

**May 22, 2018
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 22, 2018

A Meeting of Hopewell City Council, was held Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	absent (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	absent (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Councilor Pelham	-	present

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Pelham to go into Closed Meeting for (1) discussion, consideration, of prospective candidates for employment (city attorney), (2) discussion of a specific appointee of city council (CPMT) in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (1). The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	absent (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	absent (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

Motion passed 5-0

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AMEND AGENDA TO RETURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Councilor Denton made a motion to amend the agenda for Council to return to closed session for the purpose of one item. A Point of Order was called by Councilor Pelham, in regards to if we need to specify what Virginia Code you are using to return to closed session. Stefan Calos, City Attorney, said it is a two-step process. You amend the agenda to go back into Closed meeting and once it is agreed upon, you state what you will discuss in closed meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey.

An amended motion was made by Councilor Luman-Bailey to go back into Closed Meeting for the discussion of a specific appointee of City Council (1) (CPMT), in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (1). The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. 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

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 7:55 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	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

ADOPT/AMEND AGENDA

Councilor Zevgolis made a motion to amend the agenda to add an appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 5-2

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MOTION TO APPOINT LAUREN WHITNEY HOVIS

Councilor Denton made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint Lauren Whitney Hovis to the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Vice-Mayor Gore expressed concerns regarding investigations surround the CPMT board and this appointment. A point of order was called by Mayor Shornak, that this issue should not be discussed in public. Vice Mayor Gore stated that all the information is open and available to the public, and that she does not feel comfortable appointment without doing an interview first. Point of Order by Councilor Zevgolis the person being appointed is being maligned. The chairman of the CPMT board asked for Ms. Hovis to be appointed. Stefan Calos, City Attorney wanted to clarify what position was being filled. Mr. Calos overruled the point of order by Councilor Zevgolis. Councilor Denton stated that she and Councilor Zevgolis are serving on the board and they are both aware of the difficulties and both are working to make changes. Councilor Pelham also expressed concerns and will not vote to appoint without an interview as well. Mayor Shornak called for the vote. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion failed 4-3

A substitute motion was made by Councilor Pelham to interview the candidate for the service provider position for the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) board. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 4-3

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 8:23 p.m., and thanked all for attending. The prayer was led by Chaplain Ronnie Brown of John Randolph Pastoral Care, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Councilor Luman-Bailey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Denton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham.

Austin Anderson, Public Works Engineering Construction Manager gave an update on the Gateway project, and said that the projected date of completion should be July 4, 2018.

- C-1 Minutes:**
- C-2 Pending List:**
- C-3 Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4 Personnel Change Report & Financial Report: Personnel Report attached**
- C-5 Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:**
- C-6 Routine Grant Approval:**
- C-7 Public Hearing Announcement: June 12, 2018 – School Board appointments; B-1 Zoning amendment request; Capital Improvement Plan review**
- C-8 Information for Council Review: Minutes: Water Renewal 4-17-18; Appomattox Regional Library System Board Report 5-15-18; HRHA minutes 3-12-18;**
- C-9 Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations: Run for the Wall Event Proclamation; National Public Works Week**
- C-10 Additional Announcements: VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Announcement; Gateway Project Update; Introduction of new General Registrar**

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 Zevgolts	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Brandon Howard, Ward 5 spoke to council. He addressed council regarding having a current member of the school board removed. Point of Order was called by Councilor Pelham and Vice Mayor Gore. The person in question could not be discussed before council. Mr. Calos sustained the point of order.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Fiscal Year 2019 School Board Operating Budget- John Altman, City Manager addressed council regarding the FY 2019 School Board Operating Budget. No action required of council.

R-2 Healthcare Cost Increase and 2% COLA- John Altman, City Manager addressed council. He spoke about the CIP and asked for guidance and that council take action on the healthcare and 2% COLA increase. Councilor Pelham would like to not have the budget piecemealed. Councilor Luman-Bailey expressed concerns about adopting this portion of the budget. Vice-Mayor Gore requested if she could receive an update on the finance meeting. Mayor Shornak and Councilor Denton stated that they are in support of the 2% (COLA) and Healthcare Cost Increase. Mayor Shornak wanted to know what position the city is in fiscally. John Altman, City Manager, said the city is fiscally healthy, but needs to reestablish policies and procedures. Councilor Denton made a motion to approve the Healthcare cost and the entire 2% COLA. The motion was seconded by Mayor Shornak. Councilor Pelham made a substitute motion to approve the Healthcare cost and to hold off on the 2% COLA until the June 12th, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

Vice Mayor Gore submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement regarding the Health Insurance.

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

Motion passed 5-2

R-3 ShotSpotter and HUD Emergency Safety and Security Grant- Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, presented and explained the ShotSpotter program. Upon the conclusion of his presentation, he fielded questions from Council. No action taken by council at this time.

R-4 Proposed Amendment to Article XV-A, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Overlay District- Tevya Griffin, Director, Department of Development presented. Upon competition of her presentation, she fielded questions from Council. Councilor Luman-Bailey made a motion to resolve 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
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Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	not on dais
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0 (Per Council Rule 105)

R-5 Proposed Amendment to Article XVI, Site Plan Regulations- Tevya Griffin, Director, Department of Development presented. Upon completion of her presentation, she fielded questions from Council. Vice-Mayor Gore made a motion to resolve to approve the amendment to Article XVI, Site Plan Regulations. 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	-	not on dais
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0 (Per Council Rule 105)

R-6 Spot Blight- Tevya Griffin, Director, Department of Development presented. Upon completion of her presentation she fielded questions from Council. Councilor Pelham made a motion to hold a public hearing on June 12. 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

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

At 10:32 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Pelham to extend the meeting. Vice-Mayor Gore seconded the motion. 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

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Reports of City Attorney: - Mr. Calos discussed taking rules in order until all rules are updated. Mayor Shornak asked to have it put on the agenda.

Reports of City Clerk: - Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk discussed considering upgrades to furniture in Council Conference room.

Reports of City Council: - There were no additional reports.

ADJOURN

At 11:13 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Vice-Mayor Gore. 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