**Present Council Members:** Mayor Robert Brown

Mayor Pro-Tem Beth Chafin

Councilman Kevin Brown

Councilman Marvin Love

Councilman Travis ‘Pete’ Mixson

**Others Present:** Perry McAlhaney, Police Chief

Lewis Ramsey, HFD

Thomas Summerlin, HPD

1. **Call to Order:**

The Town of Hampton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was held in the Hampton Town Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Brown gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **FOIA Compliance:**

Mayor Brown reported the Town is in compliance with the FOIA.

1. **Agenda Adoption:**

Councilwoman Chafin motioned to adopt the agenda. Councilman Mixson seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **Approval of Minutes for January 3, 2023:**

Councilwoman Chafin motioned to approve the January 3, 2023, minutes as presented. Councilman Mixson seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **Public Comment:**

Sharon Henry gave public comment regarding the ‘Old Coca Cola’ building that she purchased. She inquired to mayor and council about any tax breaks that are available for those that are rehabbing older buildings. She also wanted to confirm what we have in the place for building inspections.

Mayor Brown will reach out to Jenny Boulware at MASC about the Bailey Bill.

1. **Old Business:**

* **Museum Doors:**

Councilman Love presented an estimate from Harry Jackson to repair the roof, sand and varnish the doors.

Council inquired about the varnish being used for the doors listed on the quote, if it is marine varnish, like in the quote from Lee Bowen and to confirm that all of the doors are included. Councilman Love was unsure and will follow up with Mr. Jackson.

Councilman Brown motioned to go ahead with roof repair based on the quote and obtained more information on the varnish for the door. Council Mixson seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **New Business:**

* **Time Limit on Public Comment:**

Mayor Brown asked council how they felt about the time limit on Public Comment. Councilman Mixson motioned to impose a 20 minute total time limit on Public Comment. Councilman Brown seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Loved questioned if this should be added to the rules of order.

1. **Supervisors’ Report:**

* **Fire Department**:

Chief Ramsey reported that the Scott Jarrell wrote a grant to Fire House Subs for AEDs. He also reported that they are still looking for volunteer fire fighters.

* **Police Department:**

Chief McAlhaney reported the police department has no requests at this time. The holiday weekend was a quiet one and the parade was a good one.

* **Administration:**

Shannon Altman asked council members to contact her and let her know what days and times would be good to set up a budget workshop.

Councilman Love stated that he does not want the current style report that Shannon has provided and that he knows there is another type report. Shannon asked Councilman Love to share those instructions with her and she will create the report.

1. **Mayor’s Report:**

* Mayor Brown opened it up for any Councilmember comments and discussion.
  + Councilman Brown inquired about the dilapidated house on Holly St and asked if CC&I is handling code enforcement. Shannon stated they are only handling building services at this time. Mayor Brown stated that there has been communication between the homeowner and a representative from a program that can help him. Councilman Brown reported that the cost to repair the tennis court was quoted at $56,000; the Hampton County School district has it on their agenda to discuss this at their board meeting tonight and determine if they can assist in the cost of this repair. Councilman Love inquired as to if the basketball court has been considered for resurfacing. Councilman Brown stated that the quote is only for the tennis court and he will look in to it.
  + Councilman Love inquired as to when the appointment of election commission will be done. Mayor Brown stated this will be added to the agenda in the near future. Councilman Love questioned as to why the council did not dismiss the employees in December and the supervisor did, referencing sections 5-11-30 and 5-11-40 in the South Carolina code of laws.
  + Councilwoman Chafin had no reports at this time.
  + Councilman Mixson had no reports at this time.
* Mayor Brown reported:
  + Kimberly Mullinax with LCOG, will hold a public hearing at the next meeting to discuss community needs.
  + Would like to apply for grants for a public works building and a grant to add a bathroom at Lightsey Park. Councilwoman Chafin asked that we think about including an improvement to the Nix St bathroom as well.

1. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Mixson. Councilman Love seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Brown at 7:39 pm.

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Councilman Travis L. Mixson

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