

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday January 27th, 2026, 7:00pm
5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL 32044

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ANY TOPIC ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA IS REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A COMMENT CARD AND RETURN TO THE CITY CLERK. PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES.

Meeting Facilitator: Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL – City Clerk – Councilwoman Dot Shealey, Vice Chair Douglas Williamson, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Chair Bill Goodge, and Councilman Albert Ransom. Councilwoman Lillian Sams was absent. City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton were also present.

Public Comment - Please limit comments to 3 minutes and restrain from personal attacks, using an individual's name or making political statements.

1. Public Hearings:

2. Resolutions:

3. Proclamations:

4. Presentations:

A. Deputy Ward/BSO Deputy Patrols - Absent

B. Clerk/Admin Report

- The first legislative appropriation has been amended and we are now billing the additional engineering costs for the new well out of that funding source. Ms. Hildreth went to Tallahassee last week and met with Senator Bradley's staff and Representative Brannan to impress upon them the need for the second legislative appropriation request submitted for this year. She shared copies of the 90% design plans to emphasize that we are moving forward, will be going out to bid soon and ready for construction. She said she emphasized this to them because there are municipalities that get an appropriation and then don't move on it and are and have been.

- She has finally been in contact with Captain Mueller who e-mailed her earlier this month that he “will personally conduct heavy patrols on C.R. 18 in Hampton to investigate the truck traffic and will also use that time to get a visual on any no truck signs and determine if we need new and or additional signs”. She has heard nothing further but has noticed a significant reduction in truck traffic.
- FRDAP grants – The goal is to have this closed out in 2026. It should be easily completed as they are smaller grants and park equipment is very expensive.
- Circle K Annexation: The property has now closed and construction has commenced. A new revelation came forward that they intend to use a 6 inch line across CR 18 as opposed to a 2 inch line and additional information regarding usage and irrigation needs. Our engineers and their engineers are exchanging analysis of consumption and answering questions for clarification. Our concern regarding having enough capacity and pressure at that end of town was made crystal clear. Ongoing evaluation by both parties.
- We need to update our water ordinance, especially related to capacity fees. We currently charge \$1500 per new service but that now barely covers the cost of connecting to the system in 2026. The ordinance was first done in 2017.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. BACKUP DOCUMENTAION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THESE ITEMS.

- A. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from October 28th, 2025
- B. Financials/Account Payables for October, November and December 2025

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Chair Goodge, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 4 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cell Tower Marketing Contract City Attorney

Mr. Sexton wanted to revisit the marketing contract. Legally it is fine, but his concern is that it locks us in to a contract with them for 5 years. We aren't doing anything to market it. No money changes hands unless someone is interested in building a cell tower. Mr. Sexton said there is no reason not to do it but understand that if we agree to the terms they get the exclusive rights to them. Chair Goodge stated it seems like a win/win to him. Discussion regarding the 5 year term of the contract. Consensus was to see if they would be willing to change it to 2.5 years. Ms. Hildreth will reach out to them with that proposal.

Tabled

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Old VFD Building Rental Issues

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that the tenant was past due in rent (almost six months) as well as past due on the water bill. This has occurred more than once before as well. Also, some associate of the tenant yelled and cursed repeatedly at Ms. Hornick for where she parked her car. Ms. Hildreth feels that there could be a higher and better use for the building, especially given the very low monthly rent on a 2000 square foot building. It was also pointed out that all the initial promises made by Mr. Heeder for various events for Hampton have never come to fruition. Mr. Sexton explained that the contract has an option to send a 90 day termination letter (by either party), which would be the most efficient way to end the contract versus an eviction process.

Motion to send a 90 day termination letter to Mr. Heeder made by Councilwoman Shealey, seconded by Councilman Ransom. Passed 4 - 0

B. Hope Christian 2026 Contract for Ball Field

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised it was time again to renew the contract for the use of the ball field at Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park. She stated there was no change to the terms or the language other than updating the dates on the contract.

Motion to update and execute the contract mad by Councilman Ransom, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passes 4 – 0

C. New Banners

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth reminded the council that Thermacell paid for the centennial banners (which can be used again during the summer since they are red, white & blue) and the Christmas banners which are only up for a few months. She felt the city needed an “in between” banner and suggested we use the picture Mr. Sexton created for the centennial shirts. The banner company was unable to use a jpeg image and needed it formatted in a “vector” file and she has been trying to find somebody to convert it. The banner company had some generic train pictures and other options but nothing that, in her opinion, was a nice and original as ours and its historical connection to the city. Mayor Wiseman suggested reaching out to Elise at the Locker Room in Keystone Heights to see if they had that capability.

Tabled

D. Fence Replacement at Bobbie Sheppard Mem. Park

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that she has gone back and forth with the FDOT engineers, the county, and the CEI regarding the wooden fence being removed but their excuse is that the plans said to remove it but did not indicate to replace it. All arguments were of no use (that we paid for and put it up to protect the city's property and the people that use the park due to prior vandalism issues with large trucks driving through the park). While they understood the reasoning, it would require a change order which are very difficult to get approved on a Federal grant and with no guarantee of any additional funding available, plus it would severely delay the project at an increased cost to the contractor. She is awaiting an estimate from Clemons Fence for the replacement of the removed portion.

Tabled

8. City Attorney Report

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Chairman Williamson stated that Franz Innocent put a well in on his property but there are other mobile homes in the rear of the property. Ms. Hildreth advised that those are connected to the city's water system. He also mentioned that the cable companies working in town had dumped garbage in the back of Magnolia.

Mayor Wiseman thanked Ms. Hildreth for all that she does for the city.

10. Adjourn

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS (SOMETIMES REFERED TO AS LOBBYING OR INFORMAITON GATHERING) BETWEEN A COUNCIL MEMBER AND OTHERS WHERE THERE IS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION REGARDING A QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISION BY THE CITY COUNCIL MUST BE DISCLOSED BY THE COUNCIL SO THE PUBLIC MAY RESPOND TO SUCH COMMENTS BEFORE A VOTE IS TAKEN.

By:

ATTEST:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator