

City of Hampton
Organizational Meeting
Workshop/Council Meeting
January 04, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Coley, Councilpersons Hearn, Meeks, Mitcham, Byrd, Hutchison and Lowe. Also present City Attorney Scott Mayfield, Chief of Police Rad Porter and City Clerk Kim Drinkall.

City Clerk Kim Drinkall called the Organizational Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., since no Councilmember had to take the oath she turned the meeting over to Mayor Coley.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to nominate Councilperson Hearn as Mayor Pro-tem for 2011. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Councilperson Hearn did not vote.

Mayor Coley called the workshop Meeting to order.

Mr. Nick Griffith from the County Storm Water Management discussed briefly with Mayor and Council flood plain mapping.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn to table discussing flood plain mapping until the next meeting when the City Manager would be present. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Coley asked if any Councilmember wished to discuss the requirements for a package store. There was no reply from the Council so Mayor Coley adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.:

Mayor Coley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invocation was given by Councilperson Hearn.

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Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 02, 2010. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the Special Called Council Meeting of November 19, 2010. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) Councilperson Hutchison did not vote.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion, second by Councilperson Hutchison, to approve the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 07, 2010. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Former Senator John Douglas thanked the Mayor and Council for the great working relationship he has had with the City for the last 6 years. He stated Senator elect Rick Jeffaries will do a great job.

Commissioner Elect Fred Auletta thanked Mayor and Council for their support and stated he was looking forward to working with them.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to approve the malt beverage/wine sale by the drink Licenses for Mr. Guang Si Li; Saki Japanese Steakhouse, 1 East Main Street, Hampton, GA. Mr. Guang Si Li was present as required by ordinance. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the beer/wine package sales for Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Family Food Mart; 7 E. Main Street N., Hampton GA. Ms. Harpreet Kaur was present as required by ordinance. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

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Councilperson Hutchison first thanked the citizens and employees and Councilmember's that participated in the electrical committee. He stated they explored different ideas to try and help the citizens with their utility bills. Some of the suggestions were to do budget billing, to hold property owners responsible for tenants that leave owing money for utilities, hold the utility deposits until the customer finalizes their account with the City, call customers before the cutoff to remind them their bill is due, and possibly do a split billing. Councilperson Hutchison stated after further research that the split billing was not an option as the software program would not handle it. Deputy Clerk Pat Watson stated the City this week has implemented calling the customers to remind them their bills are due.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 351, an ordinance to amend article V entitled "Water Conservation". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hutchison, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 352, an ordinance to amend chapter 6 of code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, which provides for alcoholic beverages; to amend article II entitled "Alcohol Licenses Required"; to amend article IV entitled "Distilled Spirits".

Councilperson Byrd made a motion, second by Councilperson Mitcham, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 353, an ordinance to amend chapter 67 of code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, Georgia, which provides for zoning; to amend section 67-154 entitled "C-3 Heavy Commercial District". The motion passed 4-2, Councilperson's Hearn and Meeks voted no.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

R.W. Coley, Mayor

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Kim Drinkall, City Clerk