



CITY OF HOPEWELL  
Hopewell, Virginia 23860

# AGENDA

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## CITY COUNCIL

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Mark A. Haley, City Manager  
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Ross A. Kearney, III, City Clerk

**Date:** April 12, 2016

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TIME:** Closed Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**6:00 p.m.**

### OPEN MEETING

Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

**Motion: To Amend/Approve Agenda**

**MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED MEETING FOR: (I) DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC APPOINTEES OF CITY COUNCIL (BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, HOPEWELL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND CITY CLERK); (II) DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, WHERE DISCUSSION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BARGAINING POSITION OR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OF CITY COUNCIL; (III) CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SPECIFIC LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVICE BY SUCH COUNSEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (3) & (7), RESPECTIVELY.**

Roll Call

### 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.**

Roll Call

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**7:30 p.m.** Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors.

Prayer by Chaplain Danny Tucker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by Council and will be approved or received by one motion in the form listed. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion under the Regular Agenda at the request of any Council Member.

- C-1** **Minutes:** January 2015 – April 2015 Minutes
- C-2** **Pending List:** Updated Pending List
- C-3** **Information for Council Review:** NEW TBR & TBR Advertisement; April 26, 2016 - Wear Ties for the James House Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month & Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- C-4** **Personnel Change Report/Financial Report:** HR Report & Financial Report
- C-5** **Public Hearing Announcement:** April 26, 2016 – Public Hearing - Proposed Real Property Tax Increase
- C-6** **Routine Approval of Work Sessions:** March 28<sup>th</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Budget Work Sessions.
- C-7** **Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:** NONE
- C-8** **Routine Grant Approval:** NONE
- C-9** **Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentation:** Proclamation in Honor of Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week- HPD Chief; Child Abuse Prevention Month – Ray Spicer.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*(Addressing Council (See Minute Book 26, Page 211, dated March 27, 2001.) – Each person addressing the Council shall step to the microphone, give name and address and limit comments to **three (3) minutes** or less. No person shall be permitted to address Council a second time until all others have been heard once and no one shall speak more than twice on any subject in any one meeting. All remarks shall be addressed to Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person other than the Council and the person having the floor shall enter into any discussion either directly or through a member of the Council without permission of the Mayor. No question shall be asked a Council member (including Administration) except through the presiding officer*

PH-1 **Public Hearing** - A request to amend the City Code, Chapter 34, Tax Abatement for Rehabilitation/Renovated or Replacement Structures, Section 34-180 (h) Procedures for qualifying; general provisions. The amendment, if approved, would allow rehabilitated or renovated property to utilize public grant funds and be eligible for tax abatement.

PH-2 **Public Hearing** - Proposed FY 2016/2017 City Budget.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

*Communications from Citizens – A Communications from Citizens period, limited in total time to 30 minutes, shall be part of the Order of Business at each regular Council meeting. **Each speaker** will be limited to **three (3) minutes**. No citizen will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular agenda of the meeting at which the speaker is to make remarks. (See Minute Book 26, Page 33, and dated March 26, 2002.) Any other person desiring to make a comment who is recognized by the chair.*

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **Reports of City Manager**

- R-1. **Regular Business:** - Healthcare Rates for Employees and Retirees Update
- R-2. **Regular Business:** - Hopewell Downtown Partnership Presentation – Continued Funding Presentation
- R-3. **Regular Business:** - Approve Funding from the Youth Initiative Line Item to help Co-Sponsor the ImPower Youth Conference

**Issue:** To consider using the funds from the Youth Initiative line item to Co-Sponsor the ImPower Youth Conference. These monies will be used for Supplies and Lunch for the Attendees. The ImPower Youth Conference is listed as a 100th Anniversary event.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE IMPOWER YOUTH CONFERENCE AND TO ALLOCATE \$5,000.00 FROM THE YOUTH INITIATIVE LINE ITEM TO HELP WITH PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND LUNCH FOR THE ATTENDEES.**

#### **Roll Call**

- R-4. **Regular Business:** - Discuss and Recommend changing monument size restrictions in the Appomattox Cemetery, and establish financial penalties for companies that violate established size restrictions.

R-5. **Regular Business:** - Budget Resolution to amend Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approving a resolution to appropriate additional \$15,000 for court-appointed attorney fees.

**MOTION: TO APPROPRIATE \$15,000.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEES.**

**Roll Call**

**Reports of the City Attorney**

**Reports of the City Clerk:**

Committee Appointments & Interviews

HRHA- Interviews

Board of Equalization

JTCC

(4) – Reappointments

(2) – Reappointments

**Reports of City Council:**

**Committees -**

**Individual Requests –**

**Any Other Councilor -**

**CITIZENS/COUNCILOR REQUESTS**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: resolve to adjourn the Regular Meeting

Action: consensus