

**May 2, 2017
Special Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL .HELD MAY 2, 2017

A Special Meeting and Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, May 2, 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
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:33 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

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made at 6:36 p.m. by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to go into Closed Meeting for (I) discussion of performance of specific appointees of city council, city manager, city attorney, boards, commissions, and committees), and public officers (city councilors); and (II) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council 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:

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

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

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Council convened into Open Session at 7:30 p.m. and 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:

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

WORK SESSION

Mayor Shornak opened the work session at 7:30 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

Mark Haley, City Manager, Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, and Lance Wolff, Interim Finance Director, presented the City Manager's proposed budget to council for review and discussion. Mayor Shornak closed the work session at 8:19 p.m.

At 8:20 pm, Councilor Pelham moved to go into the special meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. 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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PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sylvia Tucker, Director of John Randolph Medical Center Pastoral Care, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Councilor Denton.

A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Holloway, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the consent agenda: Public Hearing Announcement: May 9, 2017, request to vacate portion of Plant Street; request to amend Zoning Ordinance regarding freestanding signs, and to define micro-cidery, micro-distillery, micro-winery, wine bar and winery/restaurant. Additional Announcement: May 9, 2 and city manager's recommendations for CIP; May 23, 2016 – adoption of FY2018 city budget, on second reading. Presentation by James Sanderson of Davenport & Company. 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

Public Hearings

PH-1 A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the proposed FY2018 budget. There were no speakers, so the public hearing was closed at 9:06pm. Councilor Denton moved to approve the fiscal year 2018 city budget on the first of two readings. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bailey. Discussion ensued. An amendment motion was made by Councilor Pelham to continue using last year's budget until the 2015 CAFR was completed. That motion failed for lack of a second. Councilor Pelham stated that she would not vote for a budget until the 2015 CAFR was completed. She also stated that she wanted the city to continue paying the health insurance for the retirees' spouses. Councilor Pelham further stated that she had concerns about the Sands Anderson portion of the budget. She asked that all of her concerns be made a part of the record. Councilor Gore stated that she would not be voting for the budget because she had issues regarding the compensation study, which results were not in, issues with the retirees' insurance being discontinued, questions about the line item issues and possible errors. Councilor Zevgolis stated that he too had concerns about the budget, and believed that council could not vote on the budget at

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a special meeting. Mayor Shornak and Councilor Denton both stated they wanted to move forward with the budget proposed by the City Manager.

A substitute motion was made by Councilor Pelham and seconded by Mayor Shornak to postpone approval of the budget until the next council meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Mayor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement because her daughter is a city employee.

PH-2 A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the proposed FY2018 school budget. There were no speakers, so the public hearing was closed at 9:49 pm. Councilor Holloway moved to adopt the fiscal year 2018 school budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. 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

Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement because she works for the school system.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

SB-1 Approve Grant Funding Appropriation – The city manager presented the Emergency Management Office of Fire & Rescue’s request for appropriation of \$50,200 in grant funds for Foam Operations and Rescue Task Force protection equipment and supplies. This grant was received from the State Homeland Security Grant Program process. There is no match required for this grant. Councilor Zevgolis moved to appropriate \$50,200 to Hopewell Fire & Rescue for the spending down of grant funds. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement.

SB-1 Approval of Tax Rate for 2018 – The assistant city manager presented the City Manager’s proposed tax increase for FY 2018. There were several rates proposed which included a 4 cent increase, a 2 cent increase, and no increase. Vice Mayor Gore made a motion to not increase real estate taxes, and for the tax rate to remain at \$1.13. 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

Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement.

ADJOURN

At 10:10 p.m., motion was made by Vice Mayor Gore, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to adjourn. 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

/s/ Jackie M. Shornak
Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

/s/ Ronnieye L. Arrington
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk