

Minutes of the January 30, 2017 Hampton City Council Budget Workshop Session

The Council met at 6:00 pm. Members present were; Hickman, Freie, Mollenbeck, Lukensmeyer and Pralle. Absent; Davies. Mayor Boehmler called the workshop to order. Also present were Police Chief Bob Schaefer, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt.

There was no public comment. Mayor Boehmler announced there would be a town hall meeting on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in city council chambers to discuss the housing study. The Mayor encouraged those interested in all aspects of residential development to attend and provide input. If the meeting location changes, Mayor Boehmler will publicize the change.

Kim Manning, Library Director, addressed the council to answer questions and clarify details of the library's budget request. Library Board Member Linda Kuehner was also in attendance. The library requested a funding increase of \$5,818 for FY18. The Mayor pointed out that the city is in the middle of the library project which it is helping to fund. The city is also paying for the library fire escape rehabilitation and roof replacement which is estimated to be another \$10,000. Kim pointed out that her request was her "dream budget request". After much discussion, the consensus of the council was to approve up to \$3,300 towards possible wage increases and \$1,200 for new computers for a total potential increase of \$4,500. The library board of trustees will determine library staff wage increases upon the completion of the City union negotiation session.

The council then discussed funding of the Main Street Hampton Façade Grant Program. Newton Grotzinger, GFCCC was in attendance. The consensus was to approve an increase of \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 for the Façade Grant Program for FY18.

Chief Schaefer requested the council consider raising the wage of reserve police officers and reserve certified officers to attract more interested candidates in reserving. The council will take it into consideration.

After discussion, the workshop concluded at 7:20 p.m.