

**April 24, 2018  
Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 24, 2018**

A meeting of Hopewell City Council, was held Tuesday, April 24, 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  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor  
Janice Denton, Councilor  
Anthony Zevgolis, Councilor  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor  
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor

John Altman, City Manager  
Stefan Calos, City Attorney  
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk  
Frazelle Hampton, Assistant City Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	absent (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

**CLOSED MEETING**

At 6:37 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Pelham to go into Closed Meeting for (1) discussion, consideration, and interviews of prospective candidates for employment (city attorney); (2) discussion of performance of specific employee of council (city clerk); (3) discussion of appointment of specific appointees of city council (HRHA, CVWMA); (4) discussion of performance of specific appointees of city council (EDA); (5) discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of city council (water renewal, cemetery, storm water); and (6) 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) [four items], (3), and (8), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	absent (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

**Motion passed 6-0**

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	not on dais

**AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis to adopt the agenda. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. Councilor Luman-Bailey then made a motion to amend the agenda and to move Architectural Review Board (R-2) presentation to before Public Hearings. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

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

Mayor Shornak called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m., and thanked all for attending. The 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 Denton.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gore to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey.

- C-1 Minutes:**
- C-2 Pending List:**
- C-3 Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4 Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:**
- C-5 Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:**
- C-6 Routine Grant Approval:**

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- C-7 Public Hearing Announcement:** Budget: May 22, 2018
- C-8 Information for Council Review:** Minutes: ARLS April 2018; Electoral Board – 3-28-18, 4-12-18; Certification of Special Meeting 4-23-18; Hopewell Water Renewal 1-16-18
- C-9 Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:** Proclamations: Police Week; Kids to Parks Day
- C-10 Additional Announcements:** Award from James River Associates

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**R-2 Architectural Review Board Presentation-** Tevya Griffin, Director, Department of Development introduced Ms. Mary Calos, Chairperson for the Architectural Review Board. Ms. Calos thanked council for allowing the board to serve and introduced the other members of the board. The other members included Ms. Rita Joyner, ARB Vice-Chair, Ms. Edith Holsopple, Ms. Kathleen Vincent and Mr. Joseph Bailey, who were all in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Calos also thanked Chris Ward, City Planner for his graphic designs. Ms. Calos introduced Ms. Rita Joyner and Ms. Edith Holsopple. Ms. Joyner and Ms. Holsopple presented and provided updates on the homes undergoing preservation in the historic City Point district. The ARB board approved six (6) applications for certificates of appropriateness, and a grant was awarded to provide cedar trees along historic cedar lane by the Cameron Foundation. VDOT awarded a grant to make improvements to Prince Henry Lane. Ms. Joyner and Ms. Holsopple discussed the updates made to each of the homes awarded the certificates of appropriateness. Mayor Shornak asked to have the ARB presentation added to the city website. No action required of Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1** The public hearing for the Condemnation Proceedings for 710 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street opened at 8:41 p.m. John Altman, City Manager and Jeanie Grandstaff with Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, presented and was available to answer questions. There were no request received from the public to speak on this issue. The public hearing closed at 8:42pm.

Councilor Brenda Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement form that states that she works near this land and is a Hopewell Public School employee.

Councilor Pelham moved to adopt a resolution to acquire by condemnation approximately 2,757 square feet, or 0.063 acres, on property owned by Hopewell Property, LLC and HW Industrial LLC located at 710 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, to be used as a 30-foot permanent easement, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes

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Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	yes

**Motion passed 7-0**

**PH-2** The public hearing for the Hopewell 2028 Draft Comprehensive Plan opened at 8:43 p.m. We received three request from citizens to speak on this issue. Ms. Rita Joyner, citizen of Ward 1, spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brandon Butterworth, citizen of Ward 3, spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Plan. Katherine Padlewski, citizen of Ward 1, was the last public speaker and she was not in favor of the Comprehensive Plan. The Public hearing closed at 8:44 p.m. Councilor Pelham made a motion to approve and adopt the 2028 Draft Comprehensive Plan as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolts.

