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Hampton, VA - Gov
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Budget Chat with City Manager Mary Bunting

Join City Manager Mary Bunting for a Facebook Live budget discussion about the priorities in Hampton's 2021-22 budget.

Residents and business owners can comment or ask questions on any budget-related topic, but the themes are expected to include property assessments; tax rates; high-priority projects; special funds or fees; and what you want to see funded for the city.

Budget Chat with City Manager Mary Bunting

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Hampton, VA - Gov Welcome to the chat. Leave any questions or comments here, and we'll get to them as quickly as we can.
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Chris L. Bowman Is watching
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Robin Mabie Thank you for having this session - I am concerned with the March 10 working session presentation of utility fee(s) increase and continued increases each year. Is Hampton overleveraged in bond debt driving the continued increases each year?
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Robin Mabie *over
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Taneesha West Hi (please answer each question). You have a program through HFP Cares for the Cares Act Relief Fund for the city of Hampton which initially ended on December 31, 2020. I would like to know is this going to continue and can you approve an extension? Are there any new 2021 funds with the current government relief plan delegated to this organization? Can you please approve the left over remaining estimated 200k that has not been used up from year end 2020? Can you please extend the program to use up any current funds remaining for the people that are already in the queue? This is a vital funding relief program for homeowners. No need to waste it. I would like my application in the queue funded. I applied November 2020 and met the requirements. The only hold up is you approving the program extension to use remaining funds. Thank you.
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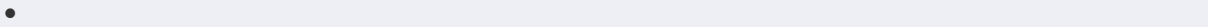


Teresa Vanasse Schmidt I recently heard that the federal government restored cities with "stimulus" money and some localities were restored 100 %, how did it affect Hampton?
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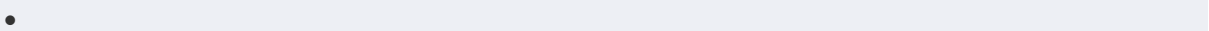
Robin Mabie You mentioned Federal Government has not come out with guidance yet on how the City can use the latest available COVID Relief funds - I would like to see Hampton fold off on raising any additional utility fees until there is understanding of how Hampton benefits.

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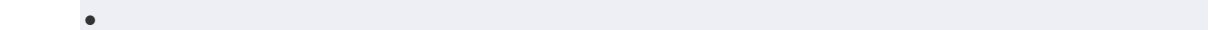
David Taylor Will you fully fund the school system, versus funding a pool complex (by the same amount that the school funding was reduced)?

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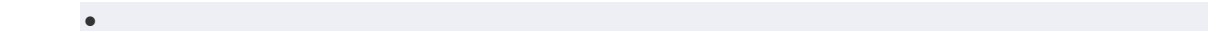
Robin Mabie Show the projection slide please showing yearly increases - please

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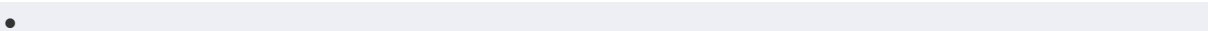
Hampton, VA - Gov Sorry. We didn't bring one. I can post more background tomorrow here.

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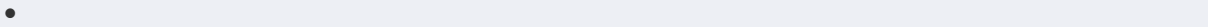
Hampton, VA - Gov We also have slides showing where Hampton ranks compared to other localities that I can post tomorrow.

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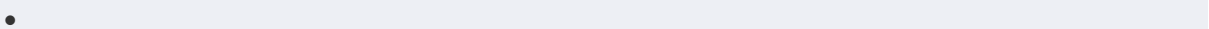




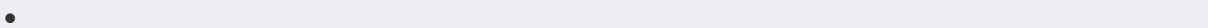
Mary Ashley What utilities does the city plan to update in Buckroe?
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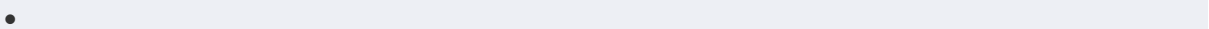
Teresa Vanasse Schmidt My home assessment increased 44.5%, one rental increased 9.4% and another 8.2%. I am particularly concerned with my home assessment.
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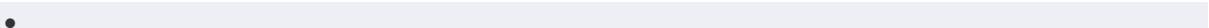
Robin Mabie It is informative....
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Danielle Woods What is the plan for an upgraded internet grid?
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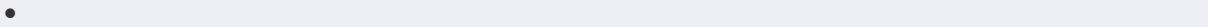


