

CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Hampton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the Hampton City Hall, 5784 Navarre Avenue, Hampton, Florida 32044.

Call to Order:

At approximately 7:00 P.M., the meeting of the Hampton City Council was called to order by Mayor Dale Wiseman.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Dale Wiseman, Vice Chairman Douglas Williamson, Councilwoman Lillian Sams, Councilwoman Janeece Mullett and Councilwoman Dot Shealey. City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth was available by telephone as necessary. Also present was City Attorney William Sexton. Chairman Bill Goodge was absent.

Public Comments

During the Public Comment period, the City Council heard a presentation from Amber Shepherd, Strategic Alliance Business Partner with the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Shepherd introduced herself, provided a history of the NFEDC, including its genesis following the State of Florida's dissolution of the Bradford County Economic Development Authority. Ms. Shepherd also outlined the goals and objectives of NFEDC, including some of the business recruitment efforts which have not yet come to fruition, and encouraged the City of Hampton to contact her regarding economic development opportunities and prospects.

Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions offered, presented or discussed.

Proclamations

There were no proclamations offered, presented or discussed.

Presentations

1. Deputy Glen Ward, Code Enforcement Officer for the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, made a presentation to the City Council concerning the Special Detail for the City of Hampton for the months of December 2024 through February 2025.

Following Deputy Ward's presentation, there was discussion among Council and with Deputy Ward concerning the accuracy of the reporting data provided, the need for the Sheriff's Office to provide more detailed reports for the Special Detail and whether or not the approximately \$20,000.00 spent annually by the City of Hampton for the Special Detail was an effective use of funds.

2. On behalf of City Clerk/Administrator Hildreth, City Attorney William Sexton made a brief presentation on the following topics:
 - A. Clerk/Administrator Hildreth was finally able to obtain approval from the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, for an additional \$115,000.00 for the completion of the Hampton Villas Drainage Project. As a result of the Clerk/Administrator obtaining these funds, the City will no longer need to utilize a the legislative appropriation to complete said project.

The Clerk/Administrator and the City's engineers are working on the documentation for this funding which DEP considers a "second" grant. This update was previously provided to City Council by email.

- B. Four or five residents in Hampton Villas have expressed concern that their driveways have been narrowed – some from 20 feet to 11 feet or 15 feet – and that portions of their driveways have been replaced with fill dirt rather than limerock.

The Clerk/Administrator is working with the City's engineers and the contractor to address these concerns. A portion of this update was also previously provided to City Council by email.

Consent Agenda

The Council considered approval of the Consent Agenda including (1) the Council Meeting Minutes from the regularly-scheduled meeting held on January 28, 2025; and (2) Financial and Accounts Payable Statements from January 2025. Vice Chairman Williamson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mullett, to approve the Consent Agenda. Said motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Old Business

There was no new business offered, presented or discussed.

New Business

1. During the New Business portion of the agenda, the City Council again, although briefly this time, discussed the Sheriff's Office Special Detail for the City of Hampton and the need for better, more detailed reporting was reiterated.

2. City Council was provided a draft term sheet for a proposed agreement between the City of Hampton and Hope Baptist Church for the use of the ballfield at the Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park.

The Council was encouraged to review the proposed terms and provided feedback to the Clerk/Administrator who is soliciting the same from Hope Baptist Church and who will, in conjunction with the City Attorney, develop a final version of an agreement which incorporates those terms.

This final version will likely be presented at the April meeting of the City Council.

City Attorney Report

City Attorney William Sexton had no report.

Council General Announcements and Discussion

There were no general announcements.

Following comments by Vice Chairman Williamson concerning litter and trash around Hampton and from Councilwoman Sams regarding a proliferation of feral cats near her home, there was a brief discussion concerning the need for increased Code Enforcement activity and all members of Council were encouraged to note these potential code violations and report them directly to Deputy Ward or the Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to be conducted, at approximately 7:30 P.M., Chairman Bill Goodge adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, this 22nd day of April 2025.

CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA

By: DALE WISEMAN, as its
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: MARY LOU HILDRETH, as
City Clerk/Administrator