

Minutes of the February 3, 2026, Hampton City Council Budget Workshop

The Hampton City Council Budget 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, Jeanne Fay, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

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

Chief Morrison reported the police department has been busy with court ordered clean ups. He also informed the council they only had 3 applicants for the upcoming citizens academy, so they are putting it on hold for now and re-evaluating.

Public Works Director Tarr updated the council on the various tree removal projects. Tarr reminded citizens who have had issues with frozen meters in the past to insulate and protect them during the freezing temps.

The council considered FY27 budget items. Mark Crawford from Crawford Engineering provided the council with a map of possible streets to include in FY27 HMA project, and asked the council to prioritize. Crawford will put together the base bid and alternates to present at a future workshop. The council also discussed pool heater replacement, a leaf pickup program, entity funding and safety crossings. City Manager Dunt will update the FY27 budget and council will continue to discuss at the next council workshop.

The workshop ended at 8:32 pm.