

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Monday, April 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

**PRESENT:** Jackie Shornak, Mayor  
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor  
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor  
Janice B. Denton, Councilor  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager  
Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager  
Stefan M. Calos of Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney  
Ronnieye L. Arrington, 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 | - | absent (arrived at 6:32 p.m.) |
| Councilor Holloway     | - | present                       |
| Councilor Zevgolis     | - | present                       |
| Councilor Denton       | - | present                       |
| Councilor Pelham       | - | present                       |

**CLOSED MEETING**

At 6:31 p.m., Councilor Pelham moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment (city attorney); (2) discussion of specific appointees of city council (HRHA, CVWMA); (3) discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of city council; (4) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of city council (CSA); and (5) 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 § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) [two items], (3), (7), and (8), respectively, The motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Councilor Holloway                      -                      Yes

**Motion passed 6-0**

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Council convened into open meeting at 8:15 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:

|                        |   |                        |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Councilor Zevgolis     | - | Yes                    |
| Vice Mayor Gore        | - | Yes                    |
| Councilor Denton       | - | Yes                    |
| Councilor Pelham       | - | --- (absent from dais) |
| Mayor Shornak          | - | Yes                    |
| Councilor Luman-Bailey | - | Yes                    |
| Councilor Holloway     | - | Yes                    |

**Motion passed 6-0**

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call, 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**

Councilor Denton moved to adopt the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

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

Mayor Shornak called the meeting to order, and thanked all for attending. The prayer was led by Herbert Bragg, Director of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Councilor Holloway.

**Consent Agenda**

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by Council and will be approved or received by one motion in the form listed. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion under the regular agenda at the request of any Councilor.*

- C-1 Minutes:**
- C-2 Pending List:**
- C-3 Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4 Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:**
- C-5 Ordinances on Second & Final Reading: Amend Chapter 2, Article 1, Sec. 2-10, paragraph (c) (*Law Library Committee*) of the Hopewell City Code**
- C-6 Routine Grant Approval:**
- C-7 Public Hearing Announcement: April 24, 2018 – Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan; Public Hearing on Eminent Domain; Public Hearing on Chesapeake Bay Site Plan**
- C-8 Information for Council Review:**
- C-9 Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations: American Legion presentation honoring heroes; Gore presentation on NLC Legislative Meeting**
- C-10 Additional Announcements: Reminder of Spring Clean Up**

Councilor Zevgolis requested that the request to Amend Chapter 2 be moved to the April 24, 2018 Council agreed by verbal consensus. Councilor Denton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

Councilor Denton moved to amend the agenda to add the request from the American Legion. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

|                    |   |     |
|--------------------|---|-----|
| Councilor Zevgolis | - | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Gore    | - | Yes |
| Councilor Denton   | - | Yes |
| Councilor Pelham   | - | Yes |

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| Mayor Shornak          | - | Yes |
| Councilor Luman-Bailey | - | Yes |
| Councilor Holloway     | - | Yes |

**Motion passed 7-0**

Councilor Zevgolis moved to approve the presentation of the American Legion Program to honor the City of Hopewell's veterans. His motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

No one signed up to speak.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Reports of City Manager:**

**R-1 Confirmation of Declaration of Emergency** - On March 30, 2018 John M. Altman Jr., City Manager of the City of Hopewell, declared a local emergency due to the loss of water pressure in the Hopewell drinking water system. Virginia Code § 44-146.21 requires that the governing body of a political subdivision declaring a local emergency, confirm said declaration at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Vice Mayor Gore moved to confirm the declaration of local emergency as declared by the City Manager on March 30, 2018. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

|                        |   |     |
|------------------------|---|-----|
| Councilor Zevgolis     | - | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Gore        | - | Yes |
| Councilor Denton       | - | Yes |
| Councilor Pelham       | - | Yes |
| Mayor Shornak          | - | Yes |
| Councilor Luman-Bailey | - | Yes |

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Councilor Holloway - Yes

**Motion passed 7-0**

**R-2 Request for Appropriation of Funds** – Dr. Concetta Manker, Director of the Information Technology Department presented Council with IT’s request to re-appropriate \$60,647.69 of \$100,000 in salary savings to carry IT through the end of FY18. Councilor Pelham moved to approve the re-appropriation of \$60,647.69 from IT’s salary saving to the IT General Fund. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**R-3** Council wanted to approve item C-5 of the Consent Agenda, so it was added as R-3. Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to approve the amendment to Chapter 2, Article 1, Sec. 2-10, paragraph (c) *Law Library Committee*) of the Hopewell City Code. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

Vice Mayor Gore moved to officially ratify purchase of the Alliance Program. Upon discussion, she withdrew her motion.

**Reports of City Attorney** – None

**Reports of City Clerk** – None

**Reports of City Council**—

**Individual Councilors**

- Pelham – Said she attended a RC&D meeting.

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- Zevgolis – He spoke about the Conflict of Interest Act and recent changes to it and to the Freedom of Information Act. He encouraged Council to familiarize themselves with both.
- Luman-Bailey – Met with Senator Kaine’s assistant last week regarding Go Green. The Finance Committee, of which she is a member, also met.
- Zevgolis – Mentioned to all that there would be a public hearing seeking citizen input on the Comp Plan at the public library on April 12, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Gore – Announced that she would be soon scheduling a ward meeting to discuss the Comp Plan, as well.

Mayor Shornak submitted a Transactional Disclosure Statement stating that her daughter works for the City of Hopewell.

**ADJOURN**

At 10:21 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis to adjourn. All councilors present responded “aye” to the question.

/s/ Jackie Shornak  
Jackie Shornak, Mayor

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