

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

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

John M. 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

Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

CLOSED MEETING

Councilor Partin moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of the appointment of specific appointees of city council (boards, commissions, authorities, and committees); (2) discussion of specific appointees or employees of city council (city attorney); (3) discussion and consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public, the financial interest of city council would be adversely affected (Cube Smart Storage); (4) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of city council (employment litigation) and (5) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related thereto and regarding specific legal matters (council rules- seating, proclamations) requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) [two items], (6), (7), and (8), respectively. Councilor Randolph seconded the motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

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RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council returned to the dais and announced that they would not be coming out of closed meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Pelham moved to amend the agenda to exclude item R-3 (Request for appropriation of \$10,000 for Riverside Park repairs). Councilor Randolph seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

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

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

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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: December 19, 2018; December 28, 2018
- C-2** Pending List:
- C-3** Routine Approval of Work Sessions: School Security February 12, 2019
- C-4** Personnel Change Report & Financial Report: November and December Personnel
Change reports attached
- C-5** Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:
- C-6** Routine Grant Approval:
- C-7** Public Hearing Announcement: February 26, 2019- Conditional Use Request and Zoning
Ordinance amendments
- C-8** Information for Council Review: Minutes: Planning Commission - July 12, 2018, August 2,
2018, August 16, 2018 & December 6, 2018; Recreation Commission - January 2, 2019;
Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority- October 15, 2018
- C-9** Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations: Cities of Opportunity Grant Presentation by
Mayor Gore
- C-10** Additional Announcements:

Councilor Pelham moved to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety, which motion was seconded by Councilor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	No
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

AMEND AGENDA

Councilor Pelham moved to amend the agenda to move the Unfinished Business items after the Closed Session section on the agenda. Councilor Partin seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the final vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were no communications from citizens.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Request for appropriation of \$19,000 for purchase of Monitor Lifepak 15 Defibrillator – Councilor Denton moved to approve the requested appropriation of \$19,000 from funds in the capital project line per the City Manager, for the Hopewell fire department to purchase a Monitor Lifepak 15 Defibrillator. Vice Mayor Bennett seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

R-2 Request for appropriation of \$150,000 towards purchase of a new ambulance – Councilor Partin moved to approve the appropriation of \$150,000 of funds from the capital fund for purchase of a new ambulance for the Hopewell fire department. Councilor Pelham seconded his motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

R-3 Removed per Council motion

R-4 Recreation Trails Program (Riverwalk Phase II) – Councilor Partin moved to approve the appropriation of \$14,318.80 from FY19 Economic Development salary savings to fund the local match required for the preliminary engineering for the Riverwalk Phase 2 and that these funds be released upon approval of the City Attorney. Councilor Denton seconded his motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No

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Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

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Reports of the City Attorney: Council rules – Stefan Calos of Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney presented Council with several revised rules. By consensus of Council, each Rule was voted on individually:

Rule 203 – Councilor Partin moved to approve the revised Rule 203 as presented here, which motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

Rule 205- Councilor Pelham moved to approve the revised Rule 205 as submitted, which motion Mayor Gore seconded. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Rule 206 – Councilor Pelham moved to approve the revised Rule 206 as is. Councilor Partin seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Rule 207 – Councilor Denton moved to approve the revised Rule 207 as submitted. Councilor Pelham seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Rule 403 – Upon discussion and by consensus, Council requested that rule 403 be removed, revised and brought back to Council for review.

Rule 208 – Councilor Denton moved to approve the revised Rule 208 as amended. Councilor Partin seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Rule 201 – Upon discussion and by consensus, Council requested that rule 201 be removed, revised and brought back to Council for review.

At 9:50 p.m., upon the completion of the review of the rules, Councilor Pelham moved to continue the meeting until 11:00 p.m. Councilor Partin seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

CLOSED SESSION

Council left the dais and returned to Closed session.

At 10:58 p.m., Council returned to the dais. Councilor Denton moved to waive the rules and extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m., which motion was seconded by Councilor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	No
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into open meeting at 12:45 a.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 Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	--- (not on dais)
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 7-0 (per Council rules)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Pelham moved to table the Unfinished Business items until the next meeting. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	--- (not on dais)
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 7-0 (per Council rules)

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APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Pelham moved to appoint Billie Glass to the Board of Equalization, and Shamika Lewis to the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Councilor Partin seconded her motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Pelham moved to adjourn. Her motion died for lack of a second.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Councilor Partin moved to appoint the following members of Council to its Standing Committees:

1. Chamber of Commerce Liaison – Councilor Denton
2. Community Development Block Grant – Councilors Randolph, Holloway, Pelham and Bennett
3. Crater Planning District Commission – Mayor Gore (executive board member), Councilor Partin
4. Chief Local Elected Official – Mayor Gore
5. Ethics Committee – Councilor Denton and Vice Mayor Bennett
6. Finance Committee – Mayor Gore, Councilor Pelham, Michael Terry-Finance Director is Staff
7. Historic Preservation Committee – Councilors Denton and Randolph, Staff: Tevya Griffin and Aaron Reidmiller, and the National Parks Superintendent
8. Investment Policy Committee – Mayor Gore, Joan Gosier
9. Law Library – Mayor Gore
10. Legislative Committee – Vice Mayor Bennett, Mayor Gore, Staff City Attorney and Herbert Bragg
11. Metropolitan Planning Organization – Councilor Pelham, Staff Johnnie Butler
12. Resource Conservation and Development Council of the South Centre Corridors – Mayor Gore, Councilor Partin
13. Riverside Community Corrections Board – Police Chief Afzal and City Manager Altman
14. School Board Facilities Committee – Vice Mayor Bennett and Councilor Pelham, Nelson Cuffey and Wesley Joyner
15. Technology Fund Committee – Mayor Gore, Vice Mayor Bennett, Police Chief Afzal, Commonwealth Attorney Newman
16. Telecommunications Regulation Committee – Mayor Gore and Councilor Holloway
17. Virginia First Cities – Vice Mayor Bennett, Staff City Manager Altman and Mr. Bragg
18. Virginia Gateway Region – Councilor Randolph
19. Hopewell Water Renewal Commission – Councilor Partin
20. National Parks – Councilor Denton and Councilor Randolph

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Councilor Pelham seconded his motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Partin	-	Yes
Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	Yes
Councilor Randolph	-	No
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

ADJOURN

At 12:55 a.m., motion was made by Councilor Pelham and seconded by Mayor Gore to adjourn. All council responded “aye” to the question.

/s/ Jasmine E. Gore
Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor

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