

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2026 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

PRESENT: The Honorable David A. Hux, Mayor
The Honorable Debra D. Bunting, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Keith A. Feigh
The Honorable Anjie L. Emmett
The Honorable Jeanne D. Hubbard

Randy Wheeler, City Manager
Christina Snapp, City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Hux called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hux stated that the agenda has been amended to cancel the Public Hearing and that it will be re-advertised and held at the City Council meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilwoman Hubbard rendered the invocation and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Department of Social Services – Margaret Mack-Yaroch, Director and Denise Hall, Program Director

Department of Social Services Director, Margaret Mack-Yaroch and Program Director, Denise Hall, presented financial and impact information pertaining to Poquoson residents' needs. They also reviewed upcoming programs and projects such as the Herren Project Clubs and Family Engagement.

- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – Rossie Carroll, Residency Administrator and Joe Ludwig, Project Engineer

VDOT Project Engineer, Joe Ludwig, reviewed current ongoing projects to include the Wythe Creek Road widening project, Victory Boulevard Widening Project and Route 134 Bridge over Route 17 Rehab Project. Residency Administrator, Rossie Carroll, reviewed projects that are currently in design to include Route 17 Widening Project, Victory Boulevard Capacity Improvements and Victory Boulevard Shared-Use Path Project.

Councilman Feigh questioned construction of the sidewalk and multi-use path on Wythe Creek Road stating that it shows a 5-foot sidewalk on the West side and an 8-foot multi-use path on the East side of the roadway, he stated that he believes the 5-foot space is on the East side and the 8-foot space is on the West side. Mr. Ludwig stated that he will re-confirm those numbers with the local engineer and let him know.

Councilman Feigh also questioned the Shared Use Path on Victory Boulevard and if it would extend through to Poquoson. Mr. Carroll stated that, at this time, there is no plan for it to extend past Sinclair Lane.

Councilwoman Emmett questioned how the Victory Boulevard improvements are expected to affect traffic flow. Mr. Carroll stated that with new turn lanes it would help traffic flow freer and emergency services to be able to get around stopped vehicles.

Councilwoman Emmett also questioned if the Shared Use Path on Victory Boulevard would impede any future widening of Victory Boulevard. Mr. Carroll stated it would not, that the path would just be moved if need be.

Councilman Feigh also questioned putting no passing striping along Wythe Creek Road near the subdivisions of Hunt Woods, Forrest Park and Woodhaven. Mr. Carroll said he would look into the plans for markings and see what could be done.

AUDIENCE FOR VISITORS:

Dr. Dawn Ide, of 316 Odd Road, reviewed a recent dog attack on her dogs in her neighborhood in which the owner of the other dog is refusing to accept responsibility. Dr. Ide requested that City Council review laws to protect the public and other animals from dangerous animals by requiring proper gear, training and socialization and advocate for State level changes.

Mayor Hux stated that in reference to the State of Code of Virginia, Division III, Section 14-141 – Dangerous and Vicious Dogs, City Council acted to add the State's provisions on Dangerous and Vicious Dogs during the December 8, 2025 Council meeting. The City Attorney, Wayne Moore, is working with Animal Control to determine the best course of action for this particular incident and he has asked Mr. Moore and City Manager, Randy Wheeler, to work with Animal Control to review our City Ordinance to identify any further changes that may need to be made.

Randall Neal, of 7 Oakmoore Drive, commended the service and response he received from Chief Bryant from the Fire Department on a recent request he had.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilman Freeman moved, seconded by Councilman Southall, to adopt the minutes of the Work Session held December 8, 2025 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Freeman, Emmett, Southall, Feigh, Hubbard, Vice Mayor Bunting and Mayor Hux

NO: None

Councilman Freeman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunting, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session held December 8, 2025 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Feigh, Emmett, Freeman, Southall, Hubbard, Vice Mayor Bunting and Mayor Hux

NO: None

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager, Randy Wheeler, reminded citizens that this week will be the last week of significant work with the installation of the traffic arm at the main intersection of Victory Boulevard and Wythe Creek Road. This work is being done due to the traffic arm closest to Taylor Dental being hit by a vehicle some time ago and needing to be replaced. The base is already in place along with the standup pole. The only thing remaining is the arm which will happen this week. This will necessitate a brief 5–10-minute full road closure to install the arm. The Police department will be routing traffic through. Mr. Wheeler also let citizens know that the City worked with the owners from Vector 27 and Surf's Up to install a one lane temporary road to allow citizens to still get to Surf's Up without going around the long way.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

Councilman Feigh attended the Virginia Duels Competition and had a great time. He also attended the rededication of the Mary T. Christian Auditorium at Virginia Peninsula Community College after its collapse in April 2021. He thanked the Mobile Food Pantry for a great job last Thursday at Emmaus Baptist Church.

Vice Mayor Bunting thanked the special presentation presenters, Department of Social Services, Human Trafficking Awareness, and VDOT. She thanked the speakers that came out tonight for sharing their thoughts and concerns. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year with health and prosperity.

Councilman Freeman thought it was a great thing for the City to put a road in between Surf's Up and Vector 27 for access.

Councilwoman Hubbard wished everyone a Happy New Year and wished everyone luck with their resolutions. She encouraged everyone to keep an eye on upcoming programs and support the schools and show up for the kids.

Councilwoman Emmett is looking forward to the Herron Project Club since she has one child in middle school and one who will soon be. She also thanked the individuals who helped with getting that project up and running.

Councilman Southall thanked everyone that came out and those who watched the meeting on TV for paying attention to their City government and invited everyone to apply to the various boards and commissions. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Hux is thankful to live in a close knit community where we can have civil discourse and the positivity that can be shared. He is thankful to work with a fine group of people and serve a wonderful community. He also thanked Jason Ernzen and Jonah Easley from IT for their help.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilman Freeman moved, seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard to adjourn the meeting. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Feigh, Southall, Freeman, Hubbard, Emmett, Vice Mayor Bunting and Mayor Hux

NO: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m.