

City of Hampton  
Workshop / Council Meeting  
September 06, 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, City Clerk Kim Drinkall and Police Sergeant Stephens.

Henry County School Superintendent Mr. Ethan Hildreth spoke to Mayor and Council about the upcoming E-SPLOST referendum. He explained this would not be a new tax; this would be to continue the current 1 cent sales tax for education.

Commissioner Fred Auletta gave Mayor and Council an overview of what has been going on in District two.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd to go into executive session to discuss personnel, possible litigation and real estate. Mayor Coley adjourned the meeting into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

**Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.:**

**Public Hearing:**

No public comment was received on the proposed fiscal year 2012 operating budget.

Mayor Coley called the regular meeting to order and the invocation was given by Councilperson Hearn.

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to amend the agenda to include Resolution No. 11-10, a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding for LCI Transportation Projects. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, to amend the agenda to include discussion of the City sponsoring a reunion event on October 02, 2011. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, to amend the agenda to include discussion of purchasing Christmas decorations. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Byrd, to amend the agenda to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 362, an ordinance to amend chapter 82 of code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, Georgia, which provides for traffic and vehicles; to amend section 82-2 entitled "Speed Limits". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

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**Councilperson Hearn made a motion, second by Councilperson Lowe, to amend the agenda to table the first reading of Ordinance No. 364, an ordinance to amend chapter 34 of code of ordinances of the City of Hampton, entitled "Courts"; to amend article 1 entitled "In General"; to create a new section to be entitled "Collection of Technology Surcharge". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the minutes of the workshop / regular council meeting August 02, 2011 as published. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

Mrs. Betty English, 6 Oak Street stated several months ago the Colonial Dames did a marking of the Depot to recognize it as a historical place. She said the Colonial Dames Society publishes a quarterly book and in the book the depot is prominently featured and several comments were made to Ms. English about the support the City Officials and the Mayor gave. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Councilperson Hutchison invited the public to attend the service Locust Grove will be host starting at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of City Hall. They will be honoring all the military veterans, police, and firemen on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11. He stated he would like to see everyone attend this event.

Ms. Joy Rutledge 16 Woodlawn Ave. asked Mayor and Council if they could do something about the cars that are speeding down her street. She said there are about six to eight children that wait on the school bus every morning and cars are speeding past them. She mentioned that one child has already been hit by a car. After a brief discussion the Council asked the City Manager to check into this.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Mitcham, to approve the second 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 discussion Councilperson Byrd suggested the signs be placed on existing poles. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Lowe made a motion, second by Councilperson Meeks, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Henry County for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Andrew Smith from Sticks Pool Room asked the Mayor and Council about extending his hours of operation from closing at 12:00 to closing at 1:00 or 2:00 am. After a brief discussion Council asked the City Manger to look into what surrounding cities were doing and make a recommendation based on those grounds.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn to reinstate the position of building inspector in the City of Hampton. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Code Enforcer J.D. Matthews spoke to Mayor and Council on condemning houses on Elm Street. After a brief discussion Council decided to hold off until Councilperson Lowe came back from taking a seminar on abandon property procedures. The Council stated they supported J.D. Matthews in her

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**efforts to get these houses cleaned up and asked that she wait to see if Councilperson Lowe could bring back information that might help us do this more quickly.**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to declare September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 to be "CONSTITUTION WEEK". The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 363, to adopt an appropriations ordinance for the operating budget of the City of Hampton, Georgia to be in effect for the 2012 fiscal year. The motion passed 5-1, Councilperson Hearn voted no.**

**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to amend the agenda to include having a special called meeting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to approve Resolution No. 11-10, a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding for LCI Transportation Projects. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Meeks stated that several people have asked about having a reunion about growing up in Hampton. He said there could be up to 300 people and they would like to have it October 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with a large class reunion at Nash Farms on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They would like to have it at the Bobby McBrayer Park in Hampton and they would also like access to the Hampton Elementary School for tours and if it rains they would have someplace to go. It has come to our attention that if this event is not a City sponsored event there would be charges involved. We have been asked to consider sponsoring this event; it would be at no cost to the City. Councilperson Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks to sponsor this event. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

**Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, to authorize the purchase of Christmas sprays to finish covering the street lights downtown. 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**

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