



City of Hampton

22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669
www.hampton.gov

Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Special Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Chris L. Bowman
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Billy Hobbs
Councilmember Chris Snead

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

12:00 PM

Council Chambers

Organizational Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck convened the meeting at 12 noon with all members of the City Council present.

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

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

READING OF THE CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

Katherine K. Glass, Clerk of Council, read the call for the special meeting:

This meeting was called pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Code of the City of Hampton to select by majority vote a vice-mayor for a two year term and for administration of the oaths of office as provided by law.

INVOCATION: Dr. Grant Ethridge, Senior Pastor - Liberty Baptist Church

Dr. Ethridge gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ADMINISTERING OF THE OATHS OF OFFICE - LINDA BATCHELOR SMITH, CLERK
OF THE HAMPTON CIRCUIT COURT**

Some of the close friends and family of the newly elected members of Council stood with the members of Council as they were administered their oaths of office.

Linda Batchelor Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered the oaths of office to Mayor Tuck, Councilman Bowman, Councilman Hobbs, and Councilwoman Snead.

ROLL CALL - KATHERINE K. GLASS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ms. Glass called the roll.

AGENDA**1. [20-0184](#) Election of Vice Mayor**

A motion was made by Councilmember Billy Hobbs that James Gray be elected as Vice Mayor. The motion did not require a second and carried by the following vote:

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

REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Snead thanked the citizens for re-electing her for a third term and said that she is humbled and proud that the citizens believe that she has done a good job. She emphasized that she does her best to be impartial when making decisions for the benefit of everyone. She recognized those who served on her campaign team and asked those who were in attendance to stand. She also thanked her family, her colleagues on Council and a number of other individuals for their support.

Councilman Hobbs thanked his family, the citizens, those on his campaign team, members of the Hampton Fire Department, the Police Benevolent Association, the Board of Realtors, his colleagues on Council and others for having confidence in him and for supporting him during the election. He added that he looks forward to working with Council and the citizens over the next four years in making Hampton a better and safer place to live.

Councilman Bowman thanked the citizens for their support. He promised to work

diligently and do all he can to make Hampton the most livable City in the Commonwealth. He said he looks forward to working with the Mayor, his colleagues on Council, the City Manager, City Attorney, Clerk of Council and all City staff. He thanked his family, friends and public servants for their support and said he is committed to being fair, objective, unbiased and consistent in his decision making. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve all of the citizens of Hampton. He also thanked several individuals for their support during the campaign.

Mayor Tuck thanked his family and the citizens of Hampton for their support in re-electing him as Mayor. He then read a meditation passage entitled "Dreams". He also shared an inspirational story of his parents who did not allow their limited education or social economic status to limit the lives of their children; instead, they stressed character and education; provided for their children; and sacrificed in order for their children to achieve a better life. These things were instilled in him and helped him become who he is today. Mayor Tuck thanked his family for their constant support and friends, supporters and contributors for their assistance with his re-election, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He acknowledged the Hampton Coalition for Good Government's endorsement and efforts to support his re-election. He challenged everyone to work together to make Hampton the best Hampton it can be.

Mayor Tuck acknowledged former Councilmembers Will Moffett, Turner Spencer and Ruthann Kellum, and the Commonwealth's Attorney, Anton Bell, who were in the audience.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III - Joynes Road Church of God

Rev. Green gave the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____