

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 6:14 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Jackie Shornak, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor (arrived 6:28 p.m.)
Janice B. Denton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Stefan M. Calos of Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk
Frazelle Hampton, Assistant City Clerk

ABSENT: Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

CLOSED MEETING

At 6:15 p.m., Councilor Denton moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of specific appointees of city council (City Attorney) and (2) 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 § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (8), respectively. The 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	-	absent (arrived 6:19 p.m.)
Councilor Zevgolis	-	absent (arrived 6:28 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Gore	-	absent (arrived 6:19 p.m.)

Motion passed 4-0

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RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into open meeting 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

Council agreed 7-0

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Pelham made a motion to adopt the agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. 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

Motion passed 7-0

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call, the result of which was:

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

Mayor Shornak called the meeting to order, and thanked all for attending. The prayer was led by Rev. Leroy Mashore of the John Randolph Pastoral Care, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Councilor Denton.

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 Councilor.

- C-1 Minutes:** September 25, 2018
- C-2 Pending List:**
- C-3 Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4 Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:** Finance Report attached
- C-5 Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:**
- C-6 Routine Grant Approval:** Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks and Recreation - \$20,000 Grant from Virginia Department of Health for Thrive 450 Unit
- C-7 Public Hearing Announcement:**
- C-8 Information for Council Review:** ARB minutes: 4/23/18, 6/25/18, 7/23/18, 8/27/18
- C-9 Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:**
- C-10 Additional Announcements:** Awards: Go Green; Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)

Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks and Recreation provided information regarding the Virginia Department of Health for Woodlawn Park. Mr. Altman announced that the City was recognized at VML for attaining platinum in the Go Green effort, as well as the HEAL Alliance. Aaron Reidmiller. Councilor Pelham requested that Councilor Luman-Bailey speak regarding the Go Green effort, which she did. Vice Mayor Gore spoke about the Heal Alliance. Councilor Denton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Pelham. 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

Motion passed 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Shornak asked if any citizen wished to speak, but no one came forward.

REGULAR BUSINESS

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Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Designation of Fall Clean-Up Week – Director of Development Tevya Griffin came before Council requesting that Council approve and designate the week of Saturday, October 20, 2018 to Saturday, October 27, 2018 as Fall Clean-Up Week. After discussion, Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to approve the designation of Fall Clean-Up week. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. 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

Motion passed 7-0

R-2 Change Order to Expand and Modify the Design of the New Fire Station – March Altman presented information to Council regarding the need to make modifications to the design of the new fire station. Donnie Hunter, the Fire Chief, came forward to answer Council’s questions regarding the project. Vice Mayor Gore requested a copy of the RFP for the Fire Station. After additional discussion, Councilor Denton made a motion to approve the modification of the design of the new fire station, and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Change Ordering the amount of \$190,000 with RRMM architects. Councilor Holloway seconded the motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

Mayor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement stating that her daughter works for the City of Hopewell.

Councilor Zevgolis made a motion to amend the order of the agenda to allow Mayor Shornak’s CCR to be heard ahead of the Report of the City Attorney, which motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. 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 Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes

Motion passed 7-0

CCR-1 - Shornak – Waiver for Veterans on Personal Property Tax – Mayor Shornak spoke about relieving the personal property tax for our veterans. She said she had looked at other municipality websites to see what they were doing, and was very interested in something like that being done for the City. Vice Mayor Gore echoed the sentiment and noted that she, too, had contacted Administration about bringing such an initiative to the City. Council discussed this idea and agreed that it be put on the October 23, 2018 agenda for further discussion.

Reports of City Attorney – Mr. Calos discussed the revisions to Council’s Rules.

- Rules 105 and 209 - Councilor Pelham moved to approve Rules 105 and 209 as revised, which motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. 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

Motion passed 7-0

- Rule 201 - Councilor Pelham moved to approve Rules 201 regarding the seating arrangement of Council with changes recommended by the City Attorney. 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

Motion passed 7-0

- Rule 202 and 406 – Vice Mayor Gore moved to remove the current Council Rule 202 and replace it with “Councilor Pelham moved to approve Rules 201 regarding the seating arrangement of Council with changes recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes

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Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes

Motion passed 7-0

- Vice Mayor Gore moved to remove the current Council Rule 202 and replace it with “Councilors and others are addressed or referred to as Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Madam, and/or by title. For example, "Madam Mayor," "Vice Mayor Jones," "Councilor Smith," "Mr. Williams," or "the City Manager." She also moved that Rule 406 read, “Any person who makes personal, impertinent, abusive, or slanderous statements, or incites disorderly conduct in the council chamber may be reprimanded by the presiding officer, and removed from the meeting upon a majority vote of councilors present, excluding any councilor who is the subject of the motion.” Mayor Shornak seconded the motion. 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

Motion passed 7-0

Reports of City Clerk – Nothing to report.

Reports of City Council.

Individual Councilors

- Gore – Noted that the Website Committee was currently making revisions to the website and would be launching 2.0.
- Luman-Bailey – Virginia Gateway met last Thursday at 7:30 p.m. She said the region is getting new projects. Our website is being awarded for being the best in the Region.
- Zevgolis – The Legislative Committee will meet October 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. He will be attending the Crater Meeting on that same day at 6:00 pm. He toured Hampton Academies. He provided information about the Hampton Academies to all of Council.
- Gore – Spoke about the City being awarded the Local Food Local Places. She also mentioned that she had been invited to the White House through the NLC. She encouraged all members of Council to get involved. She also spoke to the City Manager regarding the shootings in Hopewell and reiterated her request for additional information.

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- Luman-Bailey – Stated that she would be having a ward meeting October 16, 2018

Citizen Councilor Requests

ADJOURN

At 9:30 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore to adjourn. All council responded “aye” to the question.

/s/ Jackie Shornak
Jackie Shornak, Mayor

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