

FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Hampton Clean City Commission

May 10, 2022 ~ 3:30pm



Board Members Present: Alex Maness, Chair; Ryan Adams, Vice Chair; Grady McLean; Gayle Mooney; April Receveur

Also Present: Councilman Chris Bowman; Angela King, Asst. City Attorney; Linda & Robert Boone; Jim Williams; Dave McCauley (via Zoom); Jason Mitchell (Via Zoom); Cris Ausink; Wendy Iles; Courtney Worrall

Absent: Barbara Abraham; Jackie Cannan; Chris Grady, C’Faison Harris

Opening Business

Welcome and Time Sheet: Alex Maness called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and asking all to sign in.

Roll Call, Protocol, and Approval of Notes/Minutes: Roll call was conducted; Protocol was read; a quorum was present. Councilman Chris Bowman said that the correct date for the council meeting was May 11, 2022 and not April 13 as it was originally list in the April minutes. Gayle made a motion to accept the April minutes with revisions, April Receveur seconded, and the motion carried.

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Hampton City Council: Councilman Bowman announced that the City budget is finalized and will go before the May 11 Council meeting. The session will take place at 6:30pm and may also be viewed on FIOS channel 22, the city’s TV station, and will be streamed live on Hampton.Gov.

Hampton City Attorney: Angela King said that Cris Ausink has the Clean the Bay Day agreement. Regarding FOIA & Subcommittees: All agendas and minutes must be posted on online, in our office and in City Hall. They must be shared in all the same places as the Full Commission agenda and minutes. We are looking how to post all these agendas and minutes to make them available to the public per FOIA requirement.

Hampton Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services: Dave McCauley offered congratulation for the Earth Day event and the Community Gardens Guinness World Record event in April. He thanked everyone for all for the hard work, adding that the community gardens all look great. Dave then asked how he could learn more about the Adopt-A-Spot program and what volunteers are doing. He also asked if we are getting the commitments that are required from participants. Are there any improvements that can be made and what are the locations? In discussing the Community Gardens, Dave asked what was the process for setting up one on city property vs off city property. He then wanted information about the Bee City-USA Hampton Pollinator Gardens, asking where would be the locations, and what is the plan for making these successful. He said we need to be sure we are continuing forward progression with these programs.

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Hampton Public Works: Jason Mitchell said that they are heading into the summer season and will be doing many litter control efforts on the gateways and roadways into Hampton as soon as the flooding issue recedes.

Financial Overview: Members reviewed the financial statement. Gayle Mooney made a motion to approve. Grady McLean seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Proposals, Discussion, Voting Items & Updates

Board Member Status: City Council has acknowledged that Liam Thurkettle is off the board. Timothy Richardson has been notified of his temporary term appointment to the HCCC board.

2022 Earth Day Celebration: Wendy Iles said it was a success. We are thankful for Public Works and to B.J. for coordinating the public works trucks. We are thankful for Police, Fire Department, vendors, food vendors, volunteers and all the participants.

Walk Hampton Clean Review: Cris Ausink is working on the stats, but said it went well and they had several cleanup sites.

2022 Volunteer Recognition: No report at this time.

Committee & Partner Updates

Beautification: April said that they toured 3 yards on May 2 and had two winners. One of the winners had trees, fruits and berries in their yard and were impressed with this person's yard. Mel & Gary Libby won yard of the month for their rain barrels, pollinators, composting, and edible garden although they experienced some flooding issues due to living on the Hampton River. HCS Print Shop Manager Marty Wood redesigned the YARDS signs.

Bee City USA-Hampton: Wendy said that Marty also designed and printed the new Bee City sign and cards. May 19 is the next meeting with Gayle doing a webinar on container gardening in her back yard. Fourteen people have already signed up for the 7pm session. It was noted that participants must sign up to participate. Wendy said it was a great team that brought out live bees to educate guests at the Earth Day event.

Clean & Green Workplaces: Jim Williams said the committee met in April. The new Clean & Green cards are ready. Debbie did the language for the cards and Wendy had Marty Wood print the cards. They need names of businesses for the quarterly Clean & Green Business awards and are trying to get Coliseum Central businesses involved.

Community Gardens: Wendy said thank you to all the people who came out to participate in the Guinness Book of World Records, for the most gardeners watering at the same time. The event was aired on the Today Show on April 22. Hampton was one of six cities that participated. The official count for Hampton was 99 people. Wendy also noted that there are some openings at the Phoebus Community Garden.

Hampton Waterways Restoration Project: Linda Boone said that the April 14 cleanup activity at Seldendale was cancelled due to weather conditions. The next meeting will be May 12, 6:30pm at the Fort Monroe Community

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Center. Linda stated she had a zoom meeting with Adam Newland, Manager of Bluebird Gap Farm (BBGF) and teachers from Kecoughtan High School. Karen Chang, President of the school's Environmental Science Club, is making plans for students to create a prototype for the Trash Bash sculpture. Adam and HCS STEM Teacher Betsy McAllister will make a video explaining to HCS students what they are trying to do. Adam will also visit Kecoughtan in person to talk with the students. The students have a field trip planned to BBGF on June 2 to see where the sculpture will be placed. Linda will talk with Adam about how CNU students are assisting with the oyster & water front restoration. She noted there is a cleanup planned for May 14, 2pm, at River Street Park and the Pembroke Spit shoreline, adding there is a kayak launch there. There will be a cleanup at Dandy Haven on June 4 cleanup for Clean the Bay Day. HWRP & LARC had a combined table at Earth Day with 88 people visiting their tables. Betsy stated she would like to be placed on the agenda for the June 14 Commission meeting to present the HCS Oyster Gardening project.

Litter & Recycling Awareness: Cris said there was not a quorum at the April or May meetings. Only one member was able to attend in April. They do need more members. Cris said that they will have a table at the Buckroe Beach Farmer's Market on May 21 and they need help with set up and clean up.

School Pride in Action: Participated in Earth Day event.

VA Cooperative Extension: No report

Hampton VCE Master Gardeners: The Plant Sale at BBGF was very successful.

VA Peninsula Master Naturalists: Linda said that their calendar is overflowing and the events may be found on the website.

Staff Reports: Cris conducted successful rain barrel workshops on April 9, April 16 and May 7. Her last rain barrel workshop will be May 21 at Northampton Community Center. She also did a presentation at BBGF on April 28 on plastics and water pollution with 44 people visiting her table. Wendy asked that all future cleanup and information for our Facebook page be sent to her at least two weeks in advance, including any graphics.

Public Comment: Household chemicals recycling event on May 21, 2022 and they take CFL lights.

Meeting adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously carried at 4:24pm.

Minutes submitted by C. Worrall

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Announcements

- ❑ School Pride in Action Meeting, May 12, HCCC, 4:15pm
- ❑ Hampton Waterways Restoration Project Meeting, May 12, FMCC, 6:30pm
- ❑ Rain Barrel Workshops, May 14, 9am & 1pm, site TBD, causink@hampton.gov for info
- ❑ Clean & Green Workplaces Meeting, May 17, 3:30pm, HCCC
- ❑ Bee City USA-Hampton Meeting, May 19, 1pm, HCCC
- ❑ Bee City Webinar, May 19, 2022, 7pm, HCCC
- ❑ LRAC at Farmers Market, May 21, 9am
- ❑ Household Chemical Collection & Computer Recycling, May 21, 8am, Coliseum
- ❑ **Memorial Day, May 30 – HCCC Closed**
- ❑ Litter & Recycling Awareness Meeting, June 2, 10am, HCCC
- ❑ School Pride in Action Meeting, June 9, HCCC, 4:15pm
- ❑ Full Commission Meeting, June 14, 3:30pm, HCCC
- ❑ Bee City USA-Hampton Meeting, June 16, 1pm, HCCC
- ❑ Bee City Webinar, June 16, 2022, 7pm, HCCC