

**April 14, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 14, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, April 14, 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  
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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to resolve to go into Closed Session for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1)&(3). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**OPEN MEEETING**

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Council convened into Open Session. Councilors responded to the question: “Were the only matters discussed in the Closed Meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements; and public business matters identified in the motion to convene into Closed Session?” Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to amend the agenda to add Item R-4, to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Hopewell Economic Development Authority for an Economic Development Project. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Gore, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to accept the Consent Agenda: Minutes-none; Pending & Action List; Information for Council Review-none; Personnel Change Report & Financial Report; Public hearing Announcements: 4/21/2015 City Budget; 4/28/2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget; Routine Approval of Work Sessions-none; Routing Grant Approvals-none; Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentations: Home Depot/Water Emergency.

Councilor Shornak referred to the Pending List. She requested that a report from the Beacon LLC be on the agenda for the Council meeting on May 26, 2015.

Councilor Gore reported that in January a request was made to update Council on all of the items on the Pending List. Some items on the list have been completed but have not come before Council. COA for ARB, and the Certified Local Government. She requested that they be added to the agenda for the 26<sup>th</sup>. There was also a request to include a personnel report from the Human Resources Department. Councilor Zevgolis made that request several months ago. There was one more request for incentives for residents.

Add to the Pending List:

1. Personnel Report.
2. Incentives for residents.
3. Beacon Financial report from the LLC.

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4. Over all update on other Pending List items.

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hopewell, Virginia experienced a Citywide emergency the week of March second through the sixth 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, this said emergency caused a water shortage for the citizens of the City of Hopewell; and

**WHEREAS**, the City was in need of bottled water to meet the needs of its citizens during this emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees of The Home Depot recognized the need, and responded immediately to the City with bottle water to be distributed to Hopewell citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The Home Depot and its employees provided this assistance to the City of Hopewell at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees of The home Depot further realized that the distribution of water would be a monumental task, and decided to stay and help distribute the water to the citizens of Hopewell; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Hopewell received much needed assistance in a timely manner, in large part due to the effort and sacrifice of The Home Depot employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Kim Evans, Linda Crenshaw, Chuck Powers, Wayne Williams, and their manager, James Johnson, were all involved in this act of kindness and caring for the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor, Brenda S. Pelham, of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, extends her appreciation to James Johnson, Kim Evens, Chuck Powers, Wayne Williams, Linda Crenshaw and her daughter Cristal Crenshaw, and The Home Depot for their service to the Citizens of the City of Hopewell, and for helping to meet a critical need in a timely and generous fashion.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hopewell to be affixed. Proclaimed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

*/s/ Brenda S. Pelham*

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**PH-1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO INCLUDE METAL CARPORTS THAT ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM PRIMARY STREETS AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY**

The City of Hopewell has received a request from David A. Roberts, Jr., for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Article X, Limited Commercial District (B-2), Section A, Use Regulations to allow accessory structures to include metal carports as long as they are not visible from primary streets and any other conditions the Council of the City of Hopewell deems necessary.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:56 p.m. There being no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to resolve to **approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, on first reading**, amending and reenacting Article X, Limited Business District (B-2), Section A., Use Regulations, to allow accessory structures to include metal carports that are not visible from primary streets, this motion is based upon public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**PH-2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A TAXI CAB SERVICE AS A DEFINITION WITHIN THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO EXPAND THE USE IN CERTAIN BUSINESS DISTRICTS IN THE CITY**

The City of Hopewell has received a request from Marshall Cab Company to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for a Taxi Cab Service in the Zoning Ordinance and to allow the use in certain business districts. Currently, a Taxi Cab Service is not an allowable use in any zoning district in the City.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:17 p.m.

John Marshall proprietor of the Marshall Cab Company asked for Council support of this request. In 2006 opened his business. Council allowed them to move into any business district as long as the antenna was a conditional use. In 2011 the ordinance changed, but his business was forgotten. He is requesting only to move his office. He also briefly addressed the new UBER, which act like cabs. They use private vehicles, do not have proper taxi insurance, and there are no criminal background checks.

There being no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:24 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to **approve an ordinance on first reading** amending and reenacting Article I, Definitions, Article X, Limited Business

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District (B-2), Section A, Use Regulations, Article XI, Highway Commercial District (B-3), Section A, Use Regulations; and Article XI-A, Corridor Development District (B-4), Section A, Use Regulations to Add a Taxicab Business as an allowable use in each Zoning District, this motion is based upon public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**PH-3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF HOPEWELL AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE I, DEFINITIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER, TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE IV, RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-2), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE; TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER AS A USE PERMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CHURCH, TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE V, RESIDENTIAL, HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT (R-3), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER AS A USE PERMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CHURCH; TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE VII, RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISTRICT (RO-1), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE VII-A, RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY OFFICES(RO-4), SECTION A. USE REGULATIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE X, LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-2), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE XI, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-3), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE XI-A, CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (B-4), SECTION A, USE REGULATIONS, OF THE HOPEWELL ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER BY RIGHT**

The City of Hopewell is requesting a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to define an Adult Day Care Center and to provide for this use in certain zoning districts within the City. Currently, an Adult Day Care Center is not allowed in any zoning district in the City. This use provides care during day time hours for adults who require supervision or desire structured extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Griffin, Director of Development, stated that they inadvertently omitted R-1. There will be a public hearing for the amendments to R-1 at a future time.

