

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, 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, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Chair Bill Goodge, Vice Chair Douglas Williamson, Councilwoman Lillian Sams, and Councilwoman Janece Mullett. Councilwoman Dot Shealey and Mayor Dale Wiseman were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton.

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 – Ms. Hildreth advised she had sent an e-mail to Sheriff Smith regarding the large amount of semi trucks travelling daily on CR 18. She had attached an article describing how Alachua County is addressing the issue on their county roads. She stated she had not had a response. She provided Deputy Ward a copy of the e-mail and article. He said they are not able to enforce truck traffic as the county doesn't have the correct signage on the road. He will deliver the copies to the county.

B. Clerk/Admin Report

- FRDAP grants – Commencement documents have been submitted.
- CDBG grant - An extension has been requested. Preliminary design/engineering and construction costs are being finalized. Had site visit at water yard with engineers and Bernard Carter. Also working on finalizing what additional funds are needed for additional design, engineering, construction of Well 1R and additional upgrades to the water yard in order to amend the Legislate Appropriation grant.

- Legislative Appropriation Funds: We now have the executed contract but it will be amended based on what the final costs for each of the above categories are estimated at.
- Finally received the \$30,000 reimbursement for the SEARCH grant.
- Received \$1000 safety grant from FMIT which helps offset the cost of the mulch.
- New landscape timbers installed in front of city hall. Working on replacement ideas for City Hall sign.
- Resilience grants: Planning grant continues to move forward. DEP did approve the additional \$115,000 for the project – it will be another grant. Working on finalizing that. Have Zoom meeting Friday with DEP and engineers.
- Hurricane season preparation: She contacted the county but they said they really couldn't assist the city other than if there were trees blocking county roads. She will contact Collins Lawn Service and Dustin Hoyer Tree Service to determine what their capabilities are and what the anticipated costs would be.
- ADT: She is continuing to work with the sales representative to resolve various issues.
- Circle K Annexation: The owner of the property, Kevin McGraw, is willing to annex the property into City Limits. She is working with Mr. Sexton on the process.
- FY 24 audit is ongoing.
- Food distribution was held again 4/1. Next one will be the first Saturday in June.
- Ms. Hildreth and a representative from the engineering company will attend an all-day meeting in Live Oak next Tuesday with various grant agencies.
- 5/1/25 – 5/5/25 Ms. Hildreth will be on vacation.
- Issues with:
 - a. Bradford County: She has copied the Mayor on e-mails that she is not receiving responses on. One, in particular, is regarding the county's drainage system directly adjacent to Hampton Villas. Theirs needs to be cleaned out and maintained in order for our new system to flow properly. She will contact Commissioner Riddick.
 - b. Funtastic Fire Brigade: Mr. Heeder is approaching six months behind on his rent and water bills. She sent an e-mail and did not receive a response. Chair Goodge will contact him again.
- Council name badges - Mayor Wiseman found "officer type" badges, but they are expensive and not really practical. She suggested magnetic name badges with logo, name and title. They are around \$10 - \$2

- She is gathering information regarding the city's Centennial celebration.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA AER 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 March 25, 2025
- B. Financials/Account Payables March 2025

Motion made by Councilwoman Mullet to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 4-0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Deputy Patrols Councilwoman Mullett

Councilwoman Mullett requested more detail on the invoices as to what the deputies did during their shift (day and time). He said to refer to the calendar, which was subject to change. He said it would require additional administrative time to provide that level of detail.

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- B. Hope Christian Academy Athletics Agreement City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth presented the agreement with some minor changes made by HCAA. She pointed out that their season was now over but the agreement will run through next season.

Motion made by Councilwoman Mullett to execute the agreement as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Sams. Passed 4 - 0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Diamond Towers Agreement City Clerk/Admin

Motion made by Councilwoman Mullett to approve the agreement (upon review and approval by Mr. Sexton), seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

B. Street Banners

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that Thermacell was generously willing to donate the cost of the banners and hardware (almost \$6,000.00) and the city would cover the installation. She will prepare a letter for Mayor Wiseman's signature thanking them on behalf of the Council and the residents. She will also put a note on the back of the water bills so the residents will be aware of their contribution. When the installation takes place, she will take pictures and send a press release to the newspaper. Also recognition on the Centennial banner at the park.

8. City Attorney Report

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Vice Chair Williamson expressed concerns about the Bradford County Fair. No signs were posted in Hampton. He feels like it is all Starke centered. Also said he has been mowing by the fork in the road where the sidewalk is, which is county ROW. Chair Goodge will check to see if they can mow it when they do the cemetery.

Chair Goodge requested we again provide a donation for the annual maintenance crew appreciation luncheon. Council consensus to continue with \$500.00.

10. Adjourn

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL NAY 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 INFORMATION 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 TAKE. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

ATTEST:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator