

February 7, 2017
Special Works Session Meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD
FEBRUARY 7, 2017

A Special Work Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor
Janice B. Denton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney
Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
*Councilor Pelham	-	absent

*(Councilor Pelham arrived at 6:42 p.m. and called and informed the Mayor and Clerk she would be late)

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

Prayer was performed by Pastor Marcus Campbell of Abundant Life Church of Hopewell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MOTION: T amend or adopt agenda

Motion was made by Councilor Luman-Bailey, and seconded by Councilor Denton, to adopt the agenda. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Vote Result: 6-0 Agenda Adopted

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Holloway, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to resolve to convene into closed meeting for (I) discussion of performance or appointment of specific appointees of City Council (City Clerk, Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority); and (II) 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) (1) and (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	absent
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	yes

Vote Result: 6-0 YES

OPEN SESSION

Council convened into Open Session. Councilors responded to the question: pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712 (D): were only public business matters (I) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (II) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting? Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 YES

WORK SESSION

WS-1. Briefing and Short Work Session with the Planning Commission

Mrs. Tevya Griffin, Director of Development, introduced the members of the Planning Commission who were in attendance and then introduced the Chairman of the Planning Commission Peter Eliades. Mr. Eliades addresses Council and commented that the Planning Commission has excellent communications with City staff but would like to see improved communications in-house and within the community. The Planning Commission and EDA meet regularly but would like for the Downtown Hopewell Partnership to join them on a regular basis. Councilor Luman-Bailey requested that the DDRC be added to the group when meeting. Vice Mayor Gore requested that the Planning Commission weigh in

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on what they think when projects are being presented to Council. Mayor Shornak agreed with Vice Mayor Gore but added that she wanted to see all City Departments and Boards communicating. Mayor Shornak also requested that all members of Council need to start attending the City Boards and Commissions meetings on a regular basis. Mr. Eliades requested that Council appoint a member to serve on the UDA (Urban Development Area) committee as required by the agreement. Mr. Eliades stated that the Planning Commission had submitted to Council a resolution of which council passed however, the Mayor informed Mr. Eliades that funding was not going to be granted for any projects until the CAFR was completed. Mr. Eliades presented to Council the Planning Commissions proposed development sites throughout the City. Councilor Luman-Bailey commented that she wanted the Planning Commission to review the Cultural Resource Plan prepared by William & Mary that the City paid for in 2004. Councilor Luman-Bailey requested that the Planning Commission and the Development Department look at the 2004 plan for grants that were listed that the City could apply for and receive. Councilor Pelham asked if it would be possible for the Planning Commission and the EDA to meet before presenting any proposals to Council? Mr. Eliades replied yes and said that they have and currently still meet and that he also serves on the EDA therefore both the Planning Commission and EDA are always communicating. Vice Mayor Gore stated that she is in favor of small area plans/developments and that a vision is needed to address these types of ventures that have been presented to Council in the past and that we need to revisit these plans and receive comments back from the necessary commissions and boards. Councilor Zevgolis stated that he holds the position that the Planning Commission is the leader and that the EDA not push the Planning Commission and only act as an advisor. Councilor Denton praised the Planning Commission for all their work and encouraged them to keep up the excellent work. Mayor Shornak and the City Council asked when was the Comp Plan going to be ready? Mrs. Griffin stated by late summer 2017.

WS-2. City Council Pending List

City Council reviewed the “Council Pending List” and updated, removed and added items. Council requested that the updated pending list be placed on the February 21, 2017 Work Session Agenda for further review.

Reports of the City Clerk:

City Clerk announced that he and Council were accepting Talent Bank Resumes (TBR) for the Youth Commission, Architectural Review Board (ARB) **(1) Vacancy**, Crater District Area Agency on Aging **(1) Vacancy**, District 19 Community Service Board **(2) Vacancies**, Dock Commission **(3) Vacancies**, Downtown Design Review Committee **(2) Vacancies**, (DDRC), Recreation Commission **(1) Hopewell H.S. Senior Class Representative**, Social Services Advisory Board **(2) Vacancies**. Applications can be found @ www.hopewellva.gov.

ADJOURN

At 10:45 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Vote Result: 7-0 Yes-Adjourn

Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk