

**October 28, 2014
Work Session**

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD OCTOBER 28, 2014

A Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Roosevelt Edwards, Jr., Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
David C. Fratarcangelo, City Attorney
Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk

ABSENT: Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bujakowski opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Bujakowski	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	ABSENT
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	ABSENT (Arrived at 6:43 p.m.)
Councilor Edwards	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	ABSENT (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.)
Councilor Shornak	-	present

WORK SESSION-1 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

David Fratarcangelo, City Attorney, advised City Council that the December Agenda Packet would be quite large due to the number of portions of the Virginia State Code requiring the City Code to be amended. The Legal Department will be coordinating with the City Departments to make the changes.

City Council requested the numerous amendments be bulleted for clarity.

Mr. Fratarcangelo advised Council on Friday the Judge ordered the properties at 600 East Broadway and Hill Crest Apartments could now be demolished.

WORK SESSION-2 UPDATE ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 7 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), SECTION 7-4-3 (WATER FACILITIES) OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL

Mark A. Haley, City Manager, said protecting citizens by prohibiting wells in a potential area of contamination is the purpose of this ordinance. Johnnie Butler, City Engineer, lead the discussion with George Verghese, Environmental Specialist, and Tim Jones, Environment Manager from the Hopewell Health Department. Bacterial testing of wells within the City has been ongoing and will continue to be monitored due to contamination from chemicals used decades ago in dry cleaning facilities. Of the seven known wells in the City most of them are used for irrigation purposes. Since 1991, permits for wells have

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been a requirement. The permitting of wells has made it easier for the Health Department to monitor and track potential areas of concern. If a well is potentially affected due to contamination, the Health Department would notify the owner.

WORK SESSION-3 OPTIONS FOR THE ESTIMATED STORMWATER UTILITY EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU) RATE

Ben Leach, Stormwater Engineer, presented “City of Hopewell’s Stormwater Program – Stormwater Utility: Cost Coverage Effectiveness Analysis” in a power point (copy on file in the City Clerk’s office). The analysis covered five levels of service. The cost for the various levels range from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per month per household. Conditional discounts for citizens would include economic hardships, residents’ use of rain barrels and rain gardens. One of the driving factors of the mandate is the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). By 2025 the Chesapeake Bay mandate requires a full implemented TMDL action plan. By 2017 the City must achieve at least a sixty percent reduction of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment compared to known 2009 measurements.

Council asked when educating the public to let them know it is mandated and unfunded, which puts full responsibility on the City of Hopewell and its citizens. Prior to sending a brochure to residents, Council requested a copy of the brochure to be sent to them for review.

WORK SESSION-4 SCHOOL BOARD-RECREATION DEPARTMENT-FOOTBALL FIELD CONCEPT

Dr. John Fahey, School Superintendent, presented “Back Our Track – Concept for Consideration” in a power point (on file in the City Clerk’s office). Hopewell High School had a track previously which is now is disrepair. The area the former track occupied is an ideal location to consider for a new track and the football field would be inside of the track.

Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, and Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Recreation and Parks presented “Athletic Fields: Sports Turf Options” in a power point (on file in the City Clerk’s office). The two types of turf discussed were natural turf and field turf (synthetic). The benefits, problems, maintenance, and costs of the two types of turf were compared. Options were offered for immediate action, which would be to add natural turf to practice space for the youth (recreational program participants). Near future action would create a significant investment to improve a field for both youth and the high school. A long-term plan would include multiple synthetic turf fields to draw athletic tournaments and boost sport tourism in Hopewell. Several locations were presented to improve current fields and to add practice fields. Merner Field is an area to consider for improvements. Hopewell High School is an area for improvements and additional practice fields. Patrick Copeland Elementary School is an area to add additional practice fields. The Atwater Soccer Complex is an area to add fields and make improvements. Additional expenses to consider when improving and adding practice fields are fencing, drainage, lighting, restrooms and bleachers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m. **motion** was made by Councilor Walton, seconded by Councilor Shornak and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor

Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk