

Minutes of the May 23, 2016 Hampton City Council Workshop Session

The Council met at 6:00 pm. Members present were; Hickman, Pralle, Mollenbeck, Davies, Lukensmeyer 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

Alicia Saldivar Conseco updated the council on progress she has made on nuisance issues on her downtown properties. She has a larger dumpster and relocated it to the Coconut parking lot. Her Coconut bartenders do trash cleanup after the bar closes and she believes overall things have improved. The Coonley apartment building water heater has been replaced and the basement floor has been cleaned up.

Eric Grote, 114 3rd Ave SW, requested the council consider transferring some of the abandoned railroad right of way the city owns to his corporation, Plumwhacky Inc. He is planning to establish a business on the adjacent property and needs the excess land to plant fruit trees. The consensus of the council was to refer to the Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission for a review of zoning options for his commercial business plans.

Ron reviewed the Utility Service Partners, Inc. (USP) proposal and explained the water/sewer/interior pipe service program the company provides. USP is seeking the endorsement from the City of Hampton to market their programs to citizens of Hampton. The City Attorney has reviewed the Marketing License Agreement and does not have any concerns with it as proposed. The council reviewed the proposed marketing letter template that would be used should the city endorse the program. The consensus was favorable and the agreement will be considered at the May 26, 2016 council meeting.

Doug brought up the option of issuing citations to nuisance mowing habitual violators. Although the number of notices is down this year, the habitual violators continue to be a problem. Doug recommends issuing municipal infraction citations to those property owners whom the city has had to contract mow 3 times or more. The council encouraged this proactive approach to motivate habitual violators to take responsibility for their property maintenance.

Ron reviewed Resolution 2016-13, a resolution setting public hearing for selling the vacated alley in Block 24 Original Town of Hampton. The resolution will be on the May 26, 2016 council agenda for consideration.

Mayor Boehmler reviewed the Goal Setting Priorities. The top priorities included working with FCDA on economic development planning, enforcing the sidewalk ordinance and partnering with the Franklin Wellness Center on adult league activities. The other priority under consideration is stricter enforcement of rental inspections. The consensus was to clarify the priority of joint economic development planning with Main Street Hampton and FCDA. Discussions will continue.

The Workshop concluded at 7:17 pm.

