

AGENDA



CITY OF HOPEWELL

Hopewell, Virginia 23860

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CITY COUNCIL

Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor, Ward #4
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Debbie Randolph, Councilor, Ward #1
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward #2
Johnny Partin, Councilor, Ward #3
Janice Denton, Councilor, Ward #5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward #6

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk

Date: May 7, 2019

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Closed Meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Work Session: 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing: 7:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

5:30 p.m. Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

SUGGESTED MOTION: To go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of specific appointees of city council (city attorney); (2) discussion and consideration of the disposition of publicly-held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of city council; and 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), (3), and (8), respectively.

Roll Call

CLOSED MEETING

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 2.2-3712 (D): *Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting?*

Roll Call

SUGGESTED MOTION: To amend/adopt agenda

Roll Call

WORK SESSION

6:30 p.m. WS-1 FY20 City of Hopewell Budget Work Session

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:30 p.m. Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

CITY CLERK: *All persons addressing Council shall approach the microphone, give name and, if they reside in Hopewell, their ward number, and limit comments to **five minutes**. No person shall be permitted to address Council a second time until all others have been heard and no one may speak more than twice on any subject in any one meeting. All remarks shall be addressed to Council as a body, any questions must be asked through the mayor only, and there shall be no discussion without permission of the mayor. Any person who makes personal, impertinent, abusive, or slanderous statements, or incites disorderly conduct in Council Chambers may be barred by the mayor from further audience before Council, and removed, subject to appeal to a majority of Council. (See Rules 405 and 406)*

PH-1 Disposition of Property

ISSUE: The transfer of City-owned parcels 042005, 0420010, 0420015, 0420020, 0420025, 0420027, and 0420030 to the Hopewell Economic Development Authority (EDA). The parcels are adjacent to Cavalier Square at the intersection of Salem Avenue and Winston Churchill Drive.

MOTION _____

Roll Call

PH-2 Approval of 2020 Tax Rate

ISSUE: A tax rate needs to be established before tax bills can be sent out and before the schools' budget can be approved. Staff is not seeking a tax increase this year, but Council still needs to approve the rate.

MOTION: _____

Roll Call

Adjournment

**CLOSED
MEETING**

Work Session

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF HOPEWELL

Hopewell City Council will conduct a public hearing at a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860, to receive public comments regarding:

1. The transfer of City owned parcels 042005, 0420010, 0420015, 0420020, 0420025, 0420027, and 0420030 to the Hopewell Economic Development Authority (EDA). The seven parcels are located adjacent to Cavalier Square at the intersection of Salem Avenue and Winston Churchill Avenue.

The hearing shall be open to the public. City council shall permit persons an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be set by city council. For more information regarding this public hearing, please call (804) 541-2220.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Form No. 1 (revised 6/4/97)

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CITY OF HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Strategic Operating Plan Vision Theme:

- Civic Engagement
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Education
- Housing
- Safe & Healthy Environment
- None (Does not apply)

Order of Business:

- Consent Agenda
- Public Hearing
- Presentation-Boards/Commissions
- Unfinished Business
- Citizen/Councilor Request
- Regular Business
- Reports of Council Committees

Action:

- Approve and File
- Take Appropriate Action
- Receive & File (no motion required)
- Approve Ordinance 1st Reading
- Approve Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Set a Public Hearing
- Approve on Emergency Measure

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Rates

ISSUE: Adoption of the Tax Rate Structure to support the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

TIMING: A public hearing was advertised for Tuesday, May 7, 2019

BACKGROUND: The adoption of the resolution establishing the annual tax levy on various classes of real estate and personal property is required of City Council each year. The resolution establishes the following tax rates: \$1.13/\$100 for real estate; \$3.50/\$100 for tangible personal property; \$0.10/\$100 for personal property (one vehicle) for volunteers of the Hopewell Emergency Crew in good standing; and \$3.05/\$100 for machinery and tools. The attached tax rate resolution proposed no change to the current tax rate structure established with the adoption of the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: Maintaining the current tax rate structure will generate approximately \$52 million in revenue to support City and School operations during Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: Tax Rate Resolution; Public Hearing Notice

STAFF: John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Michael Terry, Director of Finance

Council Action Form 2019

SUMMARY:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Debbie Randolph, Ward #1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Janice Denton, Ward #5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Arlene Holloway, Ward #2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Brenda Pelham, Ward #6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Johnny Partin, Ward #3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vice-Mayor Patience Bennett Ward #7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mayor Jasmine Gore, Ward #4 | | | |

**May 7, 2019
PH-1**

CITY OF HOPEWELL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Hopewell will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia to receive public comments regarding the proposed 2019 Real Property Tax Rate.

The City of Hopewell proposes to increase real property tax levies.

1. **Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.23 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. **Effective Rate Increase:** The City of Hopewell proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.03 per \$100, or 2.7 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Hopewell will exceed last year's by 1.8 percent.

For additional information contact Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk, at 541-2249.

2020 TAX RATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL, that, after a public hearing in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3007 (*Notice prior to increase of local tax levy; hearing*), and pursuant to § 15.2-2503 (*Time for preparation and approval of budget; contents*), there is hereby levied for the tax year beginning January 1, 2020, a tax at the rate of \$1.13 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and vehicles without motor power used, or designated to be used, as mobile homes or offices within the City of Hopewell as it now exists; a tax at the rate of \$3.05 per 100.00 of assessed valuation on machinery and tools; a tax at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on one motor vehicle used in the performance of a person's duties as a bona fide member of the Hopewell Emergency Crew as assessed by the commissioner of the revenue as tangible personal property and certified by the Hopewell Emergency Crew that the member was in good standing on January 1, 2020 and duly authorized to represent the organization; a tax at the rate of \$3.50 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on tangible personal property, except such items of household goods and personal effects as itemized under §58.1-3504 (*Classification of certain household goods and personal effects for taxation; governing body may exempt*), which are hereby excluded, but including property separately classified by § 58.1-3506 (*Other classifications of tangible personal property for taxation*) as subject to taxation by the City of Hopewell, except that real and tangible personal property of public service corporations shall be taxed in accordance with Chapter 26 (*Taxation of Public Service Corporations*) of Title 58.1 (*Taxation*) of the Virginia Code.

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Hopewell, Virginia this 7th day of May 2019.

Ronniece L. Arrington
City Clerk

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