

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 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 (arrived at 7:58 pm)

John M. Altman, City Manager
Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager
Stefan M. Calos of Sands Anderson, City Attorney
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:30 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 (arrived at 7:58 pm)

CLOSED MEETING

At 6:31 p.m. Councilor Denton moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment (city attorney); (2) discussion of appointment and performance of specific appointees of city council, (CPMT); (3) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of city council (CSA, Green Plains, imminent domain) and (4) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related thereto and regarding specific legal matters (human resources and social media policies) requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) [two items], (7), and (8), respectively. Vice Mayor Gore seconded the motion. 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

Motion passed 6-0

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RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 7:37 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 Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes

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. Prayer was led by Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Councilor Holloway.

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

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

Motion passed 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Gore discussed the Prescription Savings Club information from NLC. She requested a new stock of the brochures and cards, which have been received. The new stock is in English and Spanish. Vice Mayor Gore spoke about how the last report she reviewed showed that some citizens of Hopewell were still using the original cards, which was good. The Vice Mayor also said that the cards could be used for prescription savings for pets. She advised Mr. Bragg that the stock was in the Clerk's office and would be given to him to distribute. The Vice Mayor also asked if the information could be shared with the John Randolph Foundation and anyone else that could benefit.

Councilor Denton moved to approve the below Consent Agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. During discussion, Councilor Luman-Bailey expressed her disappointment that the public meeting for the Comp plan was being held March 12 when she and other members of Council would be at NLC. Mr. Altman explained that there would be a public hearing with Council on March 27th. Councilor Luman-Bailey said that the public meeting was a better setting to get feedback from the public because it was less formal.

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C-1	<u>Minutes:</u>
C-2	<u>Pending List:</u>
C-3	<u>Routine Approval of Work Sessions:</u> March 27, 2018 – Work session with Springsted on Compensation Study and Plan, and HPD recruitment and retention
C-4	<u>Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:</u> Personnel report
C-5	<u>Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:</u>
C-6	<u>Routine Grant Approval:</u>
C-7	<u>Public Hearing Announcement:</u> March 27, 2018 – Joint Public Hearing – Planning Commission and City Council regarding Comp Plan
C-8	<u>Information for Council Review:</u> November 2017 – Minutes from HRHA and EDA
C-9	<u>Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:</u> NLC Prescription Savings Club – Vice Mayor Gore
C-10	<u>Additional Announcements:</u> March 12, 2018 - Public meeting regarding Comp Plan – held at HMA at 6:00 pm

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 4-2

Vice Mayor Gore was ill and left the meeting after this vote.

Public Hearings

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Fire Department appropriation of \$1,456.73 from donations – The Fire Department requested the appropriation of four donations received from various sources totaling \$1,456.73. Councilor Luman-Bailey said she found this and R-2 to be unusual requests since they were donations. Mr. Altman remarked that he wasn't sure why it was required but that Council had to approve the appropriation so that the Fire Department could use the donated funds. Councilor Denton moved to approve the appropriation of \$1,456.73 in donations to the Hopewell Fire Department to be used towards small equipment (e.g. smoke detectors) and other operating expenses. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	Yes

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Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Shornak submitted a Financial Disclosure Form because her daughter is a City employee.

R-2 Sheriff's Office appropriation of \$1,000 from a donation – The Sheriff received a donation of \$1,000 which needed to be appropriated. Councilor Luman-Bailey stated that she thought it was odd that Council had to approve a donation to a Constitutional office. Mr. Altman said it was because the Sheriff's money went through the City budget. Councilor Luman-Bailey requested that staff research the need for Council to approve donations, which Mr. Altman said he would do. Councilor Zevgolis moved to approve the appropriation of the \$1,000 donated to the Hopewell Sheriff's office to be used towards equipment and other operating expenses. Councilor Luman-Bailey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

R-3 Approval of issuance of \$9,203.04 BPOL refund to Columbia/HCA John Randolph – Mr. Altman advised Council that the Treasurer's Office was seeking to issue a refund to Columbia/HCA John Randolph for overpayment of taxes. Pursuant to Code, any refund of more than \$2,500 has to be approved by Council. Councilor Denton moved to approve issuance of a \$9,203.04 BPOL refund to Columbia/HCA John Randolph. Councilor Zevgolis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. 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 5-0

Reports of City Attorney – there was nothing to report.

Reports of City Clerk – nothing to report.

Reports of City Council –

- Shornak – Attended Crater Workforce meeting. The Workforce has been revamped and, hopefully, soon will be presenting to Council all of the improvements. Attended Virginia Gateway Annual Meeting, which was also attended by Councilors Luman-Bailey and Zevgolis. Attended Joint Meeting with School Board on March 1 (noted that she loved the food). Read a book for Dr. Seuss' birthday.
- Pelham – announced that the Lady Blue Devils had won their basketball game and were headed to the State Championship playoffs. She stated that they won by 40 points, and that this was the first time Hopewell had been to the playoffs since the 70's. She said she was very proud of her daughter, who was coaching this team to victory; and her granddaughters

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who were playing on the victorious team.

Individual Councilors - IC-1 Vice Mayor Gore requested that Stefan Calos of Sands Anderson, City Attorney, speak on her behalf. Mr. Calos said that the Vice Mayor was requesting that a work session be set to discuss the boards, committees and authorities. Mr. Calos noted some of the inconsistencies in the board, and asked Council to agree to set up a work session. Councilor Denton said she was all for the work session, but would prefer to wait until after all of the budget stuff is done. Councilor Zevgolis said that he supported the work session, and said that even though the budget is a priority, Council should be able to slide this work session in. He said that they should also address Council Rules & Procedures as well as the Travel Policy. Mayor Shornak agreed. She asked Council if they were all in agreement, as well. They all verbally agreed and Mayor Shornak said she didn't think a vote was necessary. Mr. Calos advised that it was necessary just to be sure there was a record of the agreement of Council regarding the work session.

ADJOURN

At 8:03pm, motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Pelham to adjourn. All Council responded aye to the question. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Jackie Shornak, Mayor

Ronniece L. Arrington, City Clerk