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The Public Hearing was opened at 8:26 p.m. There being no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilor Holloway, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to approve **ordinance on first reading** amending and reenacting Article I, Definitions, of the Hopewell Zoning ordinance, by adding a definition for an Adult Day Care Center, to amend and reenact Article IV, Residential, Medium Density District (R-2), Section A, Use Regulations, of the Hopewell Zoning Ordinance; to allow an Adult Day Care Center as a use permitted in conjunction with a church, to amend and reenact Article V, of the Hopewell Zoning Ordinance, to allow an Adult Day Care Center as a use permitted in conjunction with a church; to amend and reenact Article VII, Residential Office District 9RO-1), Section A, Use Regulations of the Hopewell Zoning Ordinance, to allow an Adult Day Care Center with a Conditional Use Permit issued by the City Council; to amend and reenact Article X, Limited Commercial District 9B-2), Section A, Use Regulations, of the Hopewell Zoning Ordinance, to allow an Adult Day Care Center with a conditional use permit issued by the City Council; to amend and reenact Article Xi, highway Commercial District (B-3), Section A, Use Regulations, of the Hopewell Zoning ordinance, to allow an Adult Day Care Center with a conditional use permit issued by the City Council; and to amend and reenact Article XI-A, Corridor Development District (B-4, Section A, Use Regulations, of the Hopewell Zoning ordinance, to allow an Adult Day Care Center by right, this motion is based upon public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**WAIVE COUNCIL RULES**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to Waive Council's Rules to allow citizens to speak on agenda items, specifically the Tax Rate, and to read into the record any letters received by the City Clerk regarding the Tax Rate Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

James Barefoot, Chester, former first responder, opposes the proposed change to the City's health insurance. He was opposed to the new insurance proposal.

Carl Kindervater, Chester, retiree from HPD has received supplement for his insurance premiums.

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Larry Joyner, 711 Francis Street, Hopewell, School Board Budget, addressed the \$2.84M increase to cover a perceived shortfall in its upcoming academic year. A more comprehensive review must be done. All elementary schools will not be accredited. Do not approve increase of \$2.84M.

**EXTEND TIME LIMIT FOR CITIZENS DURING COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway to extend Communications from Citizens from three minutes to five minutes for citizen comments. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

G. W. Costanzo, Jr., Prince George, retiree from HPD, asked that Hopewell not be compared to other jurisdictions. Keep caps. Please don't vote for proposed changes in retirees' health insurance.

John Nichol, Prince George, retiree HFD, opposed to new retiree insurance. Please don't take away the cap. Look after retirees.

Dr. Fahey, School Superintendent, was hired three years ago, when HHS was not accredited. It is now accredited. He believes in the children of Hopewell regardless of wealth. There are no excuses for test scores. We must protect the children of Hopewell.

The City Clerk read a letter from David Walker, 510 Brown Avenue.

*I am writing this letter in opposition to the request from Hopewell School System for an additional \$2.8M. There are apparent fundamental and systematic issues affecting the school system and allocating additional tax dollars will not solve this problem, in my opinion. Poor SOL scores will not be corrected by using this approach. Has Council met with the School Board of Superintendent to discuss their current budget line item by line item? Are these additional dollars going to be reoccurring dollars in future budgets? What happens next year when more money is requested? Where is the accountability? Using the scare of guilt tactics to embarrass other Councilors is not the answer either. Insinuating that if a Councilor does not approve this they do not care about the youth of the city. These were the same tactics used to acquire a \$7.7M loan for a public safety building that has not yet come to fruition. I believe this is costing \$25,000 a month in interest payments. All I request is that Council use prudent fiscal judgment on issues that affect the actual tax payers of Hopewell.*

*Thank you."*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**UB-1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR 2015**

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to resolve **to approve ordinance No. 2015-05 on first reading dispensing with the second reading**, approving the setting of tax rates for the year beginning January 1, 2015 at \$1.13. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	NO
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

The motion passed 6 yes/1 no.

Councilor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement regarding budget discussion and retiree discussion. Her daughter is an employee of the City of Hopewell.

Councilor Holloway submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement regarding UB-1 Real Estate Tax Rate for 2015. She currently pays mortgage on her home.

