

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, 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 Dorothy Shealey, Councilman Frank Bryant, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Chair Bill Goodge, and Vice Chair Douglas Williamson. Councilwoman Lillian Sams was absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Sexton and City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth.

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: RESOLUTION 2024 – 02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA, PRESERVING THE HAMPTON CITY HALL

Ms. Hildreth advised it is a requirement of the DOS/Special Category Historical Grant to be heard later in the agenda.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Chair Goodge. Passed 4 – 0

3. Proclamations:

4. Presentations:

- A. Deputy Glenn Ward, BSO Deputy Patrols – unable to attend.
- B. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters, absent.
- C. Clerk/Admin Report

- Appropriations request submitted through the legislature for 1.1 million for upgrades to the water system approved for \$550,000. Now it needs to make it past the governor's veto pen.
- CDBG grant. Engineers filing a variance request with DEP to enable the well to be located closer to the water yard.
- Still awaiting final close out of the SEARCH grant so we can submit engineering invoices for reimbursement.
- Ms. Hildreth virtually attended the introduction to the new E-TRIM OAYSIS system on 4/2. She will have in depth training on 4/29.
- Resilience grants: Planning grant is moving forward. She attended the Bradford County kick off meeting on 4/8 and will be on the steering committee. Implementation grant is in the design and engineering phase. Ms. Hildreth met with the engineer and the DEP field agent today and reviewed the draft plans and physically toured Hampton Villas. Still awaiting deliverable approval letter in order to submit invoices for reimbursement.
- FRDAP grants – Awaiting outcome.
- Need to follow up on LDRs with the RPC
- ARC/CRH – The Community Resource Hub will have a ribbon cutting/Grand Opening from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on 5/15. It will officially be open to the public the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 – 2 starting 5/28. The food distribution on April 3rd was again very successful, they served approximately 150 people. Since we are having trouble getting Hampton volunteers it was suggested for the next one, in June, we reach out to the local churches.
- Ms. Hildreth will attend an all-day Bradford Hurricane Seminar on 5/22.
- Form 6 – again, a reminder to review the new reporting requirements and to contact the Commission on Ethics with any questions.

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. BACKUPDOCUMENTAION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THESE ITEMS.

- A. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from March, 2024
- B. Financials/Account Payables for March, 2024

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Chair Goodge, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 4 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ball Field Agreement with Hope Baptist City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised there has been no further communication. Noted that the season is now over but the city should endeavor to have something in place prior to the next baseball/softball season.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bradford Tornadoes/Pop Warner use of BSMP City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised she was contacted by the organization to see if they could use the outfield for practice. Games are held at the high school stadium in Starke. They were not able to attend tonight but she advised them we would need proof of liability insurance and a simple agreement delineating responsibilities. Council consensus was unanimously in favor.

- B. ADT Proposal City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth presented the cost proposal to replace the damaged cameras from the vandalism, which has already been paid for by insurance (FMIT).

Motion to approve the ADT proposal made by Vice Chair Williamson, seconded by Chair Goodge. Passed 4 - 0

- C. Termination of FDACS Grant Agreement City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that this particular grant is, and has, created an inordinate burden on her from the very beginning. Although it is designated for “financially constrained” communities it is very complicated, due to it being federal money and the associated myriad of regulations. She presented documents reflecting major changes in tasks and deliverables when a new grant manager was assigned mid-stream. Also due to the nature of some of the federal requirements, it is almost impossible for the local businesses to adhere to them. She feels that the most important consideration is that if one small thing goes wrong they will not provide reimbursement. Her recommendation is to terminate the contract.

Motion to terminate the FDACS Grant Agreement made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

- D. Special Category Historical Grant City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised this will be our third attempt. In 2020 we were scored high enough to be ranked but were not funded due to the Governor vetoing the historical grants that year due to needing to appropriate funding for Covid 19 measures. Last

year we missed the ranking by less than one point (due to two new people on the commission scoring us low – for no valid reason and there was no appeal process). This grant request is for a new HVAC system, new roof, insulation and renovation of the records room. However, due to the length of the funding period it would not be available for over a year, if awarded. She is also requesting approval to have mini-splits put in each front office as the current HVAC system has not been able to maintain consistent cooling/heating for years. These were part of the estimate selected as lowest bidder for the FDACS grant.

Motion to apply for the DOS Special Category Historical Grant made by Chair Goodge, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 4 - 0

Motion to purchase and install the minisplit units made by Councilwoman Shealey, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

E. FLOM City Catalyst Grant

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised the yearly cycle was now open and it is her recommendation we apply for new (replacement) water fountains for each park since they were stolen.

Motion to apply for the City Catalyst Grant made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 4 – 0

8. City Attorney Report - none

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Chair Goodge requested we donate again this year for the BSO Employee Appreciation function since they mow the cemetery. We donated \$100 last year.

Motion to donate \$100 for the BSO Employee Appreciation function made by Councilwoman Shealey, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 4 - 0

Ms. Hildreth requested the city also donate coffee and donuts for the grand opening of the Community Resource Hub at Bradford ARC on 5/15. Approved by consensus.

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 REFERRED 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 TAKEN. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator