

Minutes of the 10-19-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: Barry Lamos, 215 3rd St. SE, referring the council to a recent article in the MC Globe Gazette regarding City of Garner deciding not to approve a utility franchise fee.

Mike Danburg, SEH presented the preliminary plans, engineers cost estimate and project timeline for the upcoming library project. Division I consists of building strengthening and repair of the curved wall, lintel and window replacement which the city is funding. Division II is site improvements including new lower level east entrance door, outdoor reading courtyard and concrete parking lot which is funded by the Hampton Public Library Foundation.

Mike Bearden, CGA handed out information on the airport CIP. The fiscal year 2016 project is the land purchase of runway protection area and is approximately 8.5 acres directly south of the runway. Formal submission of the project documents will need to be submitted in December and needs final authorization from council. The city will have to carry funding until after land is purchased before grant proceeds would be available. Ron will review the budget and make a recommendation to the council.

Butch Gruelke, 10 2nd Ave SW presented information to the council regarding his use of the lot directly west of his auto body repair business. Recent neighborhood complaints have been received by the city and he is now seeking re-zoning of the lot as well as the lot west of 3rd St SE which he also owns. Ron stated that Butch's request is scheduled to be heard by the Planning and Zoning commission at 5:00 pm. October 22nd. Ron also stated that the steel storage containers that Butch is utilizing on the vacant lot have been subject of recent complaints by the neighbors. City staff will be recommending the council consider a moratorium on such containers.

Ron handed out and reviewed a proposed ordinance which would place a temporary moratorium on steel storage/cargo containers being placed on properties in Hampton until the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Council can determine what, if any, regulations shall be placed on their use. The consensus of the council was to place the 1st reading of the ordinance on the October 22nd council agenda for approval.

Ron then explained the city had a request for afterhour's access to the compost site from an individual who does lawn work for hire. Ron recommended not approving the request due to the oversight necessary with this type of access. Dyanne explained that this individual contacted her to say he has found another option.

Ron handed out a written request from Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home for the addition of 2 handicap parking spaces in front of their business on 3rd St. NE. The consensus of the council was favorable and directed staff to have the ordinance drafted and placed on a future council agenda.

Ron explained that the city has forwarded a copy of the proposed franchise agreement to Franklin REC for review.

Meeting concluded at 6:55 p.m.