Danny Lee Erosion is a thing. Sea level rise doesn't exist. Ask Tangier Island.
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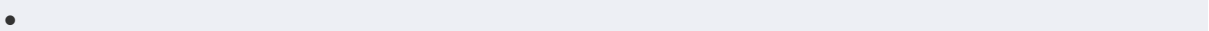




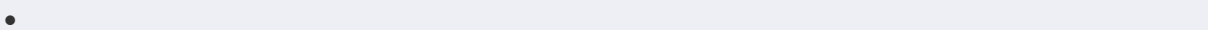
Robin Mabie In five years what we will be from \$10 per month to \$15 a month...
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Brenda Marks Are you having technical difficulties? Keep getting message live video interrupted.
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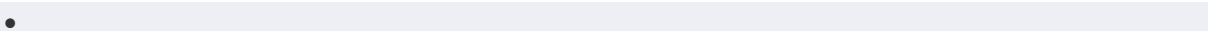
Robin Mabie me too
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Robin Mabie AAA+
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Hampton, VA - Gov Yes, Brenda Marks and Robin Mabie, we are having some internet glitches. We've been able to hold on, so if it freezes, just refresh your browser. Sorry!

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Robin Mabie Can we see a presentation in upcoming Council meetings of projects (by neighborhood) as to what is being done in CIP, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, etc to detail the project, its time line and its cost?

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Taneesha West please read my exact questions i took the time to type it. thanks

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Taneesha West maam please just read to her what i typed in full

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Hampton, VA - Gov It's too specific to answer tonight but we will try to get an answer for you.

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Teresa Vanasse Schmidt Technical difficulties. :(
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Robin Mabie 63%...
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Taneesha West Wow so you (the moderator) ignored fully reading my question because you personally didn't have knowledge of the program prior to reading it. That is very bias of you. And the way you ask my question was useless because the city manager did not get the full question.
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Shellae Wortham Blackwell Shellae Blackwell is watching.
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Brenda Marks Am I understanding correctly that if the council approves the relocation of Sunset Boat Ramp, the costs of the new ramp not covered by any grants received would be paid by the taxpayers over a 20 year period?
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Robin Mabie I am truly concerned where Hampton is spending all the money coming in from residents and businesses plus the increases in federal funds, on top of high fund balances. Mary - please revisit priorities and consider people may not be working etc. Look at Suffolk at census.gov for home values, median income, utility rates compared to Hampton. Notable is the average house hold income comparison.

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Mo Edwards I am very concerned that you said in the last Live that hopefully there will be another hotel at Buckroe. Did I also hear additional housing is anticipated?

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Robin Mabie Citizens need to see what neighborhoods are receiving the upgrades and initiatives.

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David Taylor \$2.2 million isn't going to even match the 5% raise from the State for the SOQ

Nice answering by using symantics- because you all did not fully fund the requested amount from the School Board- resulting in raises not being provided, but then provide that amount for the aquatics center.

And if the aquatic center is such a great investment and is projected to have a positive return- then why isn't a commercial entity developing it.

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Taneesha West Is there any grants of funding for erosion for Bright's Creek water way area? If so how do we apply? For example Riprap rocks that are typically used in situations where the shoreline is eroding.

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Teresa Vanasse Schmidt I don't believe this is the case in Fox Hill
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Brenda Marks For the assessor-in the assessment process do neighboring "facilities" play into the value of individual properties, ie a marina increase property value of homes within a one mile radius.
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Katherine Kearney What kind of Budget does the city have to fund the work to consider any one site viable to replace the Sunset Public Boat Ramp and in what year are those funds available to be spent?
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Teresa Vanasse Schmidt I really don't have an issue with my value being increased but I do believe the City Council should decrease the rate so the residents aren't so burdened.
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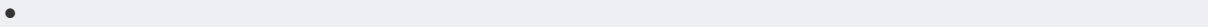


Hampton, VA - Gov All members of. Council will get transcripts of this chat, so that view will be passed along.
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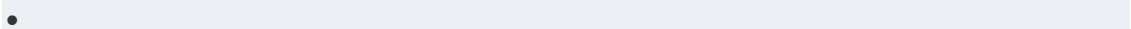
Mo Edwards Just a question, were the majority of citizens of Hampton for the Aquatic Center?

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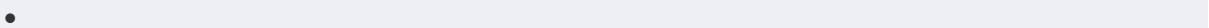
Donald Blake Jr. Are their plans available to the public for this aquatics center? My concern for this being used for sporting events stems from the one in Newport News. I had a membership there for a year, but every time I had a chance to get some laps in, there was always swim practice or other events going on.

