

Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Hampton City Council Workshop Session.

The Council met at 6:08 pm. Members present were, Lukensmeyer, Mollenbeck, Davies, Pralle Hickman and Freie. Mayor Boehmler called the workshop to order. Also present were Police Chief Bob Schaefer, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt.

Public comment: None

Mayor Boehmler called on Code Enforcement Officer Doug Tarr, Police Chief Bob Schaefer and City Attorney Megan Rosenberg to review the process of various nuisance enforcement and rental housing procedures with the city council. Barry Lamos, 215 2nd St SE expressed concerns of nuisance vehicles and campers. Doug Pralle also expressed that he thought the enforcement was consistent with other communities and did not deter from real estate investment opportunities in Hampton. After much discussion of the enforcement processes being used, the Mayor, City Council and City Staff encouraged citizens to continue submitting complaints if they witness violations and staff will also initiate procedures against violators. Council consensus was supportive of staff to continue moving forward with current enforcement procedures.

Ron presented a draft lease agreement between the City of Hampton and Compassion Flights LLC/Doug Pralle. Doug Pralle was present and reviewed each section with the Ron and the council. The consensus of the council was to move forward with a final draft for council consideration. They also asked that a 30 day notice of termination for the current tenant of the North Maintenance Hangar be placed on the March 10th council agenda for consideration.

Ron outlined information from Utility Service Partners requesting the City endorse their water/sewer line warranty program. The program is similar to an insurance policy available to property owners at their own expense. It is a completely volunteer program and no citizen would be obligated to participate. The National League of Cities and the Iowa League of Cities has vetted this company and endorses their program. Rich Hugeback, 611 3rd Ave SW inquired about flood damage coverage. Ron explained that he would have to get more details on the question. There were many other questions and the consensus was to have Ron and Doug provide more information for the council to discuss at a future workshop.

The Workshop concluded at 7:42 pm.