

June 9, 2015
Regular Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 6:30 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
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, Interim City Attorney
Cindy Ames, City Clerk

Absent: Councilor Jasmine E. Gore

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pelham opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to resolve to convene 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 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, according to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) & (3).

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 yes

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OPEN SESSION

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:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 Yes

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pelham opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., prayer was led by Herbert Bragg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes: none; Pending List: none; Information for Council Review: none; Personnel Change Report; May 2015 HR Report & Financial Report; Public Hearing Announcements: FY2014-15-Budget Resolution, School Board Appointments, Transfer of City Owned Property to Waukeshaw Properties for Economic Development; Routine Approval of Work Session: May 26, 2015- Public Safety; Ordinances on second and final reading: none; Routine Grant Approval: none; Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentations: Juneteenth 150th Anniversary. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 Yes

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ms. Rebecca Rose of the Washington Cultural Foundation of Prince George, Virginia, Inc., has gathered citizens of Hopewell and Petersburg National Battlefield City Point Unit, in organizing the 9th Annual Hopewell Juneteenth National Freedom Day Celebration, the Office of the Mayor of Hopewell, Virginia welcomes all in the commemoration of this historic occasion; and

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WHEREAS, more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger finalized the elimination of slavery to liberate a strong, vibrant group of Americans. Juneteenth, as it was called by former slaves, remains a glorious day in the history of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, since that day, African Americans have risen above the bonds of slavery to be counted among our Nation's political, economic and community leaders. The citizens of Virginia are vital to our state, our culture and our prosperity, and contributors to the success of this City of Hopewell, appreciation is extended to our African American community for their strength and determination; and

WHEREAS, June 20, 2015, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00p.m. will be the Juneteenth National Freedom Day Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of America's Juneteenth National Freedom Celebration in to the 150th Anniversary of America's Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth National Freedom Day Celebration will be held at Grants Headquarters, Petersburg National Battlefield, City Point Unit, Cedar Lane and Pecan Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Brenda S. Pelham, on behalf of Hopewell City Council, hereby proclaim:

June 20, 2015 in commemoration of Juneteenth National Freedom Day June 19, 1865

On behalf of all Hopewellians we are proud to celebrate and pay tribute to those who fought against injustice and inequality. All attendees are saluted and everyone is encouraged to enjoy this celebration of African American culture today and through the year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Hopewell in the Commonwealth of Virginia this 9th day of June 2015.

/s/Brenda S. Pelham
Mayor

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UB-1 – Unfinished Business – Contract Services for City Attorney:

Motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey to approve the contract with Sands Anderson, Professional Legal Services (Stefan M. Calos) for City Attorney. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Regular Business

R-1 – Request Approval of the Purchase of 310 North 2nd Avenue:

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak to approve the purchase of 310 North 2nd Avenue from Bond Proceeds in the amount of \$42,500.00. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 Yes

R-2 – Legacy Business Program:

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak to approve the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Legacy Business Program. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 4-2 Yes/Approved

R-3 – Consolidation Plan Presentation – Review five (5) year consolidated Plan Goals and Priorities and City Demographic Data:

Ms. Tevya Griffin, Director of Planning, explained that every five years HUD requires the City and the entitlement community to look at the needs in the City, mostly of the persons that are low to moderate income. The City looks at housing, income levels, poverty and educational attainment and those demographics were provided to Council in their packet. Ms. Griffin outlined to Council the recommendations for the planning priorities for the next five years.

R-4 – Appomattox Cemetery – Opening of New Section:

Motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Walton to authorize the City Manager to develop a purchase plan that limits the sale of contiguous lots to six (6) per purchase for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 Yes

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Reports of the City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak to appoint Johnny Partin to the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River Committee (FOLAR). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 6-0 Yes/Appointed

At 9:03 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Walton to adjourn.
Mayor Pelham: All in favor? Voices in unison: Aye.

ADJOURN AT 9:03 P.M.

/S/ Brenda S. Pelham

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk