



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, July 10, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. with all members of the City Council present.

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

AGENDA

1. [19-0229](#) Briefing on Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 7, Boats, Beaches and Waterways

Attachments: [AFTERNOON - Chapter 7 Amendments](#)

City Manager Mary Bunting provided opening remarks regarding the item.

Deputy City Attorney Brandi Law briefed Council on the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 7 of the City Code related to boats, beaches and waterways. These amendments will help assist the Hampton Police Division (HPD) with making enforcement efforts for marine issues during the summer months more efficient. Ms. Law shared information regarding the current code and the proposed amendments regarding removal or repair of dangerous or obstructing structures or vessels; use of the Sunset Creek and Gosnold's Hope Park boat ramps; no wake zones; dogs on beaches restrictions during certain times of the year; and penalties for violating the dogs on beaches restrictions.

Discussion took place among those on the dais and staff. Topics of discussion included Animal Control officer's authority to enforce dogs on beaches laws; the

difference between dogs being allowed in other areas of Buckroe Park versus the beach; exploring the possibility of mirroring Virginia Beach's ordinance and/or incorporating within our ordinance an allowance for leashed dogs on the beach during designated hours; locating abandoned boat owners and requiring them to pay costs incurred when the City reels in abandoned boats.

Presented by Brandi Law, Deputy City Attorney. Ms. Law indicated that Police Chief Terry Sult was in attendance along with Lt. P. Felder, Commander of Hampton Police Division's Homeland Security Unit, and Angela Taylor, Deputy Manager of Animal Control, in case additional information was needed.

2. [19-0226](#) Briefing on the Safe and Clean Initiative

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Bunting provided opening remarks regarding the item. She introduced Assistant City Manager Steve Bond to kick off the presentation.

Mr. Bond provided an overview of the Safe and Clean Initiative. He listed various departments that are participating in the initiative. He also shared background information, and the goals and strategies associated with the initiative.

Mr. Bond noted that additional speakers will provide information about how their departments are supporting this initiative.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION REPORT

Division Manager for Neighborhood Services Jonathan McBride spoke about what the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division is doing to support the Safe and Clean Initiative. The department's efforts include coordinating the 2019 Hampton Home Repair Blitz in the Shell Road and Powhatan areas; working in the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Pilot areas (the North Phoebus and Shell Road areas); partnering with the HPD and businesses in the community to host events such as "The Coffee With a Cop" event where people come together to build relationships with public safety officers; and assisting with safe and clean requests from the 311 Call Center.

Mr. McBride shared additional neighborhoods that the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has been supporting and additional organizations with which the department has been involved. Some of them include the Olde Hampton neighborhood, Old North Hampton neighborhood, the Hampton Codes Academy, and the Y. H. Thomas Community Center.

Mr. McBride opened the floor for questions and/or comments from those on the dais. In response to Mayor Tuck, Ms. Bunting noted that staff will provide a separate presentation on the Rental Inspection Program. No other questions or comments were posed.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Director of Human Services Wanda Rogers shared information about the work that the Workforce Development and Human Services Departments are doing with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Grant Program as part of the Safe and Clean Initiative. She explained that this grant allows for work in spaces which are less regulatory, more collaborative, more integrative and more generative where the entire community comes together to resolve issues.

Ms. Rogers announced that Human Services is partnering with the Economic Development Department and Workforce Development on this grant. This partnership and grant will allow for performance of assessments and will provide supportive services with the goal of coaching individuals toward success.

Ms. Rogers shared information regarding the purpose of the assessments; core members of the planning team; and the Economic Development Departments role in the process.

Ms. Rogers also shared some of the outcomes/successes thus far as a result of the program. They include 41 referrals to the team; 21 customers have become fully engaged in services and support; 4 have secured employment; extremely high quality assessments; and creation of new pathways to outcomes that are customer-inspired and positive.

Ms. Rogers announced that an additional goal will be to not only address issues, but to also address the root causes of the issues. She explained that in order to accomplish that goal, the next step will involve developing a two-generation approach in TANF work in which opportunities will be created for children and adults living together in TANF households - this will put the entire family on a path to economic security.

Ms. Rogers noted that the Human Services and Workforce Development Departments will also explore other grant opportunities and resources with the American Public Human Services Association and other organizations to discuss funding opportunities to continue to do this work.

Ms. Rogers opened the floor for questions from those on the dais.

Councilwoman Snead commended Ms. Rogers and those working on this program for approaching the problem not only from an employment perspective, but also from a holistic family perspective. She was also excited to know that people will be empowered and encouraged to obtain earning potential, which in turn will improve lifestyles for families.

Vice Mayor Gray commented that while attending various meetings, he has heard numerous success stories about people who have come out of unfortunate situations into permanent economic security situations. He commended Ms. Rogers and her staff for their work and asked that she return to Council to share additional success stories as this program progresses so that everyone can be made aware of the difference these programs make.

In response to Councilman Brown, Ms. Rogers explained that individuals re-entering the community following incarceration are referred to a lead agency to assist them. She added that she has presented the TANF Grant to the Re-entry Council as a grant to be used as a resource for people re-entering our community from incarceration.

In response to Mayor Tuck, Ms. Rogers stated that prevention is key to success. She also expressed the importance of the holistic approach and aligning multiple services available in our community in an attempt to assist those in need. She noted that this process may require additional staffing resources and changes to future Federal policies in an attempt to serve those in these households.

In response to Councilman Brown, Ms. Rogers explained that no weight is given to trauma services in the existing TANF policy; instead, it is built on personal responsibility of the adult in the household to seek employment in those situations. She added that trauma is the base work of other programs and that the TANF grant is taking the trauma component into consideration.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

WAE Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator for Youth, Educating and Family Services JaJuan Mabry provided a summary about the 2018 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Mr. Mabry also provided an update on the 2019 SYEP. He shared information about participants in the program; internal and external employment sites; the FY19 and FY20 Mini Grant Programs; the campaign for black male achievement; the Cities

United Partnership; committee participation and partnerships; public safety partnerships; community engagement; the Reach Inspire Support Empower Mentoring Program (R.I.S.E); community based trauma response; Rapid Engagement of Support in the Event of Trauma (R.E.S.E.T.); road map to strategic focus areas; Hampton Hoops (a 7 week program where various age groups participate in fun activities in a safe environment); and the online resource guide www.hamptonunited.com.

Discussion took place among those on the dais and staff. Topics of discussion included the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP); youth not feeling supported by the City; youth town hall participation; road map development; Communities that Care Survey (comprehensive youth survey regarding attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of youth in our community); and some SYEP participants are allowed to work in the program for two consecutive years whereas most are first time participants.

Ms. Bunting noted that Council will be updated on the road map development process and youth town hall meetings at a later date.

HPD Chief Terry Sult added that he was under the impression that the youth survey is no longer being conducted. Ms. Bunting noted that she would contact the Hampton City Schools Superintendent to determine whether this sort of survey can be administered again.

Mayor Tuck commended Mr. Mabry on a job well-done as it is his first time coming before Council.

HAMPTON POLICE DIVISION

Chief Sult acknowledged the work of the previous presenters and their departments. He clarified that the overall mission is to prevent crime, intervene, and enforce the law through partnerships and problem solving.

Chief Sult shared a crime statistics comparison chart for the years 2014 through 2018 and the first half of 2019. The statistics include information about violent offenses (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault), property offenses, burglary, motor vehicle theft offenses and larceny offenses in the Safe and Clean areas of the City.

Chief Sult reported that there has been a decline in reported offenses within Safe and Clean areas; property offenses (motor vehicle thefts and burglaries) are trending lower than last year; larceny offenses are trending lower than last year; and

larceny from vehicle offenses are trending the same from last year - this plays a key role with current violent crime across the City.

Chief Sult spoke about initiatives being implemented by the HPD as part of the Safe and Clean Initiative. They include the Real Time Information Center; the Ring Network (monitoring system); the new Neighborhood Watch; the See Something Say Something Program (where people have the ability to text information to the police); the Neighbors by Ring application; and the HPD and Ring Partnership (usage of camera footage and videos).

Chief Sult shared information from the Peninsula Violent Crime Summit, a Summit which addressed violent crimes on the peninsula. He shared that many crimes on the peninsula involve stolen firearms and "car hoping" (individuals seeking out unlocked vehicles to break into to steal cash, firearms, electronics and/or vehicles). He also spoke about a previous trend involving young adults ages 18-24 using illegal firearms to murder, maim or rob; however, with the car hoping trend, the vast majority of those that murder, rob and maim with the use of a firearm has shifted to juveniles. Additional concerns on the peninsula include credit card theft, fraud and identity theft.

Chief Sult said that during the summit, it was determined that the priority on the peninsula should be focused on guns, gangs, drugs, youth violence and auto larceny. It was also determined that offenders are not being held accountable beyond the arrest and prosecution phases - this oftentimes leads to criminals returning to the streets to re-offend.

Chief Sult emphasized the importance of prevention, intervention and mentoring youth in an attempt to prevent crime. He also emphasized the importance of the entire criminal justice system following through with law enforcement.

Chief Sult opened the floor for questions and/or comments from those on the dais.

Discussion took place among those on the dais and staff. Topics of discussion included habitual offenders with prior convictions returning to the streets; no arrest made in the recent Buckroe Beach shooting; the top three high crime areas in the City (Shell Road, Nickerson Boulevard and Executive Drive areas); residents concern regarding gunfire in the City; setting expectations and reporting instances of gunfire in the community; monitoring hotspots in an attempt to make the City safer; and coupons for citizens interested in purchasing Ring.

At Vice Mayor Gray's request, Chief Sult addressed the recent Buckroe Beach shooting. He explained that the investigation has continued even with more recent

crimes in the City taking precedence in the media (including the Noah Tomlin crime). He assured Council that the best detectives have been assigned to this case and that progress has been made. He noted that cameras were scheduled to be installed in the area (prior to the incident) and were installed before the 4th of July holiday. He also assured everyone that the HPD is committed to solving the Buckroe Beach shooting; however, cannot enforce morality, integrity or the lack of caring for human life and can only enforce the law. He added that there has been cooperation from the community, the HPD is in the process of identifying and eliminating potential suspects and is optimistic that there will be a positive outcome.

For the benefit of the public, Ms. Bunting explained that in the case of an arrest, the goal is always to ensure we have a winnable case in court. She requested that the public give HPD the time and respect needed to build the winnable case in order to allow the Commonwealth's Attorney's office to be confident in doing their job.

Chief Sult provided closing remarks, thanked Council for allowing HPD to work with the city of Newport News to establish the National Integrated Ballistic System and spoke briefly about the Shots Fired System.

Assistant City Manager Bond thanked the departments for their participation in the presentation and this initiative.

Ms. Bunting noted that the City will embark on a study with Johns Hopkins University's Public School of Health to remind us of what we are doing in the areas where there tends to be a deficiency. She noted that we will also work with Johns Hopkins on the SHOCAP model.

Ms. Bunting reminded everyone that the Government will do everything in its power to address issues and improve crime statistics in the City; however, we rely on partnerships with those in the community to resolve these matters. She noted that any individual or organization that would like to be part of the solution should feel free to contact the City for additional information.

City Manager Mary Bunting also provided additional information which was provided via e-mail by Synethia White, Youth Violence Prevention Manager for Youth, Education and Family Services.

REGIONAL ISSUES

There were no regional issues to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

For those who may not be aware, Mayor Tuck announced that the City celebrated its 409th birthday July 9, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION

3. [19-0170](#) Closed session pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711 A .1, .3, and .8 to discuss appointments as listed on the agenda, the acquisition and/or disposition of publicly held real property in the areas of, Old Wythe and Coliseum Central where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters related to Code of Virginia and/or City Code sections pertaining to housing, site plan, and storm water enforcement which require the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

At 2:58 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs and seconded by Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, 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. [19-0111](#) Consideration of Appointments to Neighborhood Commission
6. [19-0174](#) Consideration of Appointments to Building Code Board of Appeals
7. [19-0175](#) Consideration of Appointments to Citizens' Engagement Advisory Commission (CEARC)
8. [19-0176](#) Consideration of Appointments to Citizens Unity Commission (CUC)
9. [19-0188](#) Consideration of Appointments to Hampton-Newport News

Community Services Board

10. [19-0193](#) Consideration of Appointments to Wetlands Board
11. [19-0216](#) Consideration of appointments to Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority
12. [19-0217](#) Consideration of appointments to Hampton Clean City Commission

CERTIFICATION

13. [19-0197](#) Resolution Certifying Closed Session
- At 6:16 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs seconded by Councilmember Linda Curtis, 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

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Date approved by Council _____