

July 11, 2017
Regular Meeting

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2017

A meeting and work session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, July 11, 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

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk

ABSENT Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	absent (arrived at 6:32pm)
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	absent

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made at 6:32 p.m. by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey to adopt the agenda without revision. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made at 6:33 p.m. by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to go into Closed Meeting for (1) discussion of appointment or performance of specific appointees of city council (city manager, city clerk, board of architectural review); (2) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation (The Beacon, EEOC), where such

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consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of City Council; and (3) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related thereto and regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, in accordance with Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7) (two items), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 7:43 p.m. and announced that it would not be coming out of closed session, but rather would return to it at the end of the regular meeting.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Shornak opened the work session at 7:44 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	-	absent

Ed Watson, Director of Public Works, Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Tevya Griffin, Director of Planning, presented their proposal for fee increases and decreases for their departments, including trash collection fees, construction and demolition waste fees, leaf collection, (it was recommended that trash collection and stormwater fees be billed through the property tax collection billing process), park fees, planning and zoning fees, to council for review and discussion. After discussion, Councilor Zevgolis requested that the fee changes be brought back in a public hearing. Mayor Shornak closed the work session at 8:33 p.m.

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

Prayer by Chaplain Michael Wyche 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.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Holloway to approve the consent agenda: Pending list updated July 7, 2017, Personnel Report, Public Hearing Announcement: August 8, 2017, conditional use permits for carport; driving school in Downtown Hopewell, and meadery; transfer of property; September 12, 2017, trash, sewer, wastewater collection; and Information for Council Review: Hopewell School Board calendar; School Board agenda for July 13, 2017. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 Community Development Block Grant update and appropriation request. A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the proposed appropriation of \$170,044, including the \$162,676 allocated by HUD for FY2018 from the CDBG Program, and the re-appropriation of \$7,368 from cancelled projects FY2018 budget, and to authorize the city manager to submit the Third Year Annual Action Plan per HUD. There were no speakers, so the public hearing was closed at 8:38 p.m. Vice Mayor Gore moved to appropriate the \$170,044 and to authorize the city manager to submit the Third Year annual action Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Johnny Partin of Ward 3 announced that he was collecting donations and supplies for middle school teachers. Charles Dane announced that the TV show Homeland will be filming in Richmond, and have indicated that they will also film some scenes in Hopewell. Mr. Dane also announced that they were in negotiations with another movie planning

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Approve Grant Funding Appropriation – The city manager presented the Hopewell Fire & Rescue’s request for appropriation of \$22,500 in grant funds from John Randolph Foundation for the purchase of two LUCAS™ chest compression devices. The total cost of the devices is \$30,000 and Fire & Rescue will pay the remaining \$7,500. Councilor Denton moved to appropriate \$22,500 to Hopewell Fire & Rescue for the purchase of the LUVAS™ devices. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

R-2 Presentation on Classification and Compensation Study – John Anzivino of Springsted Incorporated presented on Springsted’s findings with the class and comp study. He highlighted the City’s deficient areas where employees were making below the minimum. There were three option presented to the city for adoption (see attached). Councilor Denton moved to adopt the study, which motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. Upon discussion, no vote followed this motion.

Councilor Luman-Bailey made a motion to amend the above motion to adopt Option 1 of the study. This motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Councilor Luman-Bailey then made the motion to adopt Option 1 of the class and comp study. Before the vote, Councilor-Luman Bailey amended her motion to adopt Option 1 of the class and comp study, effective July 1, 2017. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	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.

Councilors Zevgolis and Gore requested that Springsted return for a work session.

R-3 A & B - Sewer Service Rate - Jeanie Grandstaff, Director of Hopewell Water Renewal and James Sanderson of Davenport & Company present to council regarding the need to adjust the current residential and commercial sewer rates by 5% to ensure that operational reserve fund remains secure, and to provide for the increased operation expenses resulting from the completion of the Phase 2 Nitrogen Reduction project. Ms. Grandstaff further requested that council repeal Sec. 31-11.1 of Article I, Chapter 31 of the Hopewell City Code as it was no longer accurate or necessary. Councilor-Luman Bailey made a motion to approve the 5% increase and repeal Sec. 31-11.1 of the Hopewell City Code. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

R-4 Repeal and replace Chapter 2A of the City Code – Mark Haley, City Manager presented the proposed change to the Chapter 2A of the City Code, which is to repeal the current chapter and replace it with a proposed ordinance which incorporates the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Councilor Zevgolis moved to repeal and replace Chapter 2A, which motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

R-5 Approval of Hopewell Water Renewal Fund 32 Capital Project Budget Amendment – Mr. Haley and Ms. Grandstaff presented on the need to amend the FY17 budget to add a capital project and increase the total funding and appropriations by \$622,400. Councilor Denton moved and Councilor Luman-Bailey seconded the motion granting the appropriation. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Extend Meeting – Mayor Shornak noted that it was already at 10:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to extend the meeting past the 10:30 p.m. deadline. Vice Mayor Gore made the motion, which was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Individual Reports of Council

Vice Mayor Gore asked that both the Website and Legislative Committees set meetings in the near future.

Luman-Bailey remarked that she had attended the Crater Regional meeting on June 22, 2017. She also advised that she and Mr. Haley had attended the ribbon cutting of the nitrogen project.

Vice Mayor Gore asked Assistant Manager Charlie Dane about the status of the \$2.5 million that was requested but never borrowed. Mr. Dane said that he would have the information regarding those funds prior to the net council meeting. Vice Mayor Gore then asked about the budget resolution and how would the errors on that be addressed. Mr. Dane responded that the correct information would be provided to council in the next month or so when the city issued updated financials.

Mayor Shornak commented to recreation and parks on the great job they had done on the July 1, 2017 fireworks. She mentioned that she had attended the groundbreaking for the new police building. Mayor Shornak also said that she had been asked by Rev. C.W. Harris' son to attend the Reverend's 93rd birthday celebration. She also attended the Ft Lee Centennial race with Mr. Dane. She extended a special thank you to Herbert Bragg, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for his assistance. The Mayor said that she, Councilors Luman-Bailey and Denton, along with Mr. Haley attended the July 10, 2017 Ft. Lee reception. Mayor Shornak ended by acknowledging that Lacharese Aird had attended tonight's meeting.

CCR – Councilor Luman-Bailey gave a report on spot blight and how the city is looking at different methods to deal with it.

Mayor Shornak closed the regular meeting at 10:33 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

At 10:37 p.m. Council went back into Closed Meeting for (1) discussion of appointment or performance of specific appointees of city council (city manager, city clerk, board of architectural review); (2) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation (The Beacon, EEOC), where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of City Council; and (3) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related thereto and regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, in accordance with Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7) (two items), respectively.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened back into Open Session at 11:35 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
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolits	-	no

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Vice Mayor Gore - yes

ADJOURN

At 11:35 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn. Council unanimously agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

/s/ Jackie M. Shornak

Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

/s/ Ronnieye L. Arrington

Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk