City residency and employment with a retirement from the City of

Hampton and a receipt of pension from the system. Specifically, Hampton City Code section 2.2 requires that all people appointed by City Council to serve on a committee, board or commission be Hampton residents. That restriction combined with section 28-43 which also applies to both the City Council and School Board limits the pool of qualified candidates to serve on the systems board to current and former employees who participate in the system and remain at the time of appointment city residents. As time passes and the number of current participants and active employees covered by the system dwindles, so does the possible pool for appointees to the systems board. Therefore, we are requesting modifications to the Code. Two additional modifications are proposed to enhance the composition of the board as well as to expedite the ability to refill vacancies to the board. First, because the primary responsibility of the board is prudent administration and management of the 130 million plus or minus investments that must be administered and spent in a manner that those funds would be sufficient to fund the continuing obligations of the system, it is recommended that at least two of the appointees to the board be finance professionals. Finally, the revisions include a provision that enables delegation of appointment authority by the City Council and School Board each at their sole discretion to the City Manager and School Superintendent respectively.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Ordinance-Coded be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

11. [19-0122](#) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia to Delegate to the City Manager Authority to Appoint Members of the Hampton Employees' Retirement System Board

City Manager Mary Bunting stated that staff recommended approval.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

Resolutions

12. [19-0125](#) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds of the City Of Hampton in the Maximum Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$23,100,000 to Refund the City's General Obligation Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A (Tax-Exempt) Previously Issued by the City, and Providing for the Form, Details and Payment of Such Bonds

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting gave a brief explanation and introduced Senior Vice President and Manager of Public Finance David Rowe with Davenport & Company who gave a presentation.

Councilman Steve Brown asked to confirm the term is 3 years.

Mr. Rowe confirmed this was correct, 3 fiscal years.

Bond Counsel George Scruggs of Rutak Rock LLP stated the resolution before Council, if approved, would authorize the staff to move forward with refunding transaction as long as the principal amount of the bonds does not exceed \$23.1 million and the true interest rate does not exceed 2.75 percent and the final maturity is not later than the final maturity of the bonds being refunded January 15, 2022 and the refunding results in a minimum grossed at surface savings of at least \$500,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

13. [19-0115](#) Resilient Hampton Projects Update

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting gave a brief explanation and introduced Community Development Director Terry O'Neill who gave a presentation.

Vice Mayor Gray asked Mr. O'Neill to give an example of a retrofit of critical infrastructure.

Mr. O'Neill explained that Armistead Avenue is a critical transportation link in our community that accesses I-64 and has problems with flooding in front of Home Depot on a regular basis. One logical solution is to raise the road but to also use the road itself to store water, filter water and provide multiple benefits. The City would identify all the critical assets, i.e. critical pump stations or Virginia Power Substations, that make our community safe and function and partner with those individuals, and apply emerging technology when appropriate.

Councilwoman Brown added that one of the emerging technologies that was reviewed was the idea of storing water under the road and it is very exciting.

Mr. O'Neill replied that there was an article in the Daily Press about Hampton Roads potentially being the center of new technologies on resiliency and sea level rise.

Mayor Tuck asked what the bottom picture represents on the Long-Term Projects Slide.

Mr. O'Neill replied architects always take liberties with reality in drawings and we should not take the drawing literally. The picture is intended to represent in and around LaSalle Avenue and Mercury Blvd. intersection. The City is looking at taking LaSalle Avenue and using it as a protective corridor and land to store water at that geographic location. The thought is if you can store water in an asset that people want to be around, then you could create real estate value that would add to the tax rolls.

Councilman Brown asked if the coalition that was mentioned helps the City with grants, funding and leverage.

Mr. O'Neill replied yes and it will help identify sources and comprehensive review of our codes, ordinances and policies.

Councilman Brown asked if the coalition would do some lobbying for zoning and different policy changes to mitigate flooding in our community.

Mr. O'Neill replied he did not know what those tools are at this point. The ordinances and tools the General Assembly allows the City to do did not anticipate some of these types of initiatives that the City has to tackle.

Councilman Brown stated his hope that with the coalition coming together as one

body that there may be some tax credits for residents who wish to do something in terms of mitigating flooding on their properties.

Mayor Tuck commented that at Old Buckroe Road and Little Back Road where a school fronts it on Old Buckroe Road and a playground of another school backs up against it with ditches, students are forced to walk in the street. I have been told in times past that the most effective way of moving water is through open ditches and we don't want to necessarily pipe those ditches and create any more impervious surface, but would a consideration for those children be to look at a project that might be created to allow an elevated walking platform path to allow water to go underneath. Mayor Tuck continued, stating in looking at the City Manager's FY 19-23 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) I do not see anything that would address this issue and if we are thinking outside the box it could be a neighborhood enhancement and have great utility. Is this something that could be considered?

Mr. O'Neill replied that the example Mayor Tuck gave is absolutely the kind of context the City is looking for to try and retrofit public streets.

