

**February 23, 2016**  
**Special Work Session Joint Meeting with Hopewell School Board**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND  
HOPEWELL SCHOOL BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

A Special Work Session of the City Council and Hopewell School Board of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, February 23, 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

PRESENT: Christopher G. Reber, Chairman  
Linda E. Hyslop Vice-Chairman  
Shirl A. Jefferson  
Dr. Deborah E. Marks  
Mr. N. Greg Cuffey  
Dr. Melody D. Hackney, Interim Superintendent

**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

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

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

**Motion: To Adopt/Amend Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Gore to adopt the agenda for February 23, 2016. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Agenda Adopted**

**WORK SESSION**

**WS-1 – Work Session – School Board Budget Presentation**

Dr. Hackney discussed the fact that we had developed a six-year fiscal plan. She stated that this is an evolving document. She explained the five categories of the plan, with the first being credibility, by getting our schools accredited. The request for revenue from the Council was level funding, due to projected increases in state funding.

Mrs. Barnes explained the specific budget initiatives. She shared that we were looking at \$1.8 million in additional funds. Additional revenues were for federal grants and Medicaid reimbursements. There is projected to be a reduction in Title VI-B funding for Special Education and Title III funds are being eliminated completed.

Mrs. Barnes shared the money that will be required for additional mandated programs. She shared the budget requests, including raises for all staff and adjusting the teacher assistant salaries to make them market competitive within the region. The Councilors asked questions as the presentation progressed. Mrs. Barnes explained what is actually funded when the raise from the state includes SOQ funding positions.

Dr. Evans explained the manner in which the division partners with Smart Beginnings. There was also discussion regarding the teacher turn-over rate. Councilor Gore asked about whether the HCPS Foundation might be able to help fund initiatives.

Mr. Reber thanked the Councilors for their time and attention. He stated that the challenge is addressing the needs of our students from preschool through job/college readiness. Mr. Reber stated that our foundation members have recently had training in Williamsburg, with one of the focus areas being fundraising. He discussed the importance of being able to draw private funds into the division.

Councilor Gore discussed the idea of attempting to access locality grants that may not be accessible to the school division.

Councilor Zevgolts asked about the foundation. He was advised that there was a HCPS Foundation. Mr. Reber explained how the funds are made available to the foundation. Mr. Haley, a member of the foundation, explained how the mini-grant process funded by the HCPS Foundation functions.

Mayor Pelham thanked Dr. Hackney and Mrs. Barnes for sharing the information.

No additional comments were made with regard to the division's budget request and planning.

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Holloway to adopt the Hopewell City School Budget. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Hopewell City School Budget Adopted**

**WS-2 – Work Session - City of Hopewell Budget Presentation of FY 2016-17 - Revenue Forecasting and Review of Department Capital Request:**

Director of Finance Mr. Jerry Whitaker gave a brief presentation on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Draft Revenue Forecasting and Review of the Departments Capital Request.

**CLOSED MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to go into closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of city council; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (7). Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Approved to go into Closed Meeting**

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Certification pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3712 (D): only public business matters (I) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (II) identified in the closed-meeting motion were discussed in closed meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Resulted: 7-0 Yes**

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**ADJOURN**

At 9:42 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Shornak, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

*/s/ Brenda S. Pelham*

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor

*/s/ Ross A. Kearney III*

Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk