

**January 10, 2017
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 10, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, January 10, 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
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor
Janice M. Denton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

Mark A. Haley, City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney
Ross A. Kearney III, 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
Councilor Holloway	-	present
Councilor Zevgolis	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

MOTION: To Amend/Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore, to amend the agenda by removing C-7 under the consent agenda and then adopting the amended agenda. Minutes-none; Pending & Action List; Information for Council Review-none; Personnel Change Report; Public Hearing Announcements January 24, 2017; Routine Approval of Work Sessions – none Ordinances on second and final reading-none; Routine Grant Approval-none; and, Proclamations/Resolutions/Presentations-Resolution – none. 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes Agenda Amended and Adopted

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WORK SESSION

WS – 1 Work Session - Rezoning of Property - Presentation from Shane Doran of the Humanities Foundation of South Carolina, to provide an overview of two requests for rezoning and answer initial questions of City Council.

Mrs. Tevya Griffin, Director of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning addressed Council regarding the presentation they were about to receive from Shane Doran of the Humanities Foundation of South Carolina. Mrs. Griffin explained that the purpose of the work session is to provide an overview of two requests for rezoning and to answer initial questions from City Council. Mr. Doran explained to Council that the Humanities Foundation of South Carolina was requesting from H. F. Quail LLC on behalf of Papi Naidu LLC to rezone 8.041 acres for Sub-parcels 245-0040 & 245-0045, also known as Crossings North Section 3, Block C - Lot 8 (4.979 acres) and Lot 9 (3.062 acres). His request is to rezone the property from B-3, Highway Commercial District to B-3/PUD, Planned Unit Development in order to build Multi-family housing set aside for families and to rezone 5.57 acres for Sub-parcels 245-0090 & 245-0095, also known as Crossings North Section 3, Block C - Lot 19 (2.49 acres) and Lot 20 (3.08 acres). The requests is to rezone the property from B-3, Highway Commercial District to B-3/PUD, Planned Unit Development in order to build apartments set aside for senior citizen living. Mrs. Griffin informed Council that the applicant met with members of City Council, Staff, members of the Planning Commission, and the City Manager to discuss a proposal to construct senior and family multifamily units in Ward 7 in December 2016. A rezoning from B-3 to PUD is required to allow residential units on the properties in question. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 1, 2016 to consider citizen comments regarding the matter and the vote was 2-2 therefore the request to approve was denied. Planning Commission Member Elliott Eliades explained that the Commission even though the vote was tied which denied the approval, expressed that the Comp Plan did support this proposal.

Assistant City Manager Charles Dane requested from Council to hold a Public Hearing on January 24th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed development, A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Pelham to waive the rules of council and to hold a public hearing on January 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-1 Yes Public Hearing Approved

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Mayor Shornak opened the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and 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

Prayer was offered by Pastor David Kim, Full Gospel Korean Church of Hopewell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 Request from Department of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning for a motion to renew a motion to approve a request for rezoning parcel #023-0230, Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block 3, Buren Homestead Addition, from Residential High Density (R-3) to Limited Commercial District (B-2)

Mrs. Tevya Griffin, Director of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning addressed Council and explained that at Councils regular meeting on November 9, 2016, City Council denied the request, with a 3-3 vote, the rezoning request, the motion for which included a condition that development could not start on the property prior to January 2018.

A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to rezone parcel #023-0230 from R-3 to B-2, with the condition(s) that development could not begin until January 1, 2018. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 6-1 Yes - Parcel #023-0230 Rezoned from R-3 to B-2, with the condition that development may not begin until January 1, 2018

REGULAR BUSINESS

R-1 Regular Business - FY 2014-15 CAFR Update Presentation and introduction of Lance Wolff as Interim Finance Director

City Manager Mark Haley introduced the interim Finance Director Lance Wolff. Mr. Wolff then provided Council with an update on the CAFR and stated that the auditors had a few questions and he was in the process of providing the requested information. Vice Mayor Gore and Councilor Pelham requested through the City Manager for him to provide what the auditors needed and for the City Manager to distribute the said information to all of Council.

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R-2 Regular Business - Introduction of the new City of Hopewell Office on Youth Coordinator, Shanelle Ebanks.

Assistant City Manager Charles Dane introduced Ms. Shanelle Ebanks as the new City of Hopewell Office on Youth Coordinator. Ms. Ebanks addressed Council and stated that she was excited about position and looked forward to overseeing its growth.

R-3 Regular Business - Appropriate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) revenue-sharing program reimbursements to City Capital Improvements Program (CIP) projects for street, sidewalk, and drainage improvements

Mr. Austin Anderson, Hopewell Capital Projects Construction Manager explained to Council that this appropriation is for the current fiscal year, the City will receive reimbursement payments from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for completing work under a programmatic agreement.

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to Appropriate VDOT revenue-sharing program reimbursements to CIP projects. 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Appropriation Approved

R-4 Regular Business - Pursuit by Real Estate Assessor of Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Association of Assessing Officers

Ms. Patrizia Waggoner, Hopewell City Assessor addressed Council regarding a future request by her department require resources to pursue prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Association of Assessing Officers. Council thanked her for her presentation and stated they would address this request during the upcoming budget sessions.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore, to go into closed meeting for (I) discussion of specific appointees of City Council (City Manager, Economic Development Authority, Recreation Commission, Keep Hopewell Beautiful, and Virginia Gateway Region), (II) discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in the community, and (III) consultation 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) (1) (5) and (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

OPEN MEEETING

Council convened into Open Session. Councilors responded to the question: “Were the only matters discussed in the Closed Meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements; and public business matters identified in the motion to convene into Closed Session?” 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to extend the meeting pass 10:30 p.m. 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes Meeting Extended

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

The City Clerk reported he was still accepting Talent Bank Resumes (TBR) for ALL Boards and Commissions—applications can be found at www.hopewellva.gov.

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A motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to reappoint Elliott Eliades and Lynda K. Frank to the Economic Development Authority for a term of four (4) years. Upon the roll call, the vote

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

Council requested that the Clerk setup interviews with two applicants for the January 24th 2017 City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to appoint Rogers L. Henry, Terence Doctor and Anthony Sylvester to the Recreation Commission for a term of four (4) years. Upon the roll call, the vote

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to appoint Jean Lawson to the Keep Hopewell Beautiful Committee for a term of four (4) years. 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

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A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to appoint Fred Henry and Councilor Christina Luman-Bailey to the Virginia Gateway region for a term of one (1) year. 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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilor Holloway, and seconded by Councilor Pelham, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

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DATE

/s/ Jackie M. Shornak

Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

Ross A. Kearney III

Ross A. Kearney III, City Clerk