

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26th, 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 – Vice Chair Douglas Williamson, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Chair Bill Goodge, and Councilman Albert Ransom. Councilwomen Dorothy Shealey and Lillian Sams were absent. City Clerk Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth was also present. City Attorney Will Sexton had advised he would be late.

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: Road Abandonment

RESOLUTION 2026 – 02; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA CLOSING AND ABANDONING UNDEVELOP PLATTED ROADS BORDERING PARCEL NUMBER 04960-0-00703 (13839), SPECIFICALLY: UNNAMED ROAD 1 BORDERING THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY AND UNNAMED ROAD 2 BORDERING THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Hildreth advised Mr. Dean Baker purchased the old recycling property and adjacent lot. He had it surveyed and it listed "closed platted street" on the north side and east side. Mr. Sexton had advised that it should be done properly and recorded with Bradford County to ensure its legality.

Motion made to approve Resolution 2026 – 02 made by Chair Goodge, seconded by Councilman Ransom. Passed 3 - 0

2. Resolution:

3. Proclamations:

4. Presentations:

- A. Clerk/Admin Report – Ms. Hildreth stated she had no formal report prepared for this meeting as it was her first day back from vacation. However, she did state that she

received a call from Representative Brannon today informing her that our Legislative Appropriation Request #2 for the Well Project had been approved for \$275,000 (we had asked for an additional \$550,000). She is hoping it will be enough combined with the CDBG grant for \$600,000 and Legislative Appropriation #1 for \$550,000 but won't know until the bids come in, which are due next month. Also, it must pass the Governor's desk without veto. She feels relatively confident that it will go through due to it being a potable water project in a rural area.

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 April 28, 2026

Table – Ms. Hildreth did not have time to complete them. They will be on the next Consent Agenda.

B. Financials/Account Payables April 2026

Motion made to approve the Financials/Accounts Payables for April 2026 by Chair Goodge, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 3 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy Patrol Audit

City Clerk/Admin

Table

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that Hope Christian Academy's season was over and she was approached by Brian Sutton to use the park for his teams. It would be the same contract as for HCA. In addition, they are willing to assist with in-kind services for refurbishing the ball field in conjunction with the FRDAP grant which would free up funds for other areas at the park.

Motion to approve the contract as described made by Councilman Ransom, seconded by Chair Goodge. Passed 3 - 0

B. City Attorney Increase Request

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth spoke on behalf of City Attorney Sexton as he had not arrived yet. He was requesting an amendment to his contract for an increase in his monthly retainer

to \$1,500.00. The hourly rate would remain the same. His last increase was in 2024. She also pointed out that the workload was increasing due to lot split requests, re-zoning, annexation and contract reviews.

Motion to approve the requested increase made by Vice Chair Williamson, seconded by Chair Goodge. Passed 3 - 0

C. Social Media

Mayor Wiseman

Mayor Wiseman told Vice Chair Williamson that he knows how much he cares for the town and that he appreciates the concerns he raises and the extra things he volunteers to do around town. However, he asked Vice Chair Williamson to bring up these issues at meetings and to not put things on social media - especially if they are untrue. The Mayor stated as the council, he is well aware we all do not agree on everything but that we should present a united front. We can agree to disagree.

Vice Chair Williamson said he was mad at Ms. Hildreth for having the internet signs removed from the FPL poles and right of ways. He pointed out Hoyer's Tree Service sign that hangs by Factory Avenue and said that it was not 15 feet from the center line. It was explained to him by Mr. Sexton that signs that are on private property are acceptable. The Mayor, who lives next to the property in question, confirmed it is private property according to the existing survey marker. He further added that it is common for cities to remove unwanted signs from their right of ways.

Ms. Hildreth wanted to discuss the specific social media post he put on People Who Lives or Lived in Hampton Facebook page. In it, he stated that, to paraphrase, Mary Lou runs the city, we should call it Mary Lou Ville and that she did things without getting bids. Several residents alerted her to the post. She was extremely upset by the false narrative that is now "out in the internet" universe. She feels it was liable/slander. It was unprofessional on his part and very disrespectful. Yes, she does run the town - that's what she was hired to do. Council sets policy and she administers it. The "bid" issue was about a dangerous huge oak tree on city right of way that he, in fact, had brought to her attention. She drove by to look at it and saw that there were limbs down that created a hazardous situation. She immediately called Hoyer's Tree Service, who she has used several times before. They came out and cut it down and removed it for \$900 (which she believes was more than a fair price). In the City of Hampton's procurement policy if it is in the budget (which it is) and it is less than \$1,000 Ms. Hildreth has the authority to approve it – not to mention it was a potential liability. She advised him to keep her name out of his mouth and off social media. She reminded the Mayor and Council that this is not the first time Vice Chair Williamson has posted erroneous and hurtful things about her on social media.

8. City Attorney Report - none

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Chair Goodge asked that Ms. Hildreth request Collins Lawn Care to remove/cutback the jelly palm that hangs over at the corner of Palm and Navarre. The thorns are sharp and dangerous.

Mayor Wiseman encouraged Ms. Hildreth to look into a mini-split for the council room.

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.

By:

ATTEST:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator