

Minutes of the 11-9-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: None.

Ron stated that Fire Chief Wilkinson has designated November 23rd as the training burn date of the Fink property located at 102 3rd Ave NE, Hampton and November 30th as the rain date. Mayor Boehmler called upon property owner Jackie Fink to address the council with her plan. She stated that she has contractor Denny Varrelman lined up to perform the necessary ash removal, fill and seeding work after the burn is completed by the fire department. She indicated that Varrelman will be removing all foundation brick and block as well as the basement floor material. He will fence the area with orange fencing, haul in fill material, black dirt and grass seed. Fink ensured the council that the fill work would be completed shortly by early December. Mayor Boehmler expressed to Fink the importance of completing the entire process as quickly as possible as this matter has been drawn out for over a year. She was certain it will be completed soon and she would then market the lot for sale.

Mark Crawford, CGA, discussed the alley approach on 1st Ave NE between 7th and 8th Streets. Mark presented cost estimates for the following options: the sidewalks to the east and west of the alley could be removed and replaced to meet the alley grade but would have to be installed per ADA standards or the alley could be filled to a level that meets the grade of the existing sidewalks. A third option would be to eliminate the sidewalks altogether was discussed. The council consensus was to have Mrs. Johnson be informed of the estimated costs of the options and hold more council discussions later.

Ron reviewed the 11-2-15 minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission where they voted to recommend to the city council to rezone parcel 0733433005 from R-2 to A-T Arterial Transition as requested by Gruelke. They further recommend that parcel 0733432007 be denied rezoning as requested. Mayor Boehmler pointed out that the P & Z Commission denied recommending the rezoning of parcel 007 because Gruelke failed to submit a plan for use. Brian Miller representing Butch Gruelke, presented information to the council regarding the use of the lot directly west of his auto body repair business and other facts to consider when making their decision. The Mayor offered an opportunity for anyone in opposition to address the council. There were none. After discussion the consensus of the council was to place the item on the council agenda November 12, 2015 to set a date for public hearing on the matter.

Bradley Waddle, Aquatic Center Manager gave a report of the 2015 summer season and discussed future programming considerations.

Mayor Boehmler stated that since being elected to the At Large council seat, Jim Davies has submitted his Ward II resignation effective January 1, 2016. The consensus of the council was to place the matter on the November 12, 2015 council agenda to start the Ward II appointment process.

Ron handed out information on the airport CIP. The current CIP shows the fiscal year 2016 project is the land purchase of runway protection area and is approximately 8.5 acres directly south of the runway. Since the city would have to carry funding until after land is purchased before grant proceeds would be available Ron recommends not approving this project in fiscal year 2016. The consensus of the council was in agreement and plans to readdress the airport CIP during budget discussions.

The council discussed potential commitments for franchise fee revenues. Councilman Lukensmeyer explained that he would like to see the council commit \$2 million to street improvements. Council

discussion followed. Mayor Boehmler asked for public input. Brian Miller and Barry Lamos expressed their opinions on the matter.

Ron explained that the request from Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home for the addition of 2 handicap parking spaces in front of their business on 3rd St. NE. could be placed on the November 12, 2015 council agenda for council approval.

Meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m.