

**January 18, 2018  
Special Joint Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF  
CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD JANUARY 18, 2018**

A Special Joint Meeting between Hopewell City Council and the Hopewell Planning Commission was held Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Classroom of the Beacon Theatre, 401 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

**PRESENT:**

**City Council**

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  
Ronnieye Arrington, City Clerk  
Charles Dane, Interim City Manager  
Stefan Calos, Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney

**Planning Commission**

Elliot T. Eliades, Chairman  
Todd Butterworth, Vice Chairman  
Christopher R. Neal  
John H. Jones  
Casandra Vanderkeift  
Tevya Griffin, Director of Development

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:05 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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

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Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

Mayor Shornak thanked the Planning Commission and Staff for the work done to set up things for the meeting.

Prayer was given by Reverend Rudolph Dunbar, Retired, First Baptist Church of City Point, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, Todd Butterworth.

Mayor Shornak then turned the meeting over to the Planning Commission. Tevya Griffin, Director of Development explained that the purpose of the joint meeting was to provide information regarding the comprehensive plan. She said that the plan would be provided to council by January 31, 2018 and would be followed by another work session to answer additional questions. She then turned the meeting over to Elliot Eliades, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Eliades thanked the Mayor and then gave an extensive presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Eliades said that the actual Comp Plan was approximately 300 pages long, and would be presented to Council at the same time as it was presented to the public; however, he did say the Commission would be coming back before Council prior to the Comp Plan release. He then opened the floor for questions from Council.

Councilor Zevgolis said that he like the Plan. He said that the City had a history of too many pans in the fire and nothing getting done. He said that we need to decide what will give us the best bang for our buck.

Councilor Luman-Bailey complimented the Planning Commission on the Plan and the presentation. She said that it was very flexible. She noted that other localities often have a Plan that is too strict and can cause implementation problems. Councilor Luman-Bailey said that more walkable areas in the community was a great idea.

Vice Mayor Gore noted that the old Comp Plan included an art district. She asked if there was any interest in art in this Plan. Mr. Eliades said that the results of their study showed that art areas were really not helpful and therefore not included in the comp plan. He said that the art area was included in the DDRC plan, but not incorporated in the Comp Plan. Vice Mayor asked if the Strategic Plan had been incorporated and Ms. Griffin responded that it was included in Chapter 2.

There was further discussion between the Council and the Planning Commission, with Council making very positive comments on the Plan.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:46 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore to adjourn. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Shornak	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	yes

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Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

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

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