

## **Minutes of May 11, 2026, 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, 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.

Council Person Davies presented a request from Paul Kruse and the Class of 1976 to place a permanent memorial bench in Band Shell Park. The bench would match the other benches and have a bronze plaque. The class of 1976 has agreed to hire and pay for the cement pad for the bench to sit on. Consensus of the council was to allow the permanent bench.

Council Person Grefe presented a request for a loading zone at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St NW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Grefe stated currently delivery drives pull up at the corner and block the handicap parking spot and obstruct the view of people crossing the street. The council asked Chief Morrison to look into accidents that have occurred in the downtown.

The council discussed the future of chicken owners who received prior approval to have chickens in town. The council previously gave permission to allow chickens at 3 residences in town for 1 year. Those special permissions will expire in October and November of this year.

City Manager Dunt presented the health insurance renewal for FY27, which shows a 3% increase from FY26. The council also reviewed the employee contribution amount for FY27. After discussion the consensus of the council was to keep the employee contribution the same for FY27. The item will be placed on Thursday's regular session agenda.

The workshop ended at 6:39 pm.