

**May 1, 2018
Special Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 1, 2018

A Special Meeting of Hopewell City Council, was held Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, and 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 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken 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

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Gore made a motion to amend the agenda to go into Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Councilor Zevgolis called a point of order and asked if seven votes were needed to amend the agenda to go into closed session. He expressed concerns as to whether this is a council issue. Stefan Calos, City Attorney said this is just an update and it okay to have this discussion. 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

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CLOSED MEETING

Vice Mayor Gore made a motion to go into Closed Meeting for (1) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating and litigating posture of city council (Electoral board); and (2) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related thereto and other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel retained by City Council, in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (7) and (8), respectively. 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	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolts	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into Open Session at 7:11 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 Zevgolts	-	yes

Motion passed 7-0

WORK SESSION

John Altman, City Manager, discussed the FY 19 Operating and Capital Budget. He reviewed and answered a list of questions previously given to him by several councilors. Mr. Altman discussed the breakdown of base salary versus benefits for the Economic Development Manager, Accounting Compliance Tech (CSA) and the IT Support Specialist position. Councilor Pelham expressed some concern about the Economic Development Manager position and asked for a description of the job duties. Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager provided additional insights to address the concerns of Councilor Pelham., and explained that the position allows him to accomplish more and ultimately be more effective and securing and closing deals for the city, and listed several groups and projects that the Economic Development Manager is currently involved in. Mr. Dane fielded and answered additional questions from council. Mayor Shornak spoke in favor of the Economic Development Manager, and expressed that because this is a behind the scene position that most people are not aware of what the positions entails.

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Mr. Altman continued his presentation on the FY19 Operating and Capital Budget. He ended his presentation by answering additional questions from council. A request was made by Councilor Zevgolis to have a time study completed in order to ensure that every department is streamlined and working effectively.

Vice Mayor Gore submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement surrounding the discussion of Health Insurance.

ADJOURN

At 8:17 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Denton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Shornak. All councilors responded “aye” to the question. Meeting was adjourned.

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

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