

Minutes of October 7, 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. Council Member Jerre Grefe reported her birthday was Monday and she brought cookies.

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

Alexis Grefe and Robyn Hansen requested to use the Hampton Fire Station as a host stop for the Wine Walk on Friday, November 28, 2025. The council informed them there was no alcohol allowed in city buildings.

The council reviewed requests for chickens from Jennifer Gruelke, Mary Rodriguez, and Sarah Kolb. Sarah Kolb, Jennifer Gruelke, and Butch Gruelke addressed the council. The council discussed pros and cons and possible changes to the code of ordinances. The council will continue to discuss at a future council workshop.

Public Works Director Doug Tarr asked the council to begin thinking about possible ways to expand the community bike lanes, with the goal being to give citizens in the south part of town easier access to the trails and parks north of Hwy 3. The item will be discussed at the planning session after the first of the year.

City Manager Dunt presented the council with a cost estimate to update the blight assessment. The estimate is \$6,500 and would require 2 days of field work. The council will discuss options during the budget process.

The workshop concluded at 7:34 p.m.