

**January 12, 2016
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 5:30 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

ABSENT: Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pelham opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Pelham	-	present
Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey	-	absent (arrived @ 6:00 p.m.)
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Gore	-	absent (arrived @ 5:43 p.m.)
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Shornak	-	absent (arrived @ 5:35 p.m.)

WORK SESSION:

WS-1 - Work Session - Hopewell Fire & EMS Code Revisions and MOU with Prince George County Regarding Automatic Aide

Chief Donald Hunter made a presentation to Council explaining the purpose for the Fire & EMS Code Revisions and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Prince George. Council instructed the City Attorney and the Fire Chief to work together on the proposed revisions and to make sure that the public was notified of such changes.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to resolve to go into Closed Meeting for: (I) Discussion of Specific Appointees of City Council (Virginia Gateway Region) and discussion of a public officer (City Councilor); (II) discussion of a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in the community,(III) discussion and consideration of the investment of public funds where bargaining is involved, where, if made public

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initially, the financial interest of the city would be adversely affected; and (IV) consultation with legal counsel retained by city council regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel in accordance with Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (5) (6) & (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Resulted: 5-0 Yes

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pelham opened the regular meeting at 7:33 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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Prayer was given by Chaplain Michael Wyche, 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 Councilor Gore, to resolve to approve the Consent Agenda. Minutes: None;. Pending List: Under Revision; Information for Council Review: None; Personnel Change Report & Financial Report: HR Report & Financial Report; Public Hearings Announcements: None; Routine Approval of Work Sessions: Hopewell Fire & EMS Code Revisions and MOU with Prince George Regarding Automatic Aide; Ordinances on second and final reading: None; Routine Grant Approval: None; Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentations: None. 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 Resulted: 7-0 Consent Agenda Approved

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REGULAR BUSINESS

R-1 - Regular Business - Set 2016 City Council Calendar and Times for Regular Meetings

A motion was made by Councilor Gore, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to set the 2016 City Council Meeting Calendar as follows: Council will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except for July and August where Council will meet on the fourth Tuesday and December where Council will meet on the second Tuesday and the start time for each regular meeting will be 7:30 p.m.. 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 Resulted: 7-0 Approved

R-2 - Regular Business - Set Dates and Times for City Council Work Sessions, Closed Meetings

A motion was made by Councilor Gore, and seconded by Councilor Walton to start Work Sessions and Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. 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 Resulted: 7-0 Approved

R-3 - Regular Business - Appropriation of Funds on Surplus Property Auction

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore to appropriate \$16,689.43 revenue from the City auction from the General Fund to the Recreation and Parks Department. 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

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Vote Resulted: 7-0 Appropriation Approved

R-4 - Regular Business - Resolution to Amend Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

City Manager reported to Council that the Resolutions to Amend the Fiscal Year 2015-16 were not provided by the Finance Director in time therefore, this item has been moved to the next City Council meeting.

R-5 - Regular Business - Request from the Green Plains Hopewell LLC to Subdivide Appomattox Bio Energy Lot IR into two lots, forming Lots IR and 2R

A motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Walton to postpone this item until the next Council meeting. 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	-	no

Vote Resulted: 6-1 Approved to move Item R-5 to the next City Council Meeting.

Closed Session

Council resolved to return into Closed Meeting for: (I) Discussion of Specific Appointees of City Council (Virginia Gateway Region) and discussion of a public officer (City Councilor); (II) discussion of a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in the community, (III) discussion and consideration of the investment of public funds where bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the city would be adversely affected; and (IV) consultation with legal counsel retained by city council regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel in accordance with Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (5) (6) & (7), respectively.

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

Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes

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At 9:45 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak. 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 Resulted: 7-0 Meeting Adjourned

/s/ Brenda S. Pelham

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

/s/ Charles Dane

Charles Dane, Acting City Clerk
(Assistant City Manager)