

City of Hampton  
Workshop/Regular  
May 03, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe to amend the agenda to add declaring the ASA 400 computer as surplus. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Coley received Council's consensus to amend the agenda to add discussion of the location of the City logo on the new water tower, to add Ms. Rita Green to the workshop to make a presentation, and to delete discussion of a needs assessment for the Public Safety building.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to amend the agenda to add executive session to the workshop to discuss potential litigation, personnel, and real estate. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to amend the agenda to appoint a representative to the Council on Aging. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hutchison, to declare the ASA 400 computer as surplus. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Meeks, to determine the location of the City logo on the water tower be put on the north and south sides of it. After a brief discussion Councilperson Lowe amended his motion to approve the City Manager to make the appropriate decisions in color choices for the logo. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to appoint Mrs. Donna Walls to the Council on Aging Board. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Rita Green, volunteer special events coordinator for the Henry County Senior Services, thanked Mayor and Council for the sponsorship this year. She gave Mayor and Council an overview of what the "Miles for Meals" does stating it is a fundraiser to support the mission of the Council on Aging, which is to subsidize and sustain programs for the Henry County Senior Citizens. Mrs. Green stated this Saturday May 07, 2011, the "Miles for Meals Walk" will start at 10:00 a.m. it is a 3 mile walk around Heritage Park, with a cook-out to follow then the Garden Party will start at 7:00 p.m.

Councilperson Hearn stated on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> starting around 5:00 p.m. they will be putting up the crosses. He stated anyone who wanted to help would be appreciated and should show up around 5:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Coley adjourned the meeting at 6:20 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.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to approve the minutes of the Workshop/Regular meeting April 05, 2011, and the minutes of the Special Called Meeting April 12, 2011 as published. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. G. Gallian, 130 Canyons Court, stated that a neighbor in her subdivision has MS and is in a wheel chair. She asked that some of the excess SPLOST funds be used to finish up the sidewalks on Canyons Court for her. City Manager Andy Pippin stated that sidewalks would typically not be put in until the subdivision was done. He stated he would check on this.

Mr. Gregg Nobles, 5 Oak Street and Mr. Schulke, 9 Oak Street, informed Mayor and Council of the problems at the City Park with teenagers. They stated several times when they had taken their young children to the park the teenagers were using inappropriate language and their behavior was also inappropriate. They also stated it is a safety issue and their wives do not feel safe taking their children there. They asked Mayor and Council to please do something about this. City Manager Andy Pippin stated he wanted more surveillance at the park, and suggested maybe a bike patrol using police officers. He stated he would be getting with the Chief of Police to work on this. Councilperson Hearn asked why the park lights were not on at dark; Public Works Director John Spraggins stated he would look into this.

Mr. Carrington, 8 Ridge Drive, spoke about his property located at 159 Caldwell Drive. He stated when he bought the property it had 3 bedrooms 2 baths and a garage. He stated the garage was finished on the inside with air conditioning. He was renting out the house and the renters had asked if he could take the garage door down and put up a wall so they could use that as an extra room. Mr. Carrington took down the garage door and put up a wall then got a notice from JD Matthews stating it was against City ordinance not to have a garage in that subdivision. He asked Council if there was something he could do rather than taking down the wall and putting up the garage door again.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hutchison, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 355, to adopt an amendment to the operating budget of the City of Hampton in effect for the 2011 fiscal year. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilperson Hearn voting no.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hutchison, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 356, an ordinance to increase fees on insurers conducting business within the City of

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**Hampton, Georgia. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). Councilperson Lowe stated since this is just the first reading that he would like for the City Attorney to find out if in section 3 of the ordinance should it state who would collect the 1% gross premiums received during the preceding year.**

**City Manager Andy Pippin discussed with Mayor and Council having ADM Sanitation pick up yard debris and do the chipping for the City. He stated the City's trash truck needs a lot of repairs and the chipper was recently broken, the City had to rent a chipper and get ours repaired. He stated the City does not charge for limbs and yard debris. ADM said they could pick up everything for a cost of \$11.00 per month per customer which means that the City would have to increase what the citizens pay to approximately \$14.00 per month. The Council was not in favor of increasing the cost to the citizens. After a brief discussion Council asked that a formal proposal be brought back to the Council at the next meeting.**

**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Hearn, to change the Workshop/ Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 5, 2011, to Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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**R.W. Coley, Mayor**

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**Kim Drinkall, City Clerk**