

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting and work session of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Jackie Shornak, Mayor
Jasmine Gore, Vice Mayor (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor
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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	absent (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	absent
Councilor Pelham	-	present

CLOSED MEETING

At 6:35 p.m. Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of city council; (2) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of city council (CSA, HDP/EDA); 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) (3), (7), and (8), respectively. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	--- (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

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Council convened into open meeting at 7:23 p.m. and announced that they would not be coming out of closed session.

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call, as follows:

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

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Zevgolis moved to amend the agenda to move items R-3 and R-4 immediately after item R-1. 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

Councilor Pelham moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. 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

WORK SESSION

Springsted Incorporated gave a presentation regarding the classification and compensation study results.

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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 Rev. Eva Brown of the 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

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:** April 4, 2017; April 11, 2017; May 23, 2017; July 31, 2017; November 21, 2017; December 12, 2017; January 9, 2018; January 18, 2018; January 22, 2018; January 23, 2018; February 13, 2018; February 27, 2018; March 1, 2018; March 6, 2018 -- **Corrected Minutes:** January 13, 2015, July 11, 2017
- C-2** **Pending List:** Updated March 2018 – attached
- C-3** **Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4** **Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:** Financial Report attached
- C-5** **Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:**
- C-6** **Routine Grant Approval:**
- C-7** **Public Hearing Announcement:** April 24, 2018 – Public Hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan
- C-8** **Information for Council Review:** February 5, 2018 Electoral Board minutes; January 8, 2018 HRHA minutes
- C-9** **Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:** Alcohol Awareness Month (CAAN-DUU and District 19 Community Services Board)
- C-10** **Additional Announcements:** March 31, 2018 – Hoppin’ Happenings – Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks & Recreation; April 14-21, 2018 – Spring Cleanup – Tevya Griffin, Director of Development

Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke about Hoppin’ Happenings. Tevya Griffin, Director of Development stated that the Spring Clean Up was the week of April 14 through April 21. Mayor Shornak announced that the FOLAR river clean-up was very successful. Councilor Denton moved to remove item C-1 from the Consent Agenda and to approve it as amended, which motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. 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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PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Joint Public Hearing – City Council and Planning Commission – The Planning Commission requested a roll call, as follows: Eliot Eliades, Todd Butterworth, Cassandra Vanderkeift, John Jones, Chris Neal (absent). Tevya Griffin stated that the Comp Plan had been discussed with directors, the school board, and the John Randolph Foundation. She said that the public review process was still ongoing and this was the first of two public hearings. The Planning Commission gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. They then opened the floor to the public and Council for questions and comments. Dr. Cliff Morris spoke on behalf of the Comp Plan. Joan Gosier, Treasurer, expressed concern. John Jones moved to adopt the Comprehensive Plan, which motion was seconded by Eliot Eliades. Upon the roll call, the motion passed unanimously. John Jones moved to adjourn the joint public hearing, which motion was seconded by Eliot Eliades. Upon the roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Adoption of Classification and Compensation Study – The Classification and Compensation study report was provided to Council in July of 2017, and they received additional information during the work session. Councilor Denton moved to adopt the Springsted Classification and Compensation Study. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. There was discussion. Councilor Denton made a substitute motion to table this item to a future agenda to be determined. Her motion was seconded by Mayor Shornak. 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

R-3 Approval of health care rates for employees and retirees, and other recommendations proposed by OneDigital – Mary Jones of OneDigital, with input from John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager, presented Council with the new The Local Choice (TLC) rates and its recommendations. Councilor Pelham moved to approve the 2018-19 healthcare rates and other recommendations as presented by OneDigital. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. 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

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Councilor Luman-Bailey - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Pelham moved to amend the agenda to make item R-5 actionable and to move it to the next item on the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. 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

R-5 Hopewell Police Department – Recruitment and Retention – Mr. Altman asked Chief Keohane to present information related to HPD recruitment and retention. Chief Keohane presented Council information including issues facing the Hopewell Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies nationwide. Councilor Pelham moved to approve adjustment to police department pay to assist with recruitment and retention. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. 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

R-2 Amend Chapter 2, Article 1, Sec. 2-10, paragraph (c) of the Hopewell City Code – March Altman presented this item to Council. Vice Mayor Gore moved to approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Article 1, Sec. 2-10, paragraph (c) of the Hopewell City Code. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton.

MOTION TO EXTEND

It being 10:30 p.m., Councilor Pelham moved to extend the meeting past 10:30 p.m., which motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. 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 - No

Motion passed 7-0

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R-2 Amend Chapter 2, Article 1, Sec. 2-10, paragraph (c) of the Hopewell City Code (cont'd) – Council continued to discuss this item. Councilor Denton moved to amend her motion to review this item at another meeting date. Councilor Luman-Bailey seconded the motion. There was additional discussion. Councilor Pelham called for the vote, but then withdrew it. Vice Mayor Gore moved to amend the ordinance to add a councilor to the members of the Law Library Committee. Councilor Luman-Bailey seconded the motion. Council also requested that the item be added to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting. 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

R-4 Approval of City Purchase of Parcel #031-1375 – 2009 Fern Street – Edward Watson, Director of Public Works presented information to Council regarding his request for approval of the purchase of a house. Vice Mayor Gore moved to approve the purchase of 2009 Fern Street (PIC #031-1375) for the amount of \$91,900 for use in the cemetery expansion. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. There was discussion. Mayor Shornak called for the vote. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Holloway	-	No
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	---- (absent from dais)
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	No

Motion passed 4-3

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Holloway	-	No
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	No
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	No

Motion failed 4-3

Reports of City Attorney – None

Reports of City Clerk – None

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Reports of City Council - None

Individual Councilors

- Gore – Advised of the upcoming Youth Services Commission meeting
- Pelham – Spoke about what appeared to be a sinkhole and asked to speak with Mr. Altman and Mr. Watson about it.
- Denton – Reminded everyone that we were seeking Talent Bank Resume forms for the Ashford Civic Plaza Committee, and that we were particularly interested in people with an art background.
- Shornak – Spoke about the issue of littering in Ward 1. Requested littering literature and signs.
- Luman-Bailey – Reiterated the Mayor’s comments on littering and said she would love for Staff to look into cameras in some of the high risk areas. She also asked about a grant for signage for entry into Hopewell via Route 36.
- Holloway – Said that in 2016 she spoke about the littering problem, as well. She said that the State Code covers littering and dumping and we should be able to do something about that.
- Gore – Said she would be scheduling ward walks and ward meetings, and asked Johnnie Butler, the City Engineer, Ms. Griffin and the Hopewell Police Department to make themselves available, if possible.
- Luman-Bailey – announced that there would be a Go Green meeting Thursday morning Hopewell.
- Shornak – Said she attended the American Legion and was very grateful she went. Also mentioned that she spoke at Ft Lee for Women’s History month. She thanked FOLAR for their river clean up.
- Pelham – Thanked Aaron Reidmiller for his hard work at Arlington Park, and noted how she appreciated seeing Councilor Holloway at the event.
- Zevgolis - spoke about leadership classes, and asked the Clerk to put information in every councilor’s mailbox.
- Denton - reminded Council to contact the City Manager to go over the agenda.
- Zevgolis – Attended meeting with CSA office and is willing to serve on the CPMT committee.

Citizen Councilor Requests

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CLOSED MEETING

At 12:01 a.m. Council went back into closed session.
The motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	--- (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into open meeting at 12:28 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	-	absent (left at 11:53 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

ADJOURN

At 12:32 a.m. motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn. All councilors present responded "aye" to the question.

Mayor Shornak filed a Transactional Disclosure Statement stating her daughter is a City employee.
Vice Mayor Gore filed a Transactional Disclosure Statement stating she is a recipient of City insurance.

/s/ Jackie Shornak
Jackie Shornak, Mayor

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