

Minutes of the 10-20-14 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a workshop at 6:00 pm in city council chambers. Members present; Harms, Lukensmeyer, Freie, Pralle, Hickman, and Davies. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, PWD Doug Tarr and Police Chief Schaefer. Mayor Boehmler called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance was cited. Public Comment; Sister Carmen Hernandez, La Luz Hispana explained that their organization recently received grant funds for community diversity training. Sister Carmen then introduced Zadok Nampala, International Student Advisor for NIACC. Mr. Nampala presented information on how the community of Hampton can improve cultural diversity practices and invited the community to engage in dialogue and education on diversity. Val Gonzalas, NIACC, explained there will be a free movie screening of "Dream, An American Story" on November 18th at 2:00p.m. at the Windsor Theatre. Kristina Raisch, former Main Street Hampton Director, informed the council that she was invited to speak to a group of Midwest Main Street Representatives at a conference in La Crosse Wisconsin on the topic of diversity.

The council then heard information from Don Faber, Three Rivers Benefits (via speaker-phone) on the upcoming renewal of the Wellmark health insurance plan for the City. After much discussion the consensus of the council was to put this matter on the October 23, 2014 council agenda for consideration of approving the plan with a 1.5% increase in premium.

Bill Grabe, CGA, updated the council on the 2015 Airport Capital Improvement Plan. After much discussion the council directed Bill to include the following improvements in the draft 5 year CIP: Acquisition of runway protection zone, 4 stall t-hangar and taxiway, pavement rehabilitation and turnaround expansion.

Aquatic Center Manager Bradley Waddle gave the council an update on the 2014 summer season at the facility. Bradley stated that the floating lobster is the most used feature at the pool but will not be able to be used next season due to tears in the surface. Ron stated that floatables similar to the lobster are roughly \$7,000 to replace. Bradley also told the council that lifeguards are requesting higher wages and that he intends to return as manager for the 2015 season. Mayor Boehmler encouraged Bradley to continue the working relationship with Franklin Wellness Center staff with pool related matters.

Ron then reviewed a draft ordinance allowing property tax exemption status for the community economic development spec buildings. Ron will have a draft ordinance for council consideration at the October 23, 2014 meeting.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting concluded at 8:35p.m.