

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 4, 2017**

A meeting and Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 6:30 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 (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)  
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor  
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor  
Janice B. Denton, Councilor  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager  
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney  
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk

ABSENT: Arlene Holloway, Councilor

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Shornak	-	present
Vice Mayor Gore	-	absent (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	absent
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis and seconded by Councilor Denton to adopt the agenda. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

**Motion passed 5-0**

**CLOSED MEETING**

Motion was made at 6:33 p.m. by Councilor Luman-Bailey, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to go into Closed Meeting for (1) discussion of appointment of specific appointees

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of city council (city clerk); and (2) 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 sections 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Council convened into Open Session at 7:20 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
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

**Vote Result: 6-0 Yes**

**WORK SESSION**

Mayor Shornak opened the work session at 7:20 p.m. Roll call was take as follows:

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

Mark Haley, City Manager, Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, and Lance Wolff, Interim Finance Director, presented an overview of the FY2018 budget development to council for review and discussion. Mayor Shornak closed the work session at 8:04 p.m.

At 8:04 pm, Councilor Pelham moved to go into the regular meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. Upon the roll call the vote resulted:

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

**Vote Result: 6-0 Yes**

The Mayor called for a moment of silence in honor of deceased former City Clerk, Ross A. Kearney, III

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Prayer by Herbert Bragg, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore, to adopt the agenda. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the consent agenda: updated Pending List, Routine Approval of April 11, 2017 work session of EDA and HRHA. Mayor Shornak changed the work session time to 6:30 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that change; Public Hearing Announcement: April 11, 2017 for city tax rate; Information for Council Review, Appomattox River Regional Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5k Run \*FOLAR); Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program; The James House proclamation declaring April Sexual Violence Awareness Month; and a presentation by the Freedom Support Center. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes

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Vice Mayor Gore - yes

**Motion passed 6-0**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Reports of City Manager:**

**R-1 - CAFR update Cherry Bekaert** – Rob Churchman and Greg Miller presented on the 2015 Financial Statement Audit Status. They took questions from council regarding the CAFR and errors that prevented the completion of it timely. **No action needed by Council.**

Councilor Pelham submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement.

**R-2 – Presentation regarding notice of assessed value of real estate**– The assistant city manager Charles Dane and the real estate assessor, Patrizia Waggoner presented the status of real estate assessments, including increases in commercial real estate, methods of appeal of real estate assessment, and deadlines related thereto. **No action needed by Council**

**R-3 – Presentation on health care plans and rates** – Mary Jones, Senior Consultant with OneDigital Health Care consultants gave a presentation on new plans and rates available to employees and retirees. The presentation included the amounts to be paid by the City, and the various options available. Recommendation was made by OneDigital to discontinue payment of the retirees’ spouses health insurance as that would net the City a savings of approximately \$100,000. **No action needed by Council.**

**R-4 – Update on rental inspection program** – as it was getting late and there were several items remaining on the agenda, Tevya Griffin, Director of Planning and Development was asked if this item could be moved to the April 25, 2017 agenda. She assented so this presentation was not made during this meeting.

**R-5 – Spot blight program presentation** – Lynn Underwood and Tevya Griffin gave a presentation on the Spot Blight program. The presentation included a list of spot blighted properties and their rating (i.e., some properties were deemed unsalvageable and were recommended for demolition, others were not as bad and could be rehabilitated. Councilor Luman-Bailey opined that she was aware of programs in other municipalities where spot blight properties were combined with other projects and rehabilitated in a way that was beneficial to all. Ms. Griffin said she would look into that and get back to Council at a later meeting.

As it was approaching 10:30 pm, Councilor Pelham made a motion to extend the meeting beyond 10:30pm so that the remaining items could be heard. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

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**R-6 – Approval and appropriation of grant funds** – Ms. Griffin requested of council that she be allowed to appropriate \$45,000 in grant funds from the Department of Environmental Quality to assist with the Comprehensive Plan and Chesapeake Bay Perseveration Area Ordinance update. Councilor Pelham made a motion that was seconded by Councilor Denton to approve the appropriation of the grant funds. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

**R-7 - Spring Cleanup** – Tevya Griffin gave a brief presentation requesting the establishment of Spring Clean Up week, April 15 – 22, 2017. This is a historically approved annual event. Councilor Pelham moved to establish April 15-22 as Spring Clean Up week. Councilor Denton seconded the motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

**ADJOURN**

At 10:34 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

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Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

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Ronniece L. Arrington, City Clerk