

**November 22, 2016  
Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 6:00 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  
Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pelham opened the meeting at 6:00 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

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA/CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:06 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore to amend the November 22, 2016 agenda under Closed Session Motion and replace the word donation with purchase and then to go into closed session for (I) discussion concerning (A) the acquisition (by purchase) of real property for a public purpose, and (B) the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of City Council; (II) discussion concerning the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in expanding its facilities in the community; (III) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation (John Randolph Foundation adv. Beacon), where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiation or litigation posture of City Council; and (IV) consultation related thereto and other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel retained by City Council, in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (3), (5) and (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes

**Vote Result: 7-0 Amended Agenda Adopted/Closed Meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to add R-4 under Regular Business, Purchase of Real Estate Property parcel #031—1365 on North 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 Agenda Amended to add to Regular Business R-4 - Purchase of Real Estate Property parcel #031—1365 on North 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.**

Mayor Pelham opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. No Roll call was taken:

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

Prayer was led by Rev. David Woods, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Gore, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes: None; Pending List: None; Routine Approval of Work Session: None; Personnel Change Report & Financial Report: None; Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading: None; Routine Grant Approval: None; Public Hearing Announcement: November 29, 2016 Proposed Charter Amendment; December 13, 2016 Budget Amendment and VDOT Appropriation; Information for Council Review; Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentation: Proclamation of Small Business Saturday; Keep Hopewell Beautiful presentation by Johnny Partin; VML Go Green Platinum Award, presented by Go Green Committee; Update on Hopewell Downtown Partnership presentation by Evan Kaufman. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes

**Vote Result: 7-0 Consent Amended Agenda Approved**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PH-1 Public Hearing – Consider Citizen Comments regarding a request to modify Chapter 18 of the City Code:**

This was the night advertised for the public hearing to receive citizen comments regarding consideration of proposed Consider citizen comments regarding a request to modify Chapter 18 of the City Code. The public hearing was opened by the Mayor at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Thomas Gough of 202 Byrd St., Hopewell, Virginia addressed Council and urged them to pass the proposed amendments. Ms. Cassandra Vanderkeift of 1307 Central Ave., Hopewell, Virginia also addressed Council and urged them to pass the proposed amendments. There being no other speakers, the public hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to adopt the proposed amendment changes to Chapter 18 of the City Code. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 Adopted Proposed Amendments to Chapter 18 of the City Code.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

**Tommy Wells, Ward 5:** Mr. Wells addressed Council and thanked Council Shornak for leading the way in getting the neighborhood streets paved.

**Ms. Cassandra Vanderkeift, Ward 6:** Ms. Vanderkeift addressed Council and urged them in the upcoming year to start showing their fellow Council members respect.

**Mr. John Eliades of 900 Mansion Dr., Hopewell:** Mr. Eliades addressed Council and expressed the problems within the City when it comes to litter. He urged that the correct City Departments and Police Department would start paying more attention to this problem.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**UB-1 – Unfinished Business - Request from Riverside Regional Jail to modify the Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) route to accommodate the work-release program:**

A motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Holloway to approve the extension of the PAT bus route so that it goes to and from the Riverside Regional Jail at no additional cost to the City of Hopewell. Upon the roll call the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 PAT Bus route Approved**

**UB-1 – Unfinished Business - Request from Department Neighborhood Assistance and Planning to consider a motion to renew a motion to approve request for rezoning parcel #023-0230, Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block 3, Buren Homestead Addition from (R-3) Residential High Density to (B-2) Limited Commercial District.**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to postpone this item until the first regular meeting in January 2017. Upon the roll call the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 4-3 Item continued until January 2017.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**R-1 – Regular Business – Update on Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Preparation by Jerry L. Whitaker, Finance Director:**

Finance Director Jerry Whitaker addressed Council on the status of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Whitaker explained that the auditors have all the information they had requested and were in the process of finalizing the CAFR. Councilor Shornak asked if the City of Hopewell was the last locality to not have a CAFR, Mr. Whitaker said yes and that in December 2016, he hoped to have the report finalized.

**R-2 – Regular Business - Determination of City Council 2017 organizational meeting:**

A motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to set the City Council Reorganizational Meeting for January 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes

**Vote Result: 7-0 Reorganizational Meeting Scheduled for January 3, 2017 @ 6:30 PM**

**R-3 – Regular Business - Determination of City Council December meeting schedule:**

City Manager Mark Haley represented to Council that the December 2016 meeting was already scheduled and on the council calendar for December 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM therefore, Council need nt take any action on this item.

**R-4 – Regular Business - City Purchase of Property Parcel #031-1365 – N. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue:**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to approve the purchase by the city of real estate located at 603 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and identified as parcel #031-1365, at a price of \$29,950 plus closing cost, for public use which may include expansion of Appomattox Cemetery, and to grant the City Manager authority to sign all necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form. Upon the roll call the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 Approved purchase of property**

**CITIZENS/COUNCILOR REQUESTS**

**CCR-1: Councilor Gore** – Announced that the Website Committee will be meeting on next week.

**CCR-2: Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey** -. Gave Council a VML update.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened into a closed meeting.

**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 Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	yes

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes**

**Reports of the City Clerk**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to appoint Diana Barnes, Woodrow Harris, Sheila Bailey, Mattlyn DeBrick, Jerry Whitaker and Ray Spicer to the Community Planning and Community Management Team (CPMT). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 6 member appointed to the (CPMT)**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to appoint Mary Jones to the Keep Hopewell Beautiful Committee, Laura Sutton to the Recreation Commission and Christopher Neal to the Hopewell Planning Commission. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 7-0 - members appointed to Keep Hopewell Beautiful Committee; Recreation Commission and the Hopewell Planning Commission.**

**ADJOURN**

At 10:41 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore to adjourn. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

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

**Vote Result: 7-0**

**Vote Result: 7-0 Meeting Adjourned at 10:42 PM**

**January 24, 2017**

DATE

*/s/ Brenda S. Pelham*

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

*Ross A. Kearney III*

Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk