

**November 29, 2016
Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 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
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

Absent: Arlene Holloway, Councilor (Sick)

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	-	ABSENT (Sick)
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Gore	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Shornak	-	present

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

Prayer was led by Jeff Butler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Motion: To Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, to adopt the agenda. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-0 Agenda Adopted

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 – Public Hearing - Amend the City Charter Chapter XXV(A.1) (Hopewell Water Renewal Commission), including as to membership of the commission and determination by City Council of capital contributions.

This was the night advertised for a public hearing to consider amending the City Charter Chapter XXV (A.1) (Hopewell Water Renewal Commission), including as to membership of the commission and determination by City Council of capital contributions.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to Resolve to Request that the General Assembly Amend Chapter XXV (A.1), Sec. 1 and Sec. 3, of the City Charter. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-0 Yes

**PROPOSED 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PRIORTIES FOR THE
CITY OF HOPEWELL**

1. Full funding for state aid to local police department (HB599) to assist with fighting crime and criminal activity.
2. Full funding for K-12 education, as it is essential that the state meet its constitutional responsibility, including full funding of all state mandates from the General Assembly, as updated to the Standards of Quality (SOQ) to reflect actual education costs.
3. Funding for high-poverty school districts, which is critical to (1) retaining qualified teachers, (2) providing wraparound services to support interagency programing for children and parents living in poverty (3) supporting literacy initiatives, and (4) supporting professional development activities for teachers and administrators.
4. Continued funding of the Water Quality Improvement Fund, to help municipalities further reduce nutrient discharges into state waters.
5. Virginia Recreation and Parks 2017 Legislative Priorities, which include state parks acquisition and development, youth health and safety, childhood obesity prevention, safe

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athletic programs, bicycle safety, trails, pathways and green corridors, senior games, and livable communities.

6. Virginia First Cities Proposed 2017 Community Wealth Building Policy Initiatives.
7. Virginia Municipal League 2017 Legislative Program
8. H.R. 1621— Federal Legislation introduced by Congressman Randy Forbes, 4th Congressional District, pertaining to the City of Hopewell, Aderholt-Hunter House and the National Park Service.

A motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to Support and Endorse the Proposed 2017 General Assembly Legislative Priorities for the City of Hopewell. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-0 Yes

ADJOURN

At 6:45 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey to adjourn. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-0 Adjourn

January 24, 2017

DATE

/s/ Brenda S. Pelham

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

Ross A. Kearney III

Ross A. Kearney, III, City Clerk