

**CITY OF HAMPTON**  
**Minutes, Special Council Meeting**  
Thursday, September 3rd, 2020, 6:00pm  
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, Councilman Frank Bryant, Councilwoman Lillian Sams and Vice Chairman Doug Williamson. Mayor Dale Wiseman and Chairman Bill Goodge were absent (excused). Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton.

**Public Comment** - Please limit comments to 3 minutes and refrain from personal attacks, using an individual's name or making political statements. - None

**1. Public Hearings:**

A. Proposed Millage Rate 1.00/\$8,831 Yearly Ad Valorem

Ms. Hildreth advised this was another .25 incremental increase as we have done for the past two years. She provided documentation of two resident's property tax bill from 2018 and 2019. Between the two years the one resident had a \$14.00 increase in city taxes for the entire year and the other resident was at \$2.00. This recommended ad valorem would still only bring in less than \$9,000 total for the year. She also provided statistics on the amount of exempt property (34.45% and the per capital taxable value average 17,730). Even at 1.0 mills we are still close to the lowest in the entire state.

Vice Chairman Williamson opened comment to the public. Having none, public comment was closed.

Vice Chairman Williamson opened comment to the council. Councilman Bryant stated he did not have a problem with the recommendation. Vice Chairman Williamson agreed. Vice Chairman Williamson closed comment to the council.

B. Proposed Budgets General Fund/Water Fund

Ms. Hildreth advised that now that the FDOT SCOP grant has closed out and the bulk of the CDBG grant has been administered the budget is more in line with regular operational costs, aside from the SRWMD \$160,000 grant in the water fund. She

also reminded council that the water fund continues to pay back the general fund at 40% (for the past two years – prior was at 25%) for administrative costs and that has considerably helped the general fund and reduce the liability of the water fund. However, she cautions that our state revenue funding will be significantly impacted by Covid 19 and we still may not know how much more it will be affected as the year goes on. Therefore, she recommends the city continue to be fiscally prudent.

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### **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.

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Doug Williamson, Vice Chairman

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Mary Lou Hildreth, MMC, City Clerk/Administrator