



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Ceremonial 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, February 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All members of City Council were present with Councilman Hobbs and Councilwoman Snead participating remotely from their homes via Zoom. The City Manager and City Attorney also participated from their offices via Zoom. In order to keep those physically present in Council Chambers to ten, also present in Council Chambers were the Clerk of Council, a staff person from Channel 47, a Bailiff and a Fire Marshal.

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

21-0096 Motion to approve the electronic participation of Councilman Hobbs (pursuant to Section (1)(a) of the City Council's Electronic Meeting policy), and Councilwoman Snead (pursuant to Section (1)(a) of the City Council's Electronic Meeting policy).

Councilmembers Billy Hobbs and Chris Snead read statements requesting approval to participate in the meeting electronically via zoom.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chris Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, that this Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray and Mayor Tuck

Abstained: 2 - Councilmember Hobbs and Councilmember Snead

CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Spotlight on Hampton Heroes

Mayor Tuck introduced Robin McCormick, the City's Communications Strategist, who participated by Zoom and shared that tonight's Spotlight would be a rebroadcast of the Hampton Heroes virtual event which took place on January 18, 2021.

Ms. McCormick greeted the Council and stated that the memorial recognizes Dr. King and Hampton citizens who have had an impact on Hampton through a commitment to peace, justice and progress. This year the City honored people who were trailblazers in history dating back to the founding of this Country and the Civil Rights Movement and after.

The video featured an introduction from the Mayor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Youth Pastor of C3 in Hampton, Pastor Chris Cox, gave the invocation. Mayor Tuck continued with an introduction on the first group of Hampton Heroes as community leaders.

The community leaders honored were as follows: Lilly Mae Jones, William Alfred Smith, Lillian Epps Johnson, Jacob Heffelfinger, Dr. Chester Lee Brown, and Anderson W. Clary Jr.

The trailblazers in history honored were as follows: Ruppert L. Sargent, George Wythe, William H. Trusty, William Tucker, Andrew W.E. Bassette, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and Alice Bacon.

The trailblazers in public service honored were as follows: Linda D. Curtis and B.J. Roberts.

At the end of the video, footage from the Martin Luther King Jr. and Hampton Heroes Memorial Plaza was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Following the broadcast, Mayor Tuck thanked the staff and his fellow members of City Council for their work on this program. and then adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____