

Minutes of the 2-9-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: Mayor Boehmler alerted citizens of a recent marketing brochure that citizens may have received from an insurance company offering water line insurance protection. The Mayor explained that this mailing is not sponsored by the city. It is a private mailing from a private insurance company and citizens are free to choose whether to purchase the insurance. Home owners may want to contact their current insurance agent to verify any current coverages they may have. Mayor Boehmler then explained that he is considering developing an employer recognition award as a show of appreciation to our local employers. More details will be shared as they develop.

Karen Schmidt, Hampton Kiwanis Club requested the council reconsider its position on the city contribution to the Harriman Park Playground project. After much discussion it was the consensus of the council to remove contingencies to the city contribution of \$15,000. The city funds are committed and will represent a dollar for dollar match to private fund raising from private businesses and individuals up to a maximum of \$15,000. Grants, civic club and government contributions will not be eligible for the match. The council will also have Ron draft a written agreement which clarifies how any excess funds will be utilized. Once drafted and signed by Hampton Kiwanis the city council will take formal action to approve at a future council meeting.

John Currier, Hampton Rotary Club requests the City of Hampton consider passing a resolution approving the commitment of maintaining Jefferson Highway-Byway signage being proposed to be placed through Franklin County and Hampton along the Hwy 65 corridor. The consensus of the council was favorable and asked Ron to place the resolution on the February 12, 2015 agenda for approval. Mayor Boehmler commended Hampton Rotary Club for its involvement in this project and urged them to promote the 100th anniversary of the Jefferson Highway in 2016 with a celebration.

Ron provided an update of research he has completed regarding the possible use of mass texting of public safety alerts to citizens. He recommends utilizing the services of Nixle. Nixle is a web based service that will allow the city to send mass texts and emails to citizens who register their mobile phone number or email address with Nixle. This could be used to alert citizens in the event that a snow emergency ordinance is in effect. The consensus of the council was favorable. Ron and Chief Schaefer will register an account with Nixle soon.

Ron handed out a draft of revisions to Section 69.12 Hampton Municipal Code which clarifies the snow ordinance to eliminate some ambiguities in the current code. The consensus of the council was to move forward with the amendment following the workshop on February 23, 2015. The consensus was to also have the council place the

January 7, 2015 snow ticket matter on the council agenda for February 12, 2015. The council still intends to have public input regarding snow ordinance matters at its February 23, 2015 workshop.

Ron gave notice to the council that his employment agreement terms will be considered in the next couple of months.

Ron reviewed the Fiscal Year 16 budget as set by the council. The consensus of the Council was to place the budget on the February 12, 2015 council agenda for approval and to set March 9, 2105 as the time for public hearing and final adoption of the fiscal year 2016 budget.

The council concluded its workshop at 7:33 pm.