



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, June 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members of Council present except Councilman Hobbs who was away on a business matter. Deputy Clerk of Council Jennifer Green filled in for Clerk of Council Katherine Glass, and Assistant City Manager Steven D. Bond filled in for City Manager Mary Bunting.

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

Excused 1 - Councilmember Billy Hobbs

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

AGENDA

1. [19-0196](#) General Assembly Update Briefing

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Assistant City Manager Steven Bond introduced the item.

Ms. CJ Stolle, Vice President of Two Capitols Consulting, Inc., shared that Governor Ralph Northam called for a Special Session of the General Assembly following the May 31st mass shooting in Virginia Beach. The session will be held on July 9th with the purpose of addressing gun violence. Policy recommendations laid out by the

Governor for the General Assembly to consider include: universal background checks; a ban on assault weapons to include suppressors and bump stocks; an extreme risk protective order; reinstating the one-gun-a-month law; child access prevention; requiring people to report lost and stolen firearms; and expanding local authority to regulate firearms, including in government buildings.

Ms. Stolle provided highlights from the June 11th Primary and the November Contested Races.

Ms. Stolle spoke about Hampton's 2019 Legislative successes. They include: added language to expedite testing in certain instances of possible exposure to HIV, Hepatitis B, or Hepatitis C; clarified the definition of the Fort Monroe Authority's area of operation; added Fort Monroe Authority to the list of non-profit organizations in Virginia granted authority to enter into a closed session to discuss donations and grants from private sources; created a mechanism to pass-through tax assessments to certain lessees; secured an additional \$200,000 for Hampton to purchase land encroaching Langley Air Force Base; clarified language regarding the removal of vehicles in emergency situations; added \$3,855 in funding for 7 of Hampton's historical African American cemeteries; added budget language to secure a 150 acre parcel of State surplus property for the Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA); and secured \$500,763 for the Academies of Hampton.

Ms. Stolle listed areas for continued work. They include: create an annual fund to address needs of Virginia's military and Federal facilities (encroachment); clarify language regarding the parking of overweight vehicles; provide for local agility to maintain appearance of certain properties (overgrown shrubs and trees); support and fund education initiatives; continue to fund resiliency efforts; modernize the communications sales and use tax; and, increase funding for transportation including public transit.

Ms. Stolle paused for feedback from those on the dais.

Mayor Tuck inquired about why people got on board with the internet sales tax following initial resistance to it. Ms. Stolle explained it was a result of a court case and States were required to get on board.

Ms. Stolle shared information about Two Capitols Consulting's 2020 Legislative Agenda planning. Two Capitols Consulting will engage with the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, department and agency heads and various coalition groups and stakeholders to build a comprehensive legislative package over the summer. Additional plans for the remainder of the year include: prepare initial legislative agenda; work with Governor's staff on the proposed budget; finalize the legislative

agenda; coordinate with coalition and community partners; start shopping legislation with members; present legislative agenda for approval by City Council; finalize legislation for members; have bills pre-filed; finalize any budget amendments; and collect legislative priorities from Hampton delegation to present to Council and staff. The 2020 Legislative Session begins January 8, 2020, at noon.

At Mayor Tuck's request, City Attorney Cheran Ivery stated that the Norfolk City Council has considered a resolution in support of the special legislative session called by Governor Northem. She clarified that the resolution will be a general resolution of support and will not take on a specific issue.

In response to Councilwoman Curtis, Ms. Ivery reiterated that the resolution will not accomplish a specific goal or result in action, instead, it will be a collective show of support for the session.

Presented by CJ Stolle, Two Capitols Consulting.

2. [19-0195](#) Briefing on Buckroe Beach Parking and Traffic

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Assistant City Manager Steven Bond introduced the item.

Placemaking Planner Allison Eubank spoke about traffic and parking challenges at Buckroe Beach. She stated that approximately 618 parking spaces serve the beach; however, events such as the Groovin' by the Bay concert series, the Life's A Beach Triathlon, the Sand Soccer Tournament and holiday events cause an increase in beach traffic. She added that overlapping events during peak hours and overflow parking lots being slated for redevelopment are additional reasons for the increase in traffic.

Ms. Eubank shared some of the ways in which traffic is being managed. They include: a traffic management plan, weekend overflow parking lots, a Sunday shuttle to and from Jones Middle School, a Buckroe Avenue drop off zone and 1st Street motorcycle parking.

Lt. Paula Scheck of the Hampton Police Division spoke about the traffic management plan. Additional officers will patrol the beaches and assist parking lot attendants in policing lots; some areas of the beach will be blocked off for emergency vehicle access; and additional officers will operate traffic light boxes to help maintain traffic during special events.

Discussion took place among those on the dais and staff. Topics of discussion included: the possibility of shuttle services on additional days including Fridays and

Saturdays; the 618 designated parking spaces; flexible overflow parking spaces; alternate venues for some events (Groovin' by the Bay may be relocated to Mill Point Park); on-street parking; semi-circle lots; and fishing pier parking.

Ms. Eubank spoke about the data which staff has been collecting in an attempt to navigate challenges and improve future planning of handling large crowds. Data has been collected regarding the number of cars entering and exiting major intersections; the time of day of traffic flow; shuttle ridership; and usage of overflow lots. Ms. Eubank also spoke about options moving forward. Some of these options include: consideration of event size/popularity; valet parking; reconfiguration of existing parking lots; shuttle experience improvements; implementation of a Pay-to-Park system; and construction of a parking structure.

Ms. Eubank shared additional information about the tram/shuttle, Pay-to-Park and parking structure options. Discussion took place among staff and those on the dais about these options. Topics of discussion included: guidelines, laws, liability and safety concerns regarding vehicles/shuttles/golf carts/trams for transporting beach goers; use of school buses for larger crowds; paid parking at Buckroe Beach; funds received from paid parking dedicated to beach improvements and amenities; parking passes with varying rates for citizens and visitors; parking permits for residents in the area; hourly rates for paid parking; Hampton's no cost beaches (for residents and visitors) as compared to other beaches; and the cost associated with additional officers working at the beach.

Presented by Alison Eubank, Placemaking Planner. Additional information was provided by Lt. Paula Scheck, Hampton Police Division; David McCauley, Director of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services; and Terry Sult, Chief of Police.

Councilman Hobbs arrived at 1:56 p.m.

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

REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tuck addressed the rumors regarding Willow Oaks Shopping Center, noting that the City's only interest in the property is to encourage an improvement of what is already present at that location. It is a privately owned property.

CLOSED SESSION

3. [19-0180](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711 A.1, .3, .5, .6, .8 to discuss the City Manager, City Attorney and/or the Clerk of the Council; to discuss board/commission appointments as listed on the Agenda; to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property in the areas of Downtown Hampton, Old Wythe and the Pembroke Corridor where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City; to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in Hampton; and to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters related to interstate signage and the City Zoning Code requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

A motion was made by Councilmember Curtis seconded by Councilmember Steven Brown, that this Closed Session - Motion 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

4. [19-0099](#) Consideration of Appointments to Animal Control Advisory Committee
5. [19-0174](#) Consideration of Appointments to Building Code Board of Appeals
6. [19-0175](#) Consideration of Appointments to Citizens' Engagement Advisory Commission (CEARC)
7. [19-0176](#) Consideration of Appointments to Citizens Unity Commission

(CUC)

8. [19-0188](#) Consideration of Appointments to Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board
9. [19-0111](#) Consideration of Appointments to Neighborhood Commission
10. [19-0193](#) Consideration of Appointments to Wetlands Board

CERTIFICATION

11. [19-0181](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Hobbs seconded by Councilmember Snead, that this Closed Session - Certification 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____