

Minutes of the July 21, 2025 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom and YouTube. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, Patrick Palmer and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. Gary Janssen addressed the council regarding a neighborhood noise complaint he made over the weekend.

Chief Morrison and Public Works Director Tarr updated the council on various nuisance properties and answered questions from the council. They also updated the council on 500 Block of 1st St SE. The items in the city right of way have been moved, they met with the property owners in the area and city staff cleaned up the road and edges of overgrown grass. Tarr recommended at some point the council consider adding no parking on both sides of the road.

City Manager Dunt provided an updated cost estimate for the fence at the skatepark. The new estimate is \$8,376.63 for 112 feet, which includes 2 curved sides for each end. After discussion, the council consensus was to include it on Thursday's regular session agenda.

City Manager Dunt presented a resolution of public purpose options. The resolution documents the public purposes for spending city funds on certain things such as employee recognition items, snacks for meetings, flowers for funerals, etc. The consensus of the council is to move forward with the resolution.

City Manager Dunt proposed making an amendment to the residency requirement in the employee handbook. Dunt proposed to add "City Manager is authorized to make exceptions to these residency requirements based on individual circumstances and personnel needs." The council consensus is to include it on Thursday's regular session agenda.

City Manager Dunt updated the council on the activity at 4 & 6 1st St NW. Last Friday, Terracon required asbestos contractors to do a walk-through of both properties in order to submit asbestos abatement bids. ISG suggested the city hire a contractor to remove some of the junk in the buildings prior to the asbestos abatement process to lower abatement costs.

The workshop concluded at 7:02 p.m.