

**July 21, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 21, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, July 21, 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  
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor  
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor  
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager  
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney  
\*Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager

*\*In the absence of the City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Charles Dane was Clerk pro tem.*

**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 MEETING**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, 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 (City Clerk); and discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held property, where the discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body (acquisition of real property), according to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 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:

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Pelham opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was take 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

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Prayer was given by Chaplain Belinda Todd, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, to amend the Consent Agenda to add under C-5 Public Hearing Announcements: Rezoning for 1100 and 1102 Maplewood Avenue resident’s homes. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Resulted: 5-2 No**

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Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway to approve the Consent Agenda. Minutes: none; Pending and Action List: none; Information for Council Review: none; Personnel Change Report and Financial Report; Public Hearing August 18, 2015 - Announcements: Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Amendments and Cemetery Fees; Routine Approval of Work Sessions: none; Routine Grant Approval: none; Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentations: Evonik Safety Record. 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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION OF THE SAFETY RECORD SET BY  
THE EMPLOYEES OF EVONIK INDUSTRIES, HOPEWELL,  
VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, Evonik Industries, one of the world's leading specialty chemicals companies, with a facility located in the City of Hopewell, Virginia ("**City of Hopewell**"), has announced that the City of Hopewell employees set a historic safety record of 10 years, as of July 9, 2015, without a lost time accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hopewell facilities of Evonik Industries surpassed the 2010 safety record for 5.0 million hours without a day-away-from-work case; and

**WHEREAS**, this outstanding safety record was achieved through concerted efforts of management and employees, notwithstanding potential plant hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City Hopewell, Virginia ("**City Council**") desires to hereby publically recognize this safety program which has contributed to the health, happiness and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hopewell; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the City Council, that the City of Hopewell wishes to give formal recognition to the management and employees of Evonik Industries for their outstanding safety program which resulted in 10 years without a lost time accident.

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

**Public Hearings**

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**PH-1 – Consideration of Disposing of 0.06 acres of land – Waukeshaw Properties:**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and having no one signed up to speak then closed the Public Hearing. A motion was then made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey to adopt resolution authorizing the Mayor for the City of Hopewell to execute any and all documents, necessary to effectuate the sale/disposal of 0.06 acres of land located in downtown Hopewell and more specifically identified as sub parcel #080-0465-252 East Broadway, Hopewell, Virginia, Lot 27, Block 8, Subdivision: West City Point, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form. 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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**PH-2 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$182,288.00:**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and having no one signed up to speak then closed the Public Hearing. A motion was then made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Gore to resolve to authorize the department of development to submit the approved consolidated plan and one year action plan to the United States Department of Housing and Community Development and to adopt a fiscal year 2015/2016 community development block grant budget. 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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Adopted**

**Regular Business**

**R-1 – Consider a request by LUMOS NETWORKS Inc. (a tele-communications company located in Virginia) to place fiber optic cables, equipment cabinets, and associated switcher gear on the City's road section Public Right-of-Way (PROW):**

A motion was then made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore to granting the right of way to encroach upon public rights of ways for installation and operation of a fiber optic telecommunications network, subject to approval of the City Attorney. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes**

**R-2 – Police Station Design Review/Update:**

Mr. Watson, Director of Public Works, presented the following to Council: There will be no vote required this evening on this item. What I'm looking for is feedback, consensus basically. We're getting ready to present this to the board, which I have here the DDRC and I wanted you to see it before we did. So, an attempt to walk you through what the building looks like, let me explain first you've seen the floor plan for the building. We presented that to you, had the architect here a couple months ago to present that. Now, we're wrapping this building. The floor plan has been developed. Now we're wrapping this building and giving it an exterior. So I want to walk you through the drawings we developed. There's one in here you've seen already. And I think it will kind of give you a feel of where we are. Nothing's final. If you have something you want to do differently, we will see if we can make those changes. Especially focused on color, you may want to change color or even look at the design. But hopefully not, I think you all will like it. This is my first design. This is the first thing the architect submitted. Our direction to the architect was we wanted a building that, we wanted to brand City buildings. And we thought that the Courts building is a very popular and attractive building. Let's try to emulate that building in our design. And this is what you see. This is the first design we got and it looks like the Courts building, and as we progressed and refined the development, next page, this is the second drawing that came out of that work and this is the one that I believe you all have seen. This facility still emulates the Courts building and it has a second floor. This is our attempt to go with a brick building, more similar to the Beacon building. It's a very plain attempt. It just basically shows a brick police station. So we started adding some art that made it look less like a strip mall and more like an independent building with more vertical lines. We've simplified some of the drawing, changed some of the windows and given it more vertical lines so it wasn't massed so horizontally. So this is the design that we're recommending that you all like or accept, you don't have to accept it. Approve? Council in unison responded Approved.