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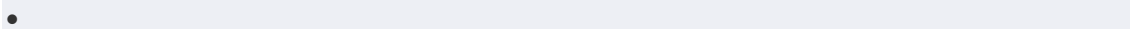
Crystal Davis I thought the same

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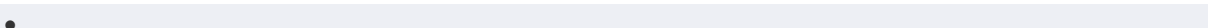
David Taylor Thank you for your time in addressing my question and follow-on.

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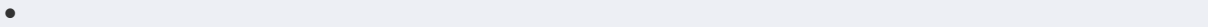
Donald Blake Jr. David I'm putting a kayak in the aquatics center the first chance I get.

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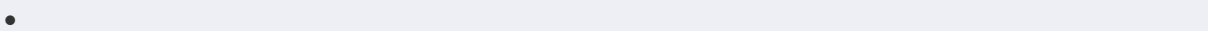




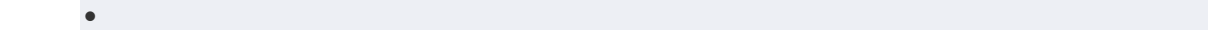
Taneesha West Hi Moderator, There are only about 30 people watching live and we should all get the respect of you reading our full question or opinion, we the citizens would like voiced in this meeting!
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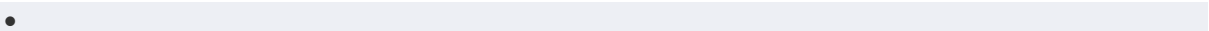
Mo Edwards So, no additional housing will be built ON Buckroe Beach?
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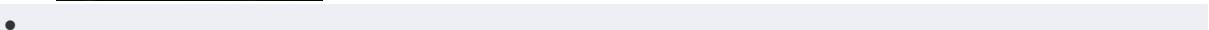
Katherine Kearney What about the 1st time home owners
16 hours ago



Robin McCormick Katherine Kearney, I'm not sure what your question is. Can you elaborate?
16 hours ago



Robin Mabie Has Hampton ever considered 'Special Service Area' tax to put towards special project funds?
16 hours ago





Mo Edwards Thank you!!
16 hours ago



Kim Humphrey In hearing all the tax revenue issues, why is the city considering selling the city tax payer free public boat ramp at Sunset to Bluewater? Why would we consider spending tax payer dollars on finding and building a new ramp, when what we have works? Bluewater acknowledged this week they will not be hiring new people. It seems like our focus is misspent. Can you elaborate
16 hours ago

Donald Blake Jr. Is there a way to get on these polls through email, etc?
16 hours ago



Robin McCormick Usually, we do informal polls instead of or in addition to these types of chats. However, almost all of the citizen priorities that were the top desires last year were frozen due to Covid.
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Taneesha West DEAR MODERATOR, READ THE CITIZENS COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS EXACTLY AS WRITTEN. DO NOT AD LIB YOUR OWN INTERPERTATION. We would like our own voices and opinions heard.
Thank you
16 hours ago



Robin Mabie Has Hampton ever considered 'Special Service Area' tax to put towards special project funds?

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Mo Edwards I asked about whether the majority of residents were for the Aquatic Center because there's a pool out in Butler Farm Road that could have been renovated and used. What's the plan for that facility?

16 hours ago



Hampton, VA - Gov Mo Edwards, Sorry we didn't get to the second half of your question. The pool at the facility on Butler Farm Road isn't in good shape. And it's not just the pool -- it's the building and the HVAC and air circulation. The plan is to close that portion and shift the staff to the new facility. The front half of the building is the Police Academy now.

1 hour ago



Mo Edwards Hampton, VA - Gov I don't mind that the question wasn't answered during the Live. I appreciate the response.

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Taneesha West You said the something this summer about riprap and never got back to me and i called your office

16 hours ago



Crystal Davis Serious glitching
16 hours ago

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Brenda Marks It is really bad, almost every third word
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Kim Humphrey It is really bad. Can we get a transcript
16 hours ago

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David Taylor I would really like to hear a response to the question/concern about the Sunset Boat Ramp.
16 hours ago

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Taneesha West I asked in a previous online meeting and no follow up
16 hours ago

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Kim Humphrey Please read our full questions
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Taneesha West EXACTLY! Its ridiculous that she is reading selectively which does not get our actual questions answered.
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David Taylor IMO- Then Blue Water can acquire and build out a replacement as part of the purchase, since it is their initiative to buy.

Their presentation last night stated zero jobs added.
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Robin Mabie Fund Balance - it sounds like there are proposed increase fees to keep the fund balance at the 10% which indicates over spending - just sharing a citizen perspective
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Brenda Marks With parks and rec master plan recommending two additional ramps in the city, why would we replace a working ramp before installing the replacement ramp?
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Robin Mabie Has Hampton ever considered 'Special Service Area' tax to put towards special project funds?
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Taneesha West Robin McCormick you're doing us a disservice by not asking the exact questions we ask bc she is answering based on your ad lib but not the actual questions we are asking.

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Robin Mabie thank you

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Taneesha West When will there be in person city meetings again so we are able to ask our own questions and concerns in our voice???

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Taneesha West I just asked question

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Robin Mabie Thank you - I would think Buckroe and Fox Hill may be areas that residents would be open to the special tax to get the hotels etc

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Brenda Marks For the assessor-in the assessment process do neighboring "facilities" play into the value of individual properties, ie a marina increase property value of homes within a one mile radius.

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Brenda Marks The above two questions were asked early on but must have gotten lost.

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Taneesha West Hi (please answer each question). You have a program through HFP Cares for the Cares Act Relief Fund for the city of Hampton which initially ended on December 31, 2020. I would like to know is this going to continue and can you approve a extension? Are there any new 2021 funds with the current government relief plan delegated to this organization? Can you Please approve the left over remaining estimated 200k that has not been used up from year end 2020? Can you please extend the program to use up any current funds remaining for the people that are already in the queue? This is a vital funding relief program for homeowners. No need to waste it. I would like my application in the que funded. I applied November 2020 and met the requirements. The only hold up is you approving the program extension to use remaining funds. Thank you.

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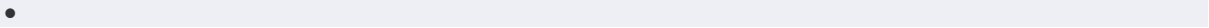


Hampton, VA - Gov Thanks @Brenda Marks. I think one of the glitches caused some questions to get blipped -- at least on Amy screen

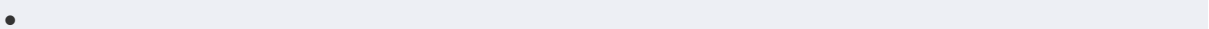
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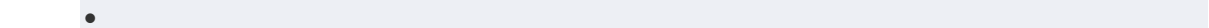
Taneesha West I reposted my questions that was not fully answered
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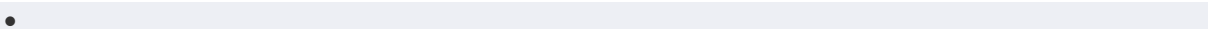
Katherine Kearney Has there been a decision about lowering the tax rate
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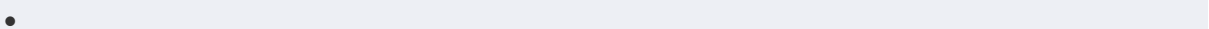
Taneesha West When will there be in person city meetings again so we are able to ask our own questions and concerns in our own voice instead of your moderators interpretation??
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Kathy Wood Monroe Absolutely agree!!
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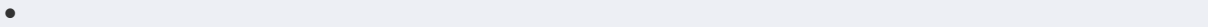


Robin Mabie That was a great explanation and offering on assessments - thank you!
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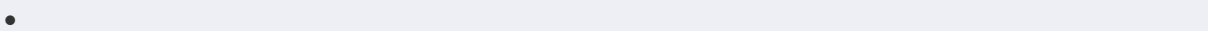




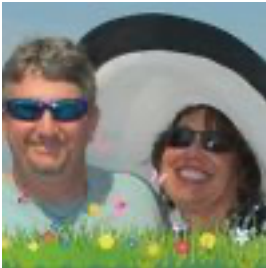
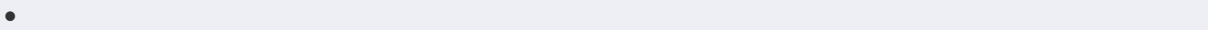
Debbie Blanton Do trees impact on property values?
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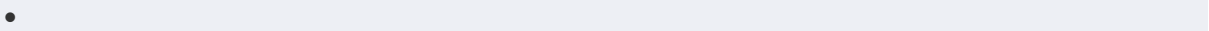
Kathy Wood Monroe I'm pleased to see meetings. I'd like to see and allow residents to participate in this group meetings.
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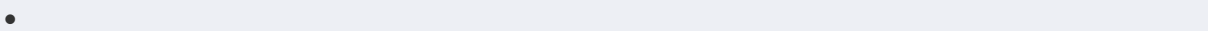
Katherine Kearney What happens if we can?
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Katherine Kearney There are multiple citizens on a fixed income
16 hours ago



Taneesha West THANK YOU! For asking exactly
16 hours ago





Katherine Kearney There may be a decision point where people may decide if they can afford to live in the city of Hampton
16 hours ago



Robin Mabie I have explored moving to Canada....
16 hours ago



Robin Mabie School employees TOTAL income has 25% of benefits received. So if a teacher gets paid 55K add another 25% onto that and that is their total income.
16 hours ago



Robin Mabie The slide is a 'specific' perspective - you have to look at household average income as well.
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Robin Mabie Average household income in Suffolk is 70K while in hampton it is 56K...the number of households is also a factor which Suffolk has less paying households then hampton?
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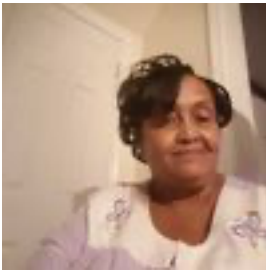
Katherine Kearney The older communities are more be focused on access and sustainable living
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Kim Humphrey Not necessarily a question - really think Hampton would benefit by attracting the manufacturing companies reshoring to the US, rather than raising taxes. Good paying manufacturing jobs generate nothing but positive outcomes.
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Flora Randall Don't know if mentioned. In the news today, VA BCH decreasing real estate tax rate.
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Danielle Woods Thank you for the three sessions! We appreciate the transparency.
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Kim Humphrey Thank you
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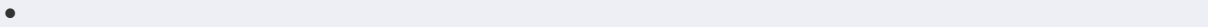
Robin Mabie Yes thank you - appreciate you answering questions the best you could.
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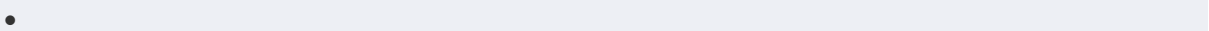
Taneesha West lol and you even "Mangled" that question. By the way I never used the words that I was "tired" @Robin McCormick. I said you are doing a disservice by not asking the full questions we type.

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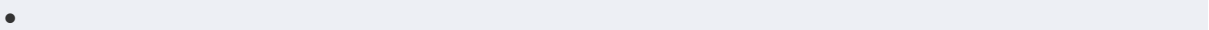
Mo Edwards Thank you for this!

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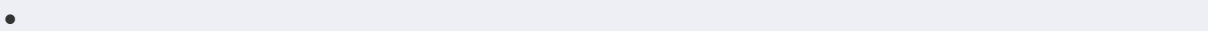
Taneesha West FIND A NEW MODERATOR

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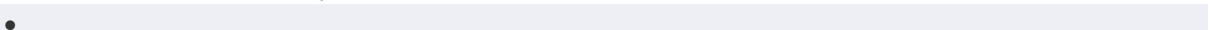
Katherine Kearney Thank you for your effort

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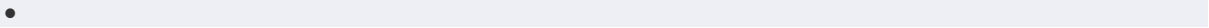
Chris L. Bowman Good communication for our citizens.

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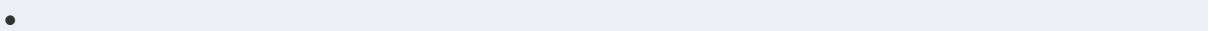




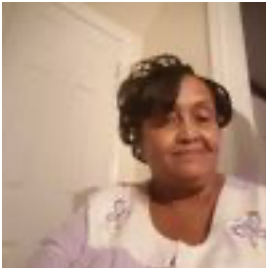
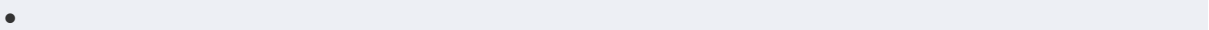
Judy W. Richardson Thank you.
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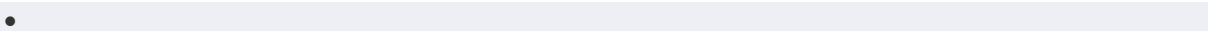
Katherine Kearney Thank you be Robin
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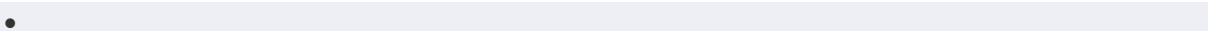
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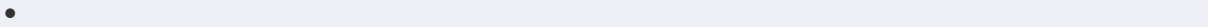


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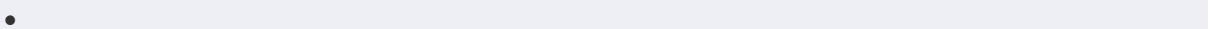




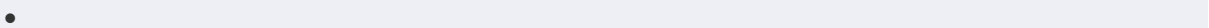
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Nina Marie Ullrich Thank you for this!
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Taneesha West Thank you for answering our questions Mary Bunting 😊
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