

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Council Meeting  
August 02, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

**Workshop Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Coley, Councilpersons Hearn, Mitcham, Byrd, Lowe, Hutchison and Meeks. Also present City Manager Andy Pippin, City Attorney Scott Mayfield, and City Clerk Kim Drinkall, Captain Derrick Austin, Public Works Director John Spraggins, and Main Street Director Candy Franklin.

Ms. Debbie Austin gave Mayor and Council a demonstration on building team work skills. Ms. Austin stated she would offer a discount to the City for these classes.

City Manager Andy Pippin informed Mayor and Council he was checking on the City participating in a CDBG Block Grant / Entitlement program. He stated all of the specifics were not yet in and that he might have to call a special called meeting when he gets all of the details together, he just wanted to keep the Council informed.

Councilperson Lowe stated according to Rick Hubert, who is with the Department of Community Affairs, which is the state agency that administers these funds, if the City enters into an agreement with the County then the City would not be eligible to apply on our own for any CDBG annual funding for the employment insensitive program or the CDBG redevelopment funds. Councilperson Lowe had several questions and stated that Commissioner Fred Auletta was in the audience tonight but did not know if he had any of the answers so he did not want to put him on the spot. Councilperson Lowe asked Commissioner Auletta if the City did opt out what effect would this have on the county. He also asked why we were only getting \$731,000.00, when individual cities can apply for well over one million dollars in grant funds thru CDBG projects. Also, how would this be split or would the county get all of it?

Commissioner Auletta stated the \$731,000.00 came from the CDBG to them by way of a letter stating they could be eligible for this amount of money, it did not say this was the amount of money it did not say it could be more it did not say it would be less. It was just a preliminary letter that came to us without even filing for a grant to let us know that we could get a grant and that was the amount of money that we may receive.

Commissioner Auletta stated the County Manager will meet with the City Managers and outline the program and answer the questions. He said if you participate the allocations of the monies will come back to the Cities as well as the County. Commissioner Auletta said that these questions were all part of the meeting that was going to be held tomorrow.

City Attorney Scott Mayfield gave Mayor and Council an overview of ordinance no. 361 on downtown parking, He stated this ordinance was presented to the Council before and no action was taken at that time. Councilperson Mitcham stated the City has talked about the parking downtown for some time now and the City Council needs to go forward now and do something about it.

Councilperson Meeks stated the parallel spaces across from City Hall have a two hour sign up at the present time but the owner of the garage had expressed interest if he could leave some of his vehicles there for customer pick-up and for customer drop off. He had asked to not include these spaces just include the spaces downtown.

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**Councilperson Hearn asked if this were to pass would the City have to designate a police officer to keep up with marking the tires every two hours. Councilperson Lowe asked Captain Austin if it was inconceivable that one or more of our officers will go down Main Street every hour or every two hours generally speaking.**

**Mark Whitley of Whitley Engineering gave Mayor and Council a briefing on the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) between the City of Hampton and the EPD. Mark stated that the MOA would give the City the ability to handle their own plans for plan reviews and permitting so they would not have to send erosion control plans to the State for review and approval. Mark asked the City to consider moving forward in obtaining an MOA at this time. Mayor Coley received consensus of the Council to authorize the City Manager to proceed forward to obtain our MOA from EPD.**

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

**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Mitcham, to amend the agenda to include discussion of speed limits and golf cart use in the City. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Meeks, to amend the agenda to include Mr. Rucker to speak about extending the Historical District in Hampton. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Hearn made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to amend the agenda to include discussion of a new entrance way for Southern States off of Oak Street. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Mr. Larry Rucker 15 Lakevista Circle asked Mayor and Council if it was their wishes for the Historical Preservation Commission to continue with their plans on extending the Downtown Historic area to include the Hampton Depot and Police Station. The Council stated it was their wishes for them to proceed with this.**

**Hampton Mainstreet Director Candy Franklin informed Mayor and Council that the Friday Market at the Wislon House has between 5 to 7 vendors and they have had over 900 visitors to the market since May 29. The museum had over 500 visitors since it has opened. Candy informed the Mayor and Council that the Mid Georgia Model Train Club will have a display August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the depot sponsored by the Mainstreet program and the DDA. She invited all Councilmember's to visit it.**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve the minutes of the workshop/regular council meeting July 12<sup>th</sup> as published. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Ms. Lottie Greer asked if the Police would check for speeders on McDonough Street, she stated in the afternoons they are going 50 to 60 miles per hour. Ms. Lottie Greer also said the dumping of stuff by**

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the recycle bins is getting out of control. She suggested putting up a sign that states no dumping by order of Police Department might help the problem.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve the request from Mr. Altaf Dhamani for malt beverage/wine package sales licenses at Karen Gas & Food DBA Quick Mart located at 37 E Main Street Hampton, Georgia. Mr. Dhamani was present as required by ordinance. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 361, an ordinance to amend chapter 82 of the code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, which provides for traffic and vehicles; to create a new section 82-7 entitled "Downtown Parking Restrictions". During a brief discussion Councilperson Mitcham amended her motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 361 with the following changes: in Sec.82-7 (b) "It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on the following streets or portions of streets for longer than two (2) hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Section 82-7 (e) (2) to remove "Accusations shall be personally served by the City police department upon persons residing within Henry County, Georgia" to be replaced with "Accusations shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested upon persons residing within Henry County Georgia." Councilperson Byrd second the amended motion, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe asked how many speeding tickets were issued this year at the western end of Oak Street, Captain Austin stated that in the 40 mile per hour section on Oak Street only 6 tickets were issued for speeding this year.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Mitcham, to reduce the speed limit on Oak Street to 35 miles per hour from Downtown Oak Street to 1941. After a brief discussion Councilperson Lowe amended his motion to make this the first reading of Ordinance No.362 an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Oak Street to 35 miles per hour were applicable, Councilperson Hearn second the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

City Manager Andy Pippin gave Mayor and Council and overview of Southern States wishes to make a driveway that will exit on Oak Street, he stated this would be at Southern States expense. Southern States wanted to get the Council's feel on this before they proceeded with a formal request. During discussion Council stated they would like to see the rating for the load that Oak Street can handle.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel, possible litigation and real estate. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Coley adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Coley called the regular meeting back to order at 8:46 p.m., Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Meeks to adjourn the meeting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.

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**R.W. Coley, Mayor**

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**Kim Drinkall, City Clerk**