Councilwoman Brown stated that one of the things she learned today in the Urban Land Institute Virginia's Inaugural Conference: Creating and Sustaining Happiness in Virginia, was that other localities have used design competitions for individual questions with a set criteria and students engage to help find a solution.

Councilman Brown made a comment that he is excited about the opportunity to mitigate flooding to help communities who over the years have complained about the flooding. Having the expertise coming from the Dutch in the Dutch Dialogue Community Meetings and looking at water as a friend and not a foe is helpful. In what we learned in the conference today he would like to see the school system involved to educate the young people about the power and beauty of water.

Was Mr. O'Neill talking, if so say Mr. O'Neill stated City Planner Lucy Stoll and Environmental & Sustainability Manager/Project Coordinator David Imburgia have started making connections with some of the Hampton City Schools to have related projects in their classes in or around the school site.

Vice Mayor Gray added to what Councilman Brown mentioned stating that during the early discussions regarding flooding in our City we thought about the big projects costing millions of dollars. He believes working with the consultants from the Netherlands, Army Corps of Engineers and staff over the last few years, we have really brought into focus some solutions and we are well on our way to address flooding in a serious way. He applauded the people who made the decision to work with Dutch Dialogue and the City of Norfolk in order to address flooding in our City.

- 14.** [19-0070](#) Resolution Adopting the Hampton Roads Planning District

Commission Recommendation Pertaining to Minimum Sea Level
Rise Planning Criteria For Future Development

This item was presented under 19-0115 Resilient Hampton Projects Update by
Community Development Director Terry O'Neill.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and
seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Resolution be
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown,
Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember
Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

15. [19-0127](#) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia
Providing for the City of Hampton to Become a Member of the
American Flood Coalition

This item was presented under 19-0115 Resilient Hampton Projects Update by
Community Development Director Terry O'Neill.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linda Curtis and
seconded by Councilmember Billy Hobbs, that this Resolution be
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown,
Councilmember Curtis, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember
Hobbs, Councilmember Snead and Mayor Tuck

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEES

City Manager Mary Bunting acknowledged that Ms. Susan Gaston who is affiliated
with the American Flood Coalition was in the audience and wanted to thank her for
bringing the opportunity to the City's attention.

[19-0090](#) Budget Briefings - Citizen Input Survey Results

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting made a brief comment and introduced Website
Manager Dacia Walker who gave a presentation.

Ms. Bunting emphasized we will not be proposing an increase in the real estate tax
this year.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tuck stated he had three things to mention, first he inquired about a park study of Buckroe and Gosnold. Secondly, today's Urban Land Institute Virginia's Inaugural Conference: Creating and Sustaining Happiness in Virginia discussed simple things the City can do to help create a fun spot. A number of years ago he and a former councilmember raised an idea of a Splash Park at Buckroe but were told it was quite expensive. Today they saw a way to do this in a simpler fashion possibly with water hoses or sprinklers. Lastly, he used to attend the Wythe/Phenix Improvement meeting before they stopped and he recalls former Public Works Director Tony Reyes made a presentation and mentioned that a watershed study would be conducted in the 2017/2018 timeframe. The Mayor asked if the City is still conducting watershed studies and other items that are not on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list for 2019/2023, and if so, where they are and is there a priority.

City Manager Mary Bunting replied that the City still does watershed studies and has been working on the park studies. She will get Mayor Tuck more details. She mentioned that the point of going to the conference today was to learn about some creative ways to implement programs/projects in the City and believed Housing and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Jonathan McBride, who attended the Community Plan Kickoff, has started talking about these items for Buckroe already.

Ms. Bunting stated that there is a contingency list of projects that people asked about that did not make its way to the CIP. She can provide the 2019/2023, and the 2020/2024 when it is released. She noted some projects are in large categories and are not detailed.

Vice Mayor Gray asked if there are/or will be any changes to the CIP list regarding road maintenance.

Ms. Bunting stated it generally remains the same unless there is a dramatic change in the condition of the pavement. Sometimes the City is able to escalate changes if an additional allocation is received from the State. Some roads are trickier, for example East Mercury Blvd as it is a concrete road and to redo a concrete road it has to be rebuilt as you cannot lay asphalt on top. The City has applied to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for a State of Good Repair Grant for that purpose. Ms. Bunting emphasized that the City tries to receive special grants to address other roads that may take a road not on the list and escalate it due to the

unique opportunity.

Mayor Tuck stated regarding issues with East Mercury Blvd., the raised seams in the road that you drive over are the problem and the rest of the road is probably okay as far as drive-ability or ride- ability.

Mayor Tuck asked if the area around the I-64 on-ramp at Armistead Avenue and LaSalle Avenue is a State or City responsibility for maintenance.

Ms. Bunting stated that generally speaking, access roads are the State's responsibility however, she will look into it and verify the responsible party.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____