

Minutes of August 25, 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. There was none.

Public Works Director Tarr and Police Chief Morrison updated the council on nuisance properties and answered questions from the council.

Steve Huling and Jeff Winters presented a proposal for updating the frisbee golf course at East Park. The current course is 20 years old and needs to be updated. The total cost is approximately \$1600 and most of it will be paid for by the Rotary Club and donated labor. They are not requesting city money. The consensus of the council was to place this item on the Thursday, August 28 agenda. A request will be made to the Tree Board to get permission prior to planting more trees in East Park to avoid trees blocking the course.

Matt Johnson addressed the council regarding consideration of vicious dog definition change. He feels there should be zero tolerance when an incident occurs with an irresponsible owner.

The council heard from Doug Tarr regarding building permit process requirements. The council discussed the current practices. Tarr recommended staying consistent with current practices and not change the permit. The consensus of the council was to continue current practices.

City Manager Dunt led a discussion on patrol car purchase options. There is enough in the PD car fund to purchase a car this fiscal year. The council consensus was to purchase a PD car in FY2026.

The workshop concluded at 6:47 p.m.