

Minutes of the August 11, 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 and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Public Works Director Doug Tarr was absent.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. There was none.

Matt Stoffel, PFM, presented the council with bank bids for \$700,000 General Obligation Loan Note. The city received bids from First Bank Hampton, First Security, and United Bank & Trust Company. The lowest bid was from First Bank Hampton with 5.3513% interest rate. The resolution accepting the loan agreement will be on Thursday's regular session agenda.

Jennifer Burnham, La Luz Centro Cultural Board Member, read a temporary street closure request from Director Janette Acolt for the La Luz Back to School event on August 15. The request is for closure in front of their building on 2nd Ave NE from the stop sign of N Federal St to the alley. The neighbors in the area have been talked to and are in support of the event and closure. The closure will be on Thursday's regular session agenda.

Amanda Fender requested traffic control on HWY 65 North at the trail crossing for HD Class of 2004 scholarship fund 5k on October 4. The 5k will start at the Franklin County Wellness Center and follow the trail to 1st St NW and then back. Chief Morrison said they have assisted with something similar in the past and it was not an issue. After discussions, the consensus of the council was to include it on Thursday's regular session agenda.

Amanda Fender, Hampton Youth Soccer Board Member, updated the council on this year's soccer participation. This year they had to move the K-3rd field due to parking and space constraints. The council asked questions about possibilities to help with space issues. City Manager Dunt said the city is aware of the space constraints and continues to look for possible partnerships and solutions.

Council Member Palmer discussed ideas to increase pet registrations. The council discussed various ideas of how to make the public aware of the registration obligation and process.

Police Chief Morrison updated the council on nuisance properties and answered questions from the council. Chief Morrison reminded the council there is a mandatory 20-day waiting period for court notices.

The workshop concluded at 6:43 p.m.