

**February 14, 2017
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL .HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017

A Special Meeting and Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, February 14, 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 J. 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 6:00 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	-	present

MOTION: To amend or adopt agenda

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

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Agenda Adopted

WORK SESSION

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WS-1 - Preparation/Discussion for three upcoming public hearings to amend sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mrs. Tevya Griffin, Director of Development and Mr. Horace Wade, City Developer represented to City Council that they requested Development Staff and members of the Architectural Review Board and Downtown Design Review Committee to apply to become a Certified Local Government (CLG). Most importantly, Mr. Wade explained two (2) amendments must be made to the Zoning Ordinances, per the VA Department of Historic Resources, in order to be eligible for CLG status and that the City is initiating a zoning ordinance amendment to allow accessory structures that cannot be seen from the public right-of-way in the B-3 Zoning District with a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council. The City cannot apply for CLG status until the Zoning Ordinance amendments are approved by City Council. The public hearing regarding these ordinances will be held by City Council on March 28, 2017.

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made at 6:42 p.m. by Councilor Zevgolis, ad seconded by Councilor Pelham, to amend the Closed Meeting motion to add City Council Standing Committees, UDA, Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority and for (I) discussion of performance or appointment of specific appointees of City Council (City Clerk, Board of Zoning Appeals, Hopewell Water Renewal Commission); (II) discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose (eminent domain), where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and (III) 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), (3) and (7), respectively.. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Motion Amended and Adopted to go into Closed Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Shornak opened the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. Roll call was take as follows:

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

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

Prayer was led 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to approve the consent agenda: Minutes: October 25, 2016 and January 24, 2017; Pending List: Will be emailed to Council & Available at the February 21, 2017; Routine Approval of Work Sessions: City Council Work Session on February 21, 2017 with the EDA; February 23, 2017 a Joint Work Session with Hopewell School Board @ Hopewell High School Library 6:30 PM; Personnel Change Report & Financial Report: Personnel Report provided; Ordinances on Second & Final Reading: None; Routine Grant Approval: None; Public Hearing Announcement: February 28, 2017 – Request to vacate a portion of right-of-way; Information for Council Review: None; Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations: None. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	no
Vice Mayor Gore	-	no

Vote Result: 5-2 Yes Consent Agenda Approved

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Johnny Partin: Ward 3: Mr. Partin represented to Council how much clean-up has been done by the Keep Hopewell Beautiful Committee and that on March 4th, 2017 they will be conducting another clean-up and invited the members of council and the public to join.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1. - City Event Announcements

Mr. Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks and Recreation presented to Council the 2017 City Schedule of Events. He stated that the list of events can be found on our web site www.hopewellva.gov. Ms. Shanelle Ebanks, City Youth Coordinator also represented to Council that in March they will be holding a “Bowling for Big Brother Big Sisters” and that she encouraged the members of Council and staff to participate.

Reports of the City Attorney

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Mr. Stefan Calos, Hopewell City Attorney wanted to thank the members of staff who helped during the recent General Assembly session.

Reports of the City Clerk

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Gore, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, to appoint John P. Partin to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals and to appoint Ashley Epps for a term of five (5) years to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-0 Yes Mr. Partin and Ms. Epps Appointed

*(City Attorney per Vice Mayor Gore advised her to abstain from this vote. A conflict of interest form was not filled out and submitted to the Clerk)

*(Councilor Pelham provided her conflict of interest form to the Clerk and was eligible to vote for the nominee Ashley Epps)

A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to appoint Daniel Rowling, General Manager of WestRock, Mark Haley Hopewell City Manager, Paul Tuck – Ashland, Dough Woodhouse – Virginia American Water and Stefan Calos Hopewell City Attorney to the Hopewell Water Renewal Commission. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes Appointed

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Gore, to appoint Herbert Townes to fill the unexpired term of Ed Henry who resigned from the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Vote Result: 7-0 Yes Appointed

Reports of City Council:

Councilor Pelham: requested from the City Manager the Rental Inspection Program (RIP) Reports.

Vice Mayor Gore: Announced in March she will be holding a Ward meeting here in Council Chambers and will be getting in touch with the City Clerk for available dates and then notices will go out.

Councilor Luman-Bailey: reported that the Water Renewal Commission was going very well And that the M&T Tax was saved with the hard work of staff and the Commissioner of Revenue. The City Charter Change request passed the State Senate today.

Councilor Holloway: thanked Mr. Aaron Reidmiller and his staff for the recent parks tour he provided to Council.

Mayor Shornak: announced this past weekend she had worked in her Ward with the Keep Hopewell Beautiful Committee and the New Hope Academy also assisted along with the Ward 7 Neighborhood Watch. They collected 750 of trash. Mayor also announced she had attended last week's EDA meeting and encouraged all members of Council to attend the Boards and Commissions meetings. Mayor also participated at Woodlawn School recognizing and supporting the students for competing their 100th day.

Councilor Zevgolis: also thanked Mr. Reidmiller for the parks tour he provided and clarified his remarks he had made at the February 7th work session with regards to the Planning Commission.

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:18 Council then returned back their Closed Meeting.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 10:42 p.m. and responded to the question Certification 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:

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

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Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

ADJOURN

At 10:42 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Meeting Adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk