

Minutes of September 22, 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, and Patrick Palmer. Kristin Roode was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison and Public Works Director Doug Tarr.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. Mari Rodriguez and Sarah Kolb spoke in favor of allowing chickens on larger residential properties inside the city limits.

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

Jennifer Gruelke requested permission to have poultry on her property located in the south part of Hampton. The council discussed the request and possible changes to the code of ordinances. Gruelke was instructed to submit a written request which includes a map and submit it to City Hall. The council also discussed the fact that there are already many chickens being kept illegally within the City of Hampton. The council will put on a future workshop meeting for discussion and further consideration.

The council then discussed the dog registration process, information on raffle and waiver of registration fee ideas. There was much discussion. The council requested City Manager Dunt draft a moratorium waiving dog registration fees for 12 months for review by the council at the September 25 meeting. Councilman Davies left at 6:45 pm.

City Manager Dunt presented a 28E agreement between the City and Franklin County for the new brush site located south of town on Olive Avenue. The consensus of the council was to put the agreement on the September 25 meeting agenda.

The council discussed the Image of Pride. After much discussion, the consensus was to have staff update the brochure showing expanding the program to 12 months each year and present a draft for review at the September 25 meeting.

The council discussed a proposal for further parking restrictions on the 300 block of 3rd Ave SE and discuss amending the vehicle parking regulations on private properties. The consensus is to draft an ordinance implementing no parking on both sides of the 300 block of 3rd Ave SE, and place on a future agenda.

Public Works Director Tarr presented a proposal to purchase some Christmas decorations to be placed in the downtown. The consensus was for Tarr to move forward with the purchase of the proposed decorations.

The workshop concluded at 7:20 p.m.