

**June 12, 2018
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 12, 2018

A meeting of Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, June 12, 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
Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager
Stefan Calos, Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk
Frazelle Hampton, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	absent (arrived at 7:21 p.m.)
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

CLOSED MEETING

Vice Mayor Gore made a motion to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment (city attorney); (2) discussion, consideration and interview of specific appointees of city council (CPMT, Water Renewal, EDA, HRHA); (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 (Parcel ID No. 066-0870, McDonald's); and (4) 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) [two items],(7), and (8), respectively. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

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Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	absent (arrived at 7:21 p.m.)
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

Motion passed 6-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council reconvened into open meeting at 8:15 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 Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

AMEND AGENDA

Councilor Denton made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Work Session after the Public Hearings. It was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

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	-	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 at 8:30 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 Zevgolis.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Denton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham.

- C-1 Minutes:**
- C-2 Pending List:** attached
- C-3 Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4 Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:** Implementation Plan Progress Report
- C-5 Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:**
- C-6 Routine Grant Approval:** Recreation and Parks Matching Funds for Woodlawn Park Design and Equipment
- C-7 Public Hearing Announcement:** 6-26-18- CDBG Budget; 7-10-18- HRHA Rezoning; Rezoning of portion of West Broadway; Conditional Use Permit
- C-8 Information for Council Review:** Election Notice: HRHA 5-23-18; Minutes: EDA 4-2-18
- C-9 Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:**
- C-10 Additional Announcements:**

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Article VIII, Planned Developments (PUD) – Tevya Griffin, Director of the Department of Development presented. She provided an update to recommendations provided by the Urban Land Institute. This group was asked to review waterfront property and suggest new policies and ways the city can improve our zoning ordinance and development along the waterfront. Ms. Griffin stated they were given several options, including a mix of uses in the downtown area. She provided the original ordinance, the redlined ordinance, and the ordinance with revisions. She ended her presentation fielding questions from council. The

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Chairman Eliot Eliades and Vice-Chair Brandon Butterworth were also available to answer questions.

Mayor Shornak opened the Public Hearing at 8:26 p.m. Kathleen Padlewski, citizen from Ward 1, addressed council. She requested that the site be kept green. The Public Hearing closed at 8:27 p.m. Councilor Pelham moved to resolve to adopt the proposed amendment to Article VIII, Sections, A, B, C, E, G and H. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

PH-2 Spot Blight– Tevya Griffin, Director of Development, presented information to Council regarding properties that qualified for demolition, rehabilitation, or acquisition through the Spot Blight Ordinance. Mayor Shornak opened the Public Hearing at 8:54 p.m. Kathleen Padlewski, citizen from Ward 1, addressed council on this Public Hearing. She is in favor of the new Spot Blight list and expressed interest in rehabbing the Aladdin home and making it into a tourist site. The Public Hearing closed at 8:55 p.m. Councilor Denton moved to resolve to approve the demolition of certain properties: 2002 Stewart Avenue, 2904 Winston Churchill Drive, 2110 Freeman Street, 2115 Trenton Street, and 2304 Boston Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

Motion passed 7-0

PH-3 School Board Appointment – John Altman, City Manager, presented information regarding nominees or applicants to the school board (Nelson Gregory Cuffey) for one position. Mayor Shornak opened the Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m. Linda Hyslop, citizen from Ward 5, addressed council. She spoke in favor of the current nominee. The Public Hearing closed at 8:59 p.m. Councilor Pelham made a motion to approve Nelson Gregory Cuffey to the Hopewell City School Board beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes

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Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	no
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

Motion passed 6-1

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Steve Romano, citizen from Ward 3, addressed council regarding an item currently on the agenda. Councilor Pelham called a Point of Order and stated that Mr. Romano could not speak about something currently on the agenda.

Councilor Denton made a motion to waive council's rules to allow Steve Romano to address council and speak about an item currently on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Romano expressed his concerns regarding the request for more funds from the Electoral Board registrar. He requested that council deny the request to approve additional funds.

WORK SESSION

WS-1 Request from the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority to rezone property— Tavaris McCoy, Community Revitalization Director, presented. He provided an update to the relocation of the residents in Davisville. He also stated that the proposal meets the comprehensive plan. He ended his presentation fielding questions from Council. Councilor Zevgolis expressed concerns regarding the cost effectiveness of the proposed plan. Mayor Shornak wanted to know the next step in the plan. Mr. McCoy stated it would be to rezone from R-3 to R-4. Vice Mayor Gore wanted clarification between scenario 2 and scenario 3, if there were enough housing available to secure vouchers for the remaining sixty residents, and how would routine checks be conducted. Mr. McCoy stated that they could get Freedman Point to add nine apartments. Steve Benham, Executive Director of HRHA, addressed the concern regarding the routine checks and stated that prior to tenants moving in inspections are done and they also conduct random inspections. Another special work session to discuss the matter is to be scheduled in July.

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REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Fiscal Year 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets- John Altman, City Manager, addressed council regarding the FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. Councilor Luman-Bailey resolve to approve the FY2019 operating and capital budgets. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Vice Mayor Gore made an amended mmotion to approve COLA, Healthcare, Ward Improvement and Efficiency Study. The motion was seconded was Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 6-1

Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement form. She is a current employee of Hopewell Public Schools. Mayor Jackie Shornak submitted a Transaction Disclosure Statement form. Her daughter is a current City of Hopewell employee.

R-2 Community Development Block Grant Update -- Tevya Griffin, Director of Development, presented. The City received \$177,848.00 as its FY2019 Community Development Block Grant allocation. A proposed Community Development Block Grant DBG spending plan has been developed and a public hearing is scheduled for June 26, 2018. No action is required of council at this time.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

A motion to extend the meeting was made by Councilor Pelham. The Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

Motion failed 5-2

ADJOURN

At 10:33 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mayor Shornak. All council responded "aye" to all in favor say "aye". Meeting was adjourned.

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

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