

January 3, 2017
Reorganizational Meeting

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 3, 2017

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A Reorganizational Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Luman-Bailey, Ward #1
Councilor Holloway, Ward #2
Councilor Zevgolis, Ward #3
Councilor Gore, Ward #4
Councilor Denton, Ward #5
Councilor Pelham, Ward #6
Councilor Shornak, Ward #7

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Mayor Pelham, called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Ken Hendricks of Woodlawn Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Circuit Court Clerk Tamara Ward performed the Oath of Office for Councilor Jasmine E. Gore, Ward #4; Councilor Janice B. Denton, Ward #5 and Councilor Brenda S. Pelham, Ward #6, and such Councilors were duly sworn.

Upon the roll call, attendance was taken as follows:

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

The Mayor stated the purpose of the reorganizational meeting to choose a Mayor and Vice Mayor, each of whom shall serve a period of two years from the date of appointment, and until their successor or successors have been elected and qualified, in accordance with Chapter IV, Section 4 (a), of the City Charter. Mayor Pelham requested legal clarification as to how they would accept nominations. The City Attorney rendered his opinion and Council agreed to accept a nomination and then vote.

Mayor Pelham declared nominations open for the office of Mayor.

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A Motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Gore, on the nomination of Councilor Shornak as Mayor. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 4 yes/3 no. The motion passed.

Councilor Shornak was declared Mayor of the City of Hopewell, for a term extending through December 31, 2019.

The gavel was passed to Mayor-Elect Shornak and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Mayor-Elect Shornak, to nominate Councilor Luman-Bailey for Vice Mayor. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: Motion Failed 4 no/3 yes.

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

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

Vote Result: The motion passed 5 yes/2 no.

* A motion had been made by Councilor Luman-Bailey to nominate Councilor Zevgolis for Vice Mayor after the motion by Councilor Holloway to nominate Councilor Gore for Vice Mayor and seconded by Councilor Pelham. Earlier, Mayor Pelham had requested legal clarification as to how they would accept nominations. The City Attorney rendered his opinion and Council agreed to accept a nomination and then vote. Therefore, the motion made by Councilor Luman-Bailey was not accepted at that time.*

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Councilor Gore was declared Vice Mayor, of the City of Hopewell for a term extending through December 31, 2019.

Mayor-Elect Shornak and Vice Mayor Elect Gore were duly sworn in by Tamara Ward, Hopewell Circuit Court Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS

SB-1 – Special Business - Establish City Council regular meeting dates for 2017, in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1416.

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey, to Establish City Council regular meeting dates for 2017, in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1416 and to approve the 2017 Hopewell City Council regular meeting dates as the second and fourth Tuesday on the following months, January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October and for the months of July, August and December Council shall meet on the second Tuesday and for the month of November Council shall meet on the third Tuesday. Also, city council fixed the following Tuesday as the day to which a regular meeting shall be continued if the mayor, or vice-mayor if the mayor is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the regular meeting. Upon the roll call the, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 - 2017 Calendar Adopted

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Denton, to go into closed meeting for (I) discussion of performance of specific appointees of City Council (City Manager), and (II) 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) and (7), respectively. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

OPEN MEETING

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Yes

ADJOURN

At 9:09 a motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis, and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn the Reorganizational Meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Vote Result: 7-0 Meeting Adjourned

January 24, 2017

DATE

/s/ Jackie M. Shornak

Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

Ross A. Kearney, III

Ross A. Kearney III, Clerk