

**August 14, 2018
Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 14, 2018**

A Meeting of Hopewell City Council, was held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor, Ward 7
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor, Ward 4
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor, Ward 1
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Councilor, Ward 2
Anthony Zevgolis, Councilor, Ward 3
Janice Denton, Councilor, Ward 5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6

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 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present (not on dais)
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Pelham to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion, consideration, and interview of specific appointees of city council (city attorney, all boards, authorities, committees and commissions); (2) 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 (water renewal, public works, police, zoning); and (3) 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), (7), and (8), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

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RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 7:36 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 Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3712 (D), Councilor Pelham stated that since the discussion in closed meeting included comments made by the mayor regarding the August 9, 2018 meeting, which was not included in the closed meeting motion, she would not agree to the certification.

At that point, the City Clerk and the City Attorney reminded Council that several members had denied the certification at the August 9, 2018 meeting, but had not provided a reason for that denial. Each member was asked to provide their reasons for their denials (see below):

- Vice Mayor Gore – was not present when the certification was requested.
- Councilor Denton – said that the stated reason for the meeting was to discuss the city attorney, but the meeting got out of control and comments were made about things that happened 5-10 years ago, and it got personal.
- Councilor Zevgolis – said that the meeting got out of control. He said he did not argue with anyone nor raise his voice, but when another councilor called for the deputy, he objected because there was no need for a deputy since there was no physical altercation. Said that there were personal comments made, and the meeting went beyond what was listed in the motion.
- Councilor Pelham – said that the Clerk discussed issues with email, which was not appropriate. She also noted that Mr. Calos got offended and made comments not included in the meeting notion. She also said that Mayor Shornak and Vice Mayor Gore went back and forth about family.
- Mayor Shornak - said that the August 9, 2018 meeting was definitely embarrassing for her and for the City. She said that people were being disrespectful. She said that tempers flared when she tried to keep order in the meeting. She also said there were shouting matches and personal attacks on her family.
- Councilor Holloway – said that during the meeting, there were personal attached, there was no order, people were being disrespectful and yelling, and nothing got accomplished.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call as follows:

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

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Luman-Bailey and seconded by Councilor Denton to amend the order of the agenda to enable city council to voice on appointments to the School Facilities Committee and the Board of Zoning Appeals, and to adopt the agenda as amended. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Denton moved to appoint Dr. Joyner and Mr. Cuffey to the School Facilities Committee, and to appoint Cassandra Vanderkrieff to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m., and requested a roll call as follows:

Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present
Mayor Shornak	-	present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	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, and thanked all for attending. The prayer was led by Chaplain Pamela F. Cooper of John Randolph Pastoral Care, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Councilor Holloway.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Gore moved to move the draft council minutes under the Consent agenda to the September 11, 2018 meeting, and to otherwise approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Consent Agenda

C-1	<u>Minutes:</u> April 24, 2018; May 1, 2018; May 8, 2018; May 22, 2018; June 5, 2018; June 21, 2018; July 10, 2018; July 31, 2018
C-2	<u>Pending List:</u>
C-3	<u>Routine Approval of Work Sessions:</u>
C-4	<u>Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:</u> Both attached
C-5	<u>Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:</u>
C-6	<u>Routine Grant Approval:</u>
C-7	<u>Public Hearing Announcement:</u> September 11, 2018 – Conditional Use Permit – City Point; Conditional Use Permit- Mesa; Rezoning Request – Western Street
C-8	<u>Information for Council Review:</u> ARLS minutes 7-17-18; CVWMA minutes: 4-20-18, 5-18-18; CPMT minutes 4-16-18, 5-31-18, 6-18-18; DDRC minutes: 10-4-17, 11-1-17, 3-7-18, 4-4-18, 6-6-18, 7-11-18 minutes; and HRHA minutes: 5-14-18
C-9	<u>Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:</u>
C-10	<u>Additional Announcements:</u> Announcement of Cities of Opportunity Grant; Unveiling of renovated Council Suite; Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 A continuation of the public hearing opened July 10, 2018 was held regarding the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority's request to amend the Hopewell Zoning map to rezone property located at Cedar, Cypress and Westover Streets in the Highland Park subdivision from Residential, High Density (R-3), and Highway Commercial (B-3) to Residential Apartments (R-4). Sherman Cross of Kippax Street came forward to express his support of the project and asked that council support the rezoning request.

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After extensive discussion, motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Mayor Shornak to approve HRHA's request. There continued to be discussion. Mayor Shornak called for the vote. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion failed 4-3 (requires 2/3 of council)

Motion was made by Councilor Pelham and seconded by Councilor Holloway to postpone this matter until the September 11, 2018 meeting, and to put a work session with the HRHA on that agenda, with the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 4-3

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Dale Dailey – resident of Boston Street said that she was appalled when she read the newspaper. She said that Council should be ashamed of themselves and stop all of their fussing and fighting.

Kathy Amos – resident of ward 4 – said she was the parent of a 4th and 8th grader. She referenced the 7-31-18 school board meeting, and said that she did not like some of the comments in the paper. She said that elementary schools needed the same security as high schools. She said there was not time to waste and beseeched council to give the school board the funding they needed to keep Hopewell's children safe.

Shamika Lewis – spoke about how she has been helping citizens and that with everything going on and escalating, she is going to have to cease her efforts because she is tired and burnt out.

Steve Romano – resident of Ward 3 – said he felt sorry for the guys trying to build the apartment building [HRHA]. He also asked who could be turned down for residency in the proposed building.

Sherman Cross signed up to speak, but actually spoke during the public hearing. JoAnn Lawson also signed up to speak but was not present.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

UB-1 General Registrar Request for Appropriation – City Manager Altman introduced this item. There was extensive discussion. Councilor Pelham moved that the rate of pay set for the assistant registrar be deemed appropriate as determined by the registrar, but she must use money from within her budget to fund the position. This motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Discussion continued. Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to refuse the appropriation and have the registrar stick to her allocated budget. This motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. After additional discussion, the Mayor noted that the time was approaching 10:30 p.m. Councilor Pelham made a motion to continue the meeting past the 3-hour time limit, which motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURN

At 10:47p.m. Vice Mayor Gore made a substitute motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Mayor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement because her daughter, Michelle Ingram, works for the City of Hopewell.

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

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