A substitute motion was made by Councilor Luman-Bailey to approve the 2028 Comprehensive Plan but to remove Woodlawn School from the plan but add option for the area of the map to remain residential and or commercial. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Gore to approve the 2028 Comprehensive Plan with the amendments with the exception of the Woodlawn school, and to allow Councilor Luman-Bailey to work with the Planning Commission and come back to Council with options. The motion failed for lack of a second. Councilor Pelham requested a call for the question. Upon the roll call the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-1**

The substitute motion made by Councilor Luman-Bailey to approve the 2028 Draft Comprehensive Plan but to remove Woodlawn School from the plan but add option for the Area 3 of the map to remain residential and or commercial, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore was voted on. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion failed 5-2**

The original motion made by Councilor Pelham to approve and adopt the 2028 Draft Comprehensive Plan as amended, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolts was voted on. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

**PH-3** The public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the Amendment to Article XV-A, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Overlay District, and opened at 9:00 p.m. There was no request from the public to speak on this topic. The public hearing closed at 9:01 p.m. Councilor Denton made a motion to approve the amendment to Article XV-A, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Overlay District. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**PH-4** The public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the Amendment to Article XVI, Site Plan Regulations, and opened at 9:03 p.m. There was no request from the public to speak on this topic. The Public hearing closed at 9:04 p.m. Councilor Pelham made a motion to approve the Amendment to Article XVI, Site Plan Regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:**

There was no request from citizens to communicate with Council.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Reports of City Manager:**

**R-1 Approval of 2018 Tax Rate-** John Altman, City Manager, presented and reviewed the tax rate to Council. He ended the presentation fielding questions of Council.

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Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement form that states that she works for Hopewell City Public Schools. Mayor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement form that states her daughter is a City of Hopewell employee.

Councilor Denton made a motion to approve and adopt a tax at the rate of \$1.13 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on real estate; a tax at the rate of \$3.05 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on machinery and tools; a tax at the rate of \$0.10 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on one (1) motor vehicle used in the performance of his/her duties as a bona fide member of the Hopewell Emergency Crew; a tax at the rate of \$3.50 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on tangible personal property, except that real and tangible personal property of Public Service Corporations shall be taxed in accordance with Chapter 26, Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	not on dais
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

**Motion passed 7-0 (Per Council Rule 105)**

**R-3 Grant from Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)-** John Altman, City Manager, presented and reviewed the grant awarded to the City. He ended his presentation fielding questions from Council. Councilor Luman-Bailey made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Hopewell and the Virginia DHR to approve and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$10,250. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**Reports of City Attorney:** - City Attorney did not have any reports.

**Reports of City Clerk:** - City Clerk did not have any reports.

**Reports of City Council:** - City Council did not have any reports.

**Committees-**

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Youth Services Commission (YSC) - Vice Mayor Gore provided an updated. She discussed the forum they had on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the initiative to visit schools to promote the Youth Services Commission and the Office on Youth.

**Individual Councilors-**

Vice Mayor Gore- Made a request to City Council to create and Ad-hoc Committee to discuss joining other Virginia Localities to become an ACT Work Ready Community. She would like to form an exploratory committee on how to proceed and report to council recommendations. Vice Mayor Gore made a motion to approve the creation of the City Council Work Ready Community AD-Hoc committee. The motion was properly seconded by Councilor Pelham.

Councilor Zevgolis made a substitute motion to move the creation of the City Council Work Ready Community Ad-Hoc committee be added under regular business at the next council meeting. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Vice Mayor Gore stated per council rules this is where this request would go on the agenda.

An additional substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Gore to meet and discuss, along with Councilor Luman-Bailey, the Work Ready Community project in conjunction with the City Manager and report back to city council the findings. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**Citizen/Councilor Requests**

Councilor Pelham requested for the city attorney to place on the agenda consideration to change rule about abstaining. She requested that one rule, every meeting, under the city attorney section.

Councilor Zevgolis requested for the city manager to provide information to city council on the land acquisition of \$420k; between Round Hope Church and the school board.

**Other Council Communications-**

**MOTION TO EXTEND**

At 10:27 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis to extend the meeting to return to close session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted,

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	no

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Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Council convened into Open Session at 11:30 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:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	not on dais (left at 11:25 p.m.)
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

**Motion passed 5-1**

**ADJOURN**

At 11:38 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. All council responded "aye" to all in favor say "aye". Meeting was adjourned.

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

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