

January 2, 2019
Reorganizational Meeting

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Reorganizational Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Wednesday January 2, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Patience Bennett, Councilor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Debbie Randolph, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Johnny Partin, Councilor
Janice B. Denton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

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

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Councilor Randolph	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Partin	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present
Councilor Bennett	-	present

SPECIAL MEETING

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Denton made a motion to amend the agenda to change the word “appoint” to “choose”. The motion was seconded by Councilor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 6-1

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SB-1 Choose the Mayor, in accordance with Chapter IV, Sec. 4 (a) of the City Charter.

Councilor Denton moved to appoint Johnny Partin as Mayor. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Randolph.

Councilor Pelham moved to accept all nominations for Mayor, close the nominations, and then vote. After all are done make a motion to close nominations and then vote on each name. Upon discussion and query, she clarified her motion state: to take all nominations for Mayor, after all nominations received, then make a motion to close the nominations, and then to vote on each name. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore who also approved the amendment/clarification.

Councilor Denton made a substitute motion to take all nominations, vote on each individually, if no mayor elected, restart the process. Her motion failed for lack of a second.

Council then voted on Councilor Pelham's motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	no
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 6-1

Councilor Pelham nominated Jasmine Gore for mayor. Councilor Denton renewed her motion to nominate Councilor Johnny Partin for Mayor. There were no other nominations. Councilor Pelham moved to close nominations, which motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. There was additional discussion. Councilor Pelham moved to call for the vote and end debate, which motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

Council voted on the motion to close nominations. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

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Council voted on Jasmine Gore for Mayor. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	no
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	no
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	no
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 4-3

Council voted on Johnny Partin for Mayor. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	no
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	no
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Councilor Bennett	-	no

Motion failed 4-3

SB-2 Choose the Vice mayor, in accordance with Chapter IV, Sec. 4 (a) of the City Charter.

Councilor Holloway nominated Councilor Patience Bennett for Vice Mayor. Her motion was seconded by Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	no
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	no
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	no
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 4-3

Councilor Denton nominated Councilor Johnny Partin for Vice Mayor. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Randolph. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	no
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	no
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Councilor Bennett	-	no

Motion failed 4-3

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Mayor Gore and Vice Mayor Bennett were then officially sworn in by Tamara J. Ward, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

SB-3 Establish City Council regular meeting dates for 2019, and dates for special meetings and work session, pursuant to Virginia Code Virginia Code § 15.2-1416. John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager, reviewed the calendar month-by-month. Council agreed to start the closed session at 5:30 p.m. and to start the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilor Denton made a motion to adopt the calendar with flexibility for staff on the agenda process for the January 8, 2019 and the July 9, 2019 meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

SB-4 Adopt Resolution regarding adverse weather or other emergency conditions. Councilor Denton made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

SB-5 Appointments to Standing Committee of Council. Council to submit recommendations to the Mayor. Appointments will be made at the January 8, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURN

At 10:43 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Pelham to adjourn. All council responded "aye" to the question.

/s/ Jasmine Gore
Jasmine Gore, Mayor

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