Mayor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement regarding UB-1 Real Estate Tax Rate for 2015.

**TAX RATE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL that there is hereby levied for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2015, a tax at the rate of \$1.13 per one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on real estate, and vehicles without motor power used, or designated to be used, as mobile homes or offices within the entire City of Hopewell as it now exists; and there is hereby levied for the tax year of 2014 a tax at the rate of \$3.05 per one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on machinery and tools; a tax rate of \$0.10 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on (1) motor vehicle used in the performance of his/her duties as a bona fide member of the Hopewell Emergency Crew as assessed by the Commissioner of the Revenue as tangible personal property and certified by said organization that said member was in good standing on January 1 and duly authorized to represent said organization; and a tax at the rate of \$3.50 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on tangible personal property, except such items of household goods and personal effects as itemized under §58.1-3504 of the Code of Virginia, which are hereby excluded, but including the property separately classified by §58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, having to do with boats and water craft, and all other property not herein specifically described, subject to taxation by the City of Hopewell, except that real and tangible personal property of Public Service Corporations shall be taxed in accordance with Chapter 26, Title 58.1, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**WAIVE THE RULES - AMEND AGENDA**



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Motion was made by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, and unanimously passed to amend the agenda to address item R-2 first.

**R-2. REGULAR BUSINESS – VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY – DIESEL SPILL UPDATE AND REPORT**

Mr. Walsh of VAWCO, provided an update and report on the diesel spill. He thanked the community, the City of Hopewell, Home Depot, the Hopewell Police Department, Hopewell Fire Department and Haz-Mat support. There are now clean harbors and no environmental damage.

The daytank overflowed and there was no containment around the piping and venting. Diesel flowed through a pipe not used for diesel. The by-pass valve was left in the open position. VAWCO is looking at reengineering the piping and process. Going to build a new flood wall.

**WAIVE THE RULES - EXTEND THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Councilor Shornak, seconded by Councilor Gore, to extend the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m., to postpone the City Attorney's portion of the agenda, and to move R-3 behind the City Clerk's presentation. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	NO
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Shornak	-	NO
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

The motion passed 5 yes/2 no.

**R-1. REGULAR BUSINESS – REAL ESTATE ASSESSOR PRESENTATION**

Ms. Patrizia Waggoner, Assessor for the City of Hopewell presented to Council and outlined how the assessments were conducted and the formula used to assess the properties and businesses within the City of Hopewell. Ms. Waggoner also presented her findings to Council of which was accepted by all members.

**R-4. REGULAR BUSINESS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION FOR \$25,000 PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, to resolve to approve a resolution appropriating \$25,000 to be transferred to the Hopewell EDA for the purposes of promoting economic development within the City of Hopewell. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hopewell has established an Economic Development Authority (EDA) as authorized by Va. Code §15.2-4900 and following; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Va. Code §15.2-953(B), City Council may make gifts, donations and appropriations of money to economic development authorities for the purposes of promoting economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Hopewell for the City to make a donation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to the EDA for purposes of promoting economic development within the City of Hopewell.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council for the City of Hopewell does hereby make an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be transferred to the Hopewell EDA for the purposes of promoting economic development within the City of Hopewell.

Adopted by the City Council for the City of Hopewell on April 14, 2015.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, to reappoint George Elder to the Virginia Gateway Region for a term extending from March 1, 2015 thru February 28, 2016. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**R-3. REGULAR BUSINESS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TERMS**

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Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to resolve to amend the term limits on boards and commissions, where there are no limits listed to serve, the limit shall be for twelve (12) years, after one year off, the individual may turn in a new Talent Bank Resume requesting to serve again.

A Substitute motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to postpone any action to Boards and Commissions Terms. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	NO
Councilor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

The vote passed 6 yes/1 no.

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to resolve to approve Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Sec. 22-99, and Chapter 25, Sec. 25-54 of the City of Hopewell Code of Ordinances on first reading. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**REPORTS OF CITY CLERK**

The City Clerk announced vacancies on the City's Boards, Commissions and Authorities: Board of Architectural Review-2 vacancies-no TBRs on file; Board of Building Code and Fire Prevention Code of Appeals-1 vacancy(engineer)-no TBRs on file; Dock Commission-1 vacancy-no TBRs on file; John Tyler Community College Board-1 vacancy as of 6/30/2015-no TBRs on file; Keep Hopewell Beautiful-2 vacancies-no TBRs on file; Senior Citizen Advisory Commission-3 vacancies-no TBRs on file; Social Services Advisory Board-2 vacancies-2 TBRs on file.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Pelham reported meeting with the Downtown Partnership. She announced the Crime Summit at Carter G. Woodson Middle School on April 15, 2015.

The City Manager announced the Spring Clean-up this weekend.

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**ADJOURN**

At 11:27 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Walton, seconded by Councilor Shornak, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

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

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Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk