



City of Hampton

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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

Monday, November 9, 2020

6:00 PM

**Veterans' Conference
Room, Ruppert Sargent
Building, 1 Franklin
Street, Hampton, VA
23669**

Meeting of Hampton Youth Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Karhnak, Chair of the Hampton Youth Commission called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Following the Hampton Youth Commission's roll call by their Secretary, Katelyn Leone. Katherine Glass, the Clerk of Council, called roll for the members of City Council. Also in attendance was the City Manager, Mary Bunting.

- Present** 4 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Councilmember Chris Snead, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
- Excused** 3 - Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, and Councilmember Billy Hobbs

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

READING OF THE CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

The Clerk of Council read the call for the special meeting as follows: This is a meeting of the Hampton Youth Commission and not a regular scheduled meeting of the Hampton City

Council but, in anticipation of more than two members of the City Council being present to participate in this meeting, notice was given.

AGENDA

The Hampton Youth Commission's agenda was followed.

Cori Anderson, Chair of the Youth Voice Committee introduced Aluana Samuels who facilitated an ice breaker activity where all those present introduced themselves by way of a Shabooyah chant.

Members of the Youth Voice Committee (Richard Oben, Aluana Samuels, and Katelyn Leone) presented the following information:

The goals of the Commission are that Youth are Returning, Youth are Active, Youth are Prepared, and Youth are Respected.

The Commission's mission statement is, "Young people with the voice, power, and a role to share the future of Hampton."

The history of the Hampton Youth Commission, which dates back to 1997, was reviewed. The Commission has three committees: Youth Voice, Youth Master Plan Update, and Grants Committee.

Reviewed history

In response to Councilman Brown, information was provided that the commission believes it can accomplish the goal of getting young people to return to Hampton by accomplishing the other parts of their goals: Youth are Active, Youth are Prepared, and Youth are Respected.

In response to Councilman Bowman, information was provided on a public hearing the Commission will hold on December 14th in Council Chambers.

The group divided into three smaller groups with each group containing at least one member of Council and discussed youth involvement in decision making, fostering peaceable partnerships with citizens and police officers, reducing youth violence, ensuring every citizen feels safe, alternative energy, environmental issues, Hampton being a 'greener' city, traffic concerns, public transportation, substance abuse among teens, reopening after COVID-19 has passed, and increasing job opportunities. Following the discussion, a Commission member from each small group reported out on their discussion.

The Chair, Paul Karhnak, offered public comment and then announced that the Youth Voice committee is hosting a mental health forum on December 16 and the grants public hearing is on December 14 where the groups seeking grants present to the whole Commission instead of just the Grand Committee. RSVPs are required due to limited space.

Mayor Tuck asked for copies of the Commission's meeting schedule.

The City Manager, Mary Bunting, shared that the executive search firm concerning Hampton's future Police Chief will include the Youth Commission as a stakeholder group.

The Mayor expressed his pride in the Hampton Youth Commission and said the meeting was well-organized.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Paul Karhnak adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____