

January 29, 2013
Special Meeting and Work Session

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD JANUARY 29, 2013

A Work Session and Special Meeting of the City Council, of the City of Hopewell, Virginia were held Tuesday, January 5, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Roosevelt Edwards, Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Edwin C. Daley, City Manager
David C. Fratarcangelo, City Attorney
Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk

ABSENT: Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Bujakowski called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor Bujakowski	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Edwards	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	absent (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)
Councilor Shornak	-	present (Transactional Disclosure statement filed; daughter is an employee of the city)

**R-1 REGULAR BUSINESS - EQUALIZATION BOARD- APPOINTMENT OF AT LEAST
THREE INDIVIDUALS**

At 6:34 p.m., **motion** was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore, and unanimously passed by council, to recommend for appointment to the Board of Equalization; A. Roland Peacock, Billie S. Glass, James M. Robbins, and as an alternate P. Allen Powell.

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R-2 REGULAR BUSINESS- PLANNING COMMISSION – DISCUSSION AND /OR TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE BLUFFS

A **motion** was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak, to put out RFPs for mixed use, continue information gathering and discussion with the Urban Land Institute, and to talk to surrounding landowners. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Bujakowski	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Edwards	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	NO
Councilor Shornak	-	yes

WORK SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. **motion** by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Shornak and unanimously approved by Council to adjourn the Special Meeting.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Roosevelt Edwards, Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

Edwin C. Daley, City Manager
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WORK SESSION

Mayor Bujakowski opened the Work Session at 6:54 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Michael C. Bujakowski,	- present
Jasmine E. Gore,	- present
Christina J. Luman-Bailey,	- present
Roosevelt Edwards, Jr.,	- present
K. Wayne Walton,	- present
Brenda S. Pelham,	- present
Jackie M. Shornak,	- present

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R-1 REGULAR BUSINESS – HRHA – PRESENTATION BY STEVE BENHAM

At 6:55 p.m. Steve Benham gave a short history of the Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Hopewell has 490 units of public housing under the HRHA. A couple of the properties are distressed (Langston Park and Kippax High Rise).

At 7:28 p.m. the presentation was turned over to David Shultz from the Community Housing Program (CHP). Mr. Shultz gave an overview of the non-profit company and what they can accomplish. At Kippax, the plan is to redo from the lobby to the roof, taking approximately one year to accomplish. At Langston Park, the units will be taken down gradually, as not to displace the residents. When Langston Park is completed it will be 56 units instead of the now 26 units. Mr. Shultz is asking for the City to, write a letter approving of the proposals, and giving property tax abatement for a fixed period of time, on the property (24 months).

R-2 REGULAR BUSINESS – END ZONE REPORT ON INSPECTIONS BY MARCH ALTMAN

At 8:16 p.m. March Altman stated the floor plan still looks the same inside, with all black walls. The End Zone is Code Compliant. Final inspections are left. For the outside sign, the last plan submitted was Code Compliant.

R-3 REGULAR BUSINESS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY ANDY HAGY

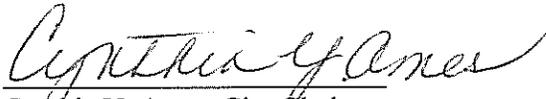
At 9:04 p.m. Andy Hagy, Director of Economic Development stated, at this time he was in conversation with Wal-Mart, looking at the I-295 corridor, Colonial Corner. Explaining to Council the key is networking to attract larger businesses to Hopewell. He announced the new chair for the EDA is Debbie Randolph. Mr. Hagy stated the waterfront is an excellent tourist destination, which is being explored.

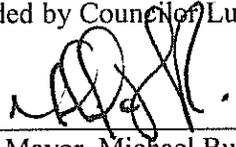
R-4 REGULAR BUSINESS – BUS TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

At 9:09 p.m. Herbert Bragg stated the Bus Transportation System always has to be funded, it is not a money making business. Hopewell is one of the better routes. We are into the 17th month of a 36th month grant cycle. Petersburg Area Transit Authority is asking for additional funding from the state and federal government, for the Hopewell Route. If Hopewell wanted to operate a transit system the estimated cost for the first year would run \$232,500, to accommodate the average number of riders, and running a similar schedule.

ADJOURN

At 9:34 p.m. **motion** was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, and unanimously passed by council to adjourn the meeting.


Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk


Mayor, Michael Bujakowski