

Minutes of the 1-26-15 Hampton City Council Budget Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a budget workshop at 6:00 pm in city council chambers. Members present; Davies, Pralle, Hickman, Freie and Lukensmeyer. Absent; Harms. Also present were Mayor Boehmler, City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Bob Schaefer.

Public Comment: None

Sister Carmen Hernandez, La Luz Hispania introduced local resident Barry Johnson who gave a brief presentation on the history of immigration in Franklin County and Hampton beginning with the first settler, Mr. Reeve. He also highlighted some of the racial and ethnic struggles and successes that have occurred in Hampton and Franklin County since 1851. Mark Prosser, Storm Lake Public Safety Director gave a presentation on diversity experiences he has lived through in the last 30 years with the multicultural immigration growth which Storm Lake has experienced. He shared success stories, mistakes that can be learned from and suggestions for turning the Hampton's immigration growth into positive reformations within our city.

Ron handed out an outline of the Fiscal Year 16 budget changes determined at the 1-22-15 Workshop and initiated discussions primarily focusing on the FY16 general fund expenditures being considered.

Larry Fanny, Franklin County Alcoholism Service Center (FCASS) addressed the council regarding the FCASS funding request. He stated that he could get by next fiscal year with the decreased city funding but informed the council he would request next year the funding increase.

The consensus of the Council was to let the budget recommendations stand as determined at the 1-22-15 Workshop. Ron will continue to formulate the budget documents utilizing this direction from the council. Ron also stated that he recommended to Karen Schmidt that the Kiwanis Club have someone present at the February 9th Workshop to discuss details of the Harriman Park playground financing.

Under Old Business some council members indicated they plan to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting on 1-28-15 and may give input during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Ron stated he would post a public notice that there may be a quorum of the council present at that Board of Adjustment meeting.

The council concluded its workshop at 7:38 pm.