**R-3 – Request to accept Grant Funding, in the amount of \$25,000, from John Randolph Foundation for summer camp programs offered by the Department of Recreation and Parks:**

A motion was then made by Councilor Gore, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey to resolve to approve accepting the grant from John Randolph Foundation for \$25,000 for the summer camp programs offered by the Hopewell Recreation and Parks. 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

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**R-4 – Stormwater Utility Staffing Position Approval:**

A motion was then made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Gore to resolve to approve the storm water utility staffing positions of storm water program manager, senior, storm water quality analyst, ground maintenance specialists and storm water ground maintenance specialist III and II. 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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**R-5 – Board of Equalization request for refunds:**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, with regret, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to resolve to approve the real estate refunds in the amount of \$31,464.29 to Columbia HCA John Randolph, Incorporated and \$8,472.75 to Art Craft Riverside LC. 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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**R-6 – Make Appointment of City Clerk:**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, to approve the Appointment of Ross A. Kearney, III at the salary of \$50,000 as City Clerk of Hopewell, Virginia. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

\*Councilor Gore was not excused from the meeting by the Chair/Mayor therefore, per Council Rules Councilor Gore vote is recorded as a yes.\*

**Vote Resulted: 5-2 Yes/Appointed**

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**R-7 – Transfer \$50,000 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund to the EDA for a Economic Development Deal:**

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to transfer \$50,000 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund to the EDA for an Economic Development Deal. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

\*Councilor Gore was not excused from the meeting by the Chair/Mayor therefore, per Council Rules Councilor Gore vote is recorded as a yes.\*

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**R-8 – Loan \$350,000 to the EDA as a Short Term Loan for an Economic Development Project:**

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to provide a short term loan in the amount of \$350,000 to the EDA for an Economic Development Deal. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

\*Councilor Gore was not excused from the meeting by the Chair/Mayor therefore, per Council Rules Councilor Gore vote is recorded as a yes.\*

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Approved**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to appoint Fred Harry to the HRWTF Board. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes

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Councilor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	yes

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes/Appointed**

The City Clerk reported the following vacancies: Board of Architectural Review-2vacancies, no Talent Bank Resumes on file; Dock Commission-1 vacancy-no TBRs on file; Keep Hopewell Beautiful-1 vacancy-no TBRs on file; Recreation Commission-3 vacancies (2 students and 1 adult); Senior Citizen Advisory Commission-3 vacancies, no TBRs on file; and Social Services Advisory Board-4 vacancies-2 TBRs on file.

**CITIZEN/COUNCILOR REQUESTS**

**CCR-1. Citizen/Councilor Request** – Councilor Gore – Review City Council Clean Up document e-mailed to Council 7/9/2015 to finalize pending items.

**CCR-2. Citizen/Councilor Request** – Councilor Gore – Request for City to enter Startup in a Day White House initiative and request to be point person and take pledge on behalf of the City. Joint initiative with NLC.

**CCR-3. Citizen/Councilor Request** – Councilor Gore – Request to City Council to authorize Best of Hopewell competition and LOVE sign competition Councilor Shornak..

**CCR-4. Citizen/Councilor Request** – Councilor Gore – Request to book 2 days at the Beacon to host “Put Hopewell on the Map” event..

**CCR-5. Citizen/Councilor Request** – Councilor Gore – Request City to join “End Veterans Homelessness” initiative; receive update facts and figures about Warming Shelter Stats and homeless veteran stats and those relocated to homes.

**ADJOURN**

At 10:00 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey to adjourn. 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

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

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Charles Dane, City Clerk Pro Tem  
(Assistant City Manager)