

March 17, 2015
Regular Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 17, 2015

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Vice Mayor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor
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K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
Thomas Lacheney, City Attorney
Cynthia Y Ames, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pelham opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Pelham	-	present
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Gore	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Shornak	-	present

WS-1. CITY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Finance Director, Jerry Whitaker, presented City of Hopewell – FY 2016 Review of Proposed Forecast of Revenues march 17, 2015 (filed in the City Clerk’s Office).

DISCUSSION: Ed Watson, Public Works, discussed VDOT grant and match. Funding could be used for several schools to make it safer for the students.

Johnnie Butler, City Engineer, discussed Five Forks – accident analysis. He wants to create refuse islands on the applications. VDOT was not open to new applications, raised islands for pedestrians. “Highway Safety Improvement Funds” – need to add safety pedestrian equipment when reopened for applications. Cedar level – Northern Section – updated added new items MPO fully committed to funding the project. There is a \$1.4 million funding gap. Cedar Level – Southern Section – RSTP submitted; hope to receive funds in the next cycle.

Charlie Dane, Assistant City Manager, discussed Atwater Park upgrades – restroom roof and plumbing. Park is close to the marina and needs maintenance work. Street projects need to be added: Davis, Dinwiddie, Trenton, Ramsey and the East Broadway bridge; they will require full budget to pay. Funding for street, 50% funded by VDOT and 50% to be funded by the City. The number will be projected in case

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the grants are given. Add a section to the budget to address dollars staying in the road fund if there is no grant. Need feedback from City Council to be included. There is not enough new revenue to accomplish what we would like to do. The schools have opportunities for better insurance rates.

WS-2. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There was a general review of all the City's boards, commissions and authorities (copy filed in the City Clerk's Office). There should be a 12-year limit on boards and commissions, with a four-year term of office. There should be interviews for any board, commission or authority. The Central Virginia Film Office Board is no longer organized. The Regional Wastewater Treatment Commission (HRWTF) has seven members, not eight, with four industrial members, not five. The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council of the South Centre Corridors has two members appointed by Hopewell, one Council member and one citizen. The Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) has two members appointed by City Council, the City Manager or designee and the Sheriff. They meet in Prince George County.

ADJOURN

Motion was made at 9:06 p.m. by Councilor Walton, seconded by Councilor Gore, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

/s/ Brenda S. Pelham
Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk