

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Council Meeting  
July 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

### Workshop

**Present:** Mayor Coley, Councilperson's Meeks, Hearn, Mitcham, Lowe, Hutchison and Byrd. Also present City Manager Andy Pippin, City Attorney Scott Mayfield, City Clerk Kim Drinkall, and Chief of Police Rad Porter.

Mayor Coley called the workshop to order at 6:00p.m.

Mrs. Euleen Smith owner of the Hair Barn spoke to Mayor and Council about the problem she is having with the merchants parking their cars in front of the businesses all day long and her elderly customers are having to park on the far side of the buildings. She said the ones who are parking there are the merchants who have no customer walk in traffic. She has spoken to them and it seems to work for a while but they go back to parking there. Mrs. Smith asked the Council if there was something that can be done. Councilperson Mitcham stated the City has been talking about this for some time now and we need to do something instead of keep talking about it.

City Attorney Scott Mayfield said the City had drafted an ordinance a while ago that addressed the parking downtown but it was never passed. The Council asked the City Manager to get what the City had looked at before and bring it back to the Council, he was also asked to call other cities and see how they handle their parking.

Mr. Steven Cosby from ARC Community Choices gave Mayor and Council an overview of where they are on the Community Choices Grant.

Mr. Bill Cornell and Ms. Liz Hoffman from Precision Planning Engineering gave Mayor and Council an overview of what a needs assessment would consist of for the public safety building. Ms. Hoffman stated the purpose is to define the project as well as a cost estimate. Councilperson Lowe stated if the city had done this the first time we could have saved money.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

### Regular Meeting

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

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Mitcham to amend the agenda to remove the first reading of Ordinance No. 360, an ordinance to amend chapter 67 of code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, which provides for zoning; to amend section 67-22 entitled "Definitions"; to amend section 67-142 entitled "Uses Common to All Single-Family Residential Districts". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Commissioner Fred Auletta gave Mayor and Council an overview of what has been going on in Henry County. He stated that Highway 3 has now been repaired, and tonight Clayton County would be voting on selling the airport. If Clayton County voted to sell the airport, tomorrow morning then Henry County would hold a called meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Auletta said he was holding a Town

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**Hall meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at the Henry County Water Authority on Highway 20, and invited everyone to attend.**

**Mrs. Linda Dodgen, 15 Shebly Street, Hampton, informed Mayor and Council of an incident that occurred at her resident that involved laying electrical lines underground. She stated while she was home the electrical crew came and were marking were to lay the lines and if she had not said something the lines would have run right across her back yard. She asked Mayor and Council what rights do property owners have when it comes to a utility company running lines on their property. Councilperson Hearn asked why was the City putting electrical lines underground on Shelby Street. The City Manager said that the Assistant Public Works Director was not present at the meeting but he would find out tomorrow what was going on with Shelby Street.**

**Mrs. Ann Tarpley, 200 Revolutionary Drive, Hampton, spoke to Mayor and Council in detail about Ordinance No. 360, which defines uses common to all single-family residential districts. She stated that it is not up to the Council to define what a family is, and asked Council to strongly consider dropping this ordinance all together. City Manager Andy Pippin stated this ordinance was deleted from the agenda tonight by way of motion and the Council would not be voting on it.**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Regular Council Meeting June 07, 2011 as published. The motion passed (5-0) Councilperson Lowe abstained from voting.**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting June 14, 2011 as published. The motion passed (5-0) Councilperson Hearn abstained from voting.**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 357, an ordinance to amend chapter 54 of the code of ordinances which provides for offenses and miscellaneous provisions; to amend article 1 entitled "In General"; to amend Section 54-3 entitled "Disorderly Conduct". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Meeks made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 358, an ordinance for the purpose of rezoning property located on the Southside of Oak Street, North of Cindy Court and Lindsey Lane and East of Glenwood Court, in land lots 81&112 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district and land lots 250 & 251 of the 6<sup>th</sup> district. After a brief discussion Councilperson Lowe amended the motion, Councilperson Hutchison second the amendment, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 358, to remove under Section 1 part C which reads "The Planning and Zoning Department shall approve the architectural design of all proposed building plans prior to the issuance of a building permit". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**The City Manager asked Council to appoint a Councilmember to assist him with the L.O.S.T. (Local Option Sales Tax) negotiations. Councilperson Mitcham suggested that Councilperson Lowe be appointed to assist the City Manager with the L.O.S.T. negotiations. The Mayor asked Councilperson Lowe to assist the City Manager with the L.O.S. T. negotiations for the City.**

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**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to approve the City millage rate certification for tax year 2011 at 4.776 mills, to rollback millage rate from 4.776 mills to 0 mills. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve in the amount of \$9,900.00 for a "Needs Assessment" for the public safety building. After a brief discussion Councilperson Mitcham called the question. The motion to approve the amount of \$9,900.00 for the "Needs Assessment" ended in a tie. Councilpersons Mitcham, Lowe and Hutchison voted yes, Councilpersons Meeks, Byrd and Hearn voted no. Mayor Coley voted to break the tie, he voted yes to approve the amount of \$9,900.00 for the "Needs Assessment" for the public safety building. The motion passed (4-3).**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to approve Resolution No. 11-09, a resolution to authorize the election superintendent to call for a vote on the November 2011 General Election Ballot the question of whether to permit Sunday sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits in the City of Hampton, Georgia. The motion passed 4-2, Councilpersons Mitcham, Lowe, Byrd and Hutchison voted yes, Councilpersons Meeks and Hearn voted no.**

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

**Mayor Coley adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.**

**Mayor Coley called the meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m., Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.**

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**R.W. Coley, Mayor**

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**Kim Drinkall, City Clerk**