

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Jackie Shornak, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Arlene Holloway, Councilor
Anthony J. Zevgolis, Councilor
Janice B. Denton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor

Mark Haley, City Manager
Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager
Stefan M. Calos of Sands Anderson PC, City Attorney
Ronnieye L. Arrington, Acting City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:32 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

AMEND/ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Denton made a motion to approve and adopt the agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Motion passed 7-0

CLOSED MEETING

At 6:36 p.m., Councilor Denton moved to go into closed meeting for (1) discussion of the appointment, or resignation of public officers (city councilors) and specific appointees of city council (city clerk, and finance committee); and (2) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council related

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thereto and regarding specific legal matters (the Beacon) requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, in accordance with Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7), respectively. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council convened into open meeting at 7:41 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:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Mayor Shornak requested a roll call, the result of which was:

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

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

Mayor Shornak called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Rev. Jefferson Butler of the John Randolph Pastoral Care, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Vice Mayor Gore.

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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:** January 3, 2017; January 10, 2017; January 24, 2017
- C-2** **Pending List:**
- C-3** **Routine Approval of Work Sessions:**
- C-4** **Personnel Change Report & Financial Report:** Included
- C-5** **Ordinances on Second & Final Reading:** None
- C-6** **Routine Grant Approval:** None
- C-7** **Public Hearing Announcement:** May 2, 2017 - City Budget, and School Division Budget
- C-8** **Information for Council Review:** Hopewell Water Renewal minutes for January 30, 2017; April 2017 Board Report for Library; School Board minutes for March 9, 2017 and March 16, 2017
- C-9** **Resolutions/Proclamations/Presentations:** Freedom Support Center presentation; Suzanne Beauvoir Jackson CEO of John Randolph Hospital; Pinwheels for Prevention; Building Safety Month proclamation; Proclamation for Administrative Professionals Week; Presentation from the Hope House; NLC Presentation
- C-10** **Additional Announcements:** Joint Ward Meeting for Wards 2 and 6 on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Sunlight Elks Lodge, including discussion of abatement of blighted properties: (1) 1811 Dinwiddie Avenue, (2) 1710 Danville Street, (3) 2313 Dellrose Avenue, (4) 2330 Dellrose Avenue, (5) 3925 Courthouse Road, and (6) 1304 Arlington Avenue

Councilor Denton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Vice Mayor Gore moved to amend the agenda to appoint a City Clerk, which motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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Motion passed 7-0

Vice Mayor Gore moved to appoint Ronniye L. Arrington as the City Clerk. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Amend Article XI, Highway Commercial District (B-3) – Accessory Structures – Councilor Pelham moved to amend Article XI(A) of the zoning ordinance, to allow accessory structures by issuance of a Conditional Use Permit, to include metal carports that are not visible from primary streets. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

PH-2 Amend Article XIV-B, Tourist/Historic District (TH-1), section J. – Councilor Zevgolis moved to amend and reenact Article XIV-B of the zoning ordinance regarding certificates of appropriateness, violations, exclusions, and protective maintenance. His motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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PH-3 Amend Article IX, Downtown Central Business District (B-1), section H – Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to amend and reenact Article IX of the zoning ordinance, regarding rehabilitation, the Downtown Design Review Committee, certificates of appropriateness, exclusions, and protective maintenance. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Several citizens had signed the Sign-in sheet to speak about retirees’ insurance benefits and taxes. Since these items were on the agenda, Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to waive the rules to allow these people to speak. Her motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Raz Stephens and Clint Strong spoke in opposition to reduction of retiree spouse’s insurance coverage. James Jones and Riley Ingram spoke about real estate assessment and in support of no increase of real estate taxes.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Reports of City Manager:

R-1 Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund/finance budget appropriation for City Council travel costs – Councilor Zevgolis moved to appropriate an additional \$7,500 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for Council travel. His motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes

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Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	No
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes

Motion passed 6-1

R-2 Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund/finance budget appropriation for City Council costs for miscellaneous expenses - Councilor Zevgolis moved to appropriate an additional \$15,000 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for Council miscellaneous expenses. His motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0 (per Rule 105)

R-3 Presentation by CodeRVA Regional regarding the Resolution requested by the School Boards of the counties of Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George and Sussex, and the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond appointing a fiscal agent for CodeRVA – Councilor Zevgolis moved to approve the designation of the Director of the Department of Finance for Henrico County to serve as the fiscal agent for CodeRVA and to sign a resolution so stating. His motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

R-4 Capital Improvement Plan – Councilor Pelham moved to table this item until the next meeting. That motion was seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

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

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It being close to 10:30 p.m., Councilor Pelham moved to extend the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

Motion passed 7-0

R-5 FY2018 Balance Budget Options – Mr. Haley presented options available regarding the FY2018 budget. No action was required of Council.

R-6 Approval of Tax Rate for 2018 – Councilor Pelham moved that the tax rate remain the same. Her motion failed for lack of a second. Upon discussion, Councilor Luman-Bailey moved to postpone approval of a tax rate, which motion was seconded by Councilor Holloway. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	Yes
Councilor Denton	-	Yes
Councilor Pelham	-	No
Mayor Shornak	-	Yes
Councilor Luman-Bailey	-	Yes
Councilor Holloway	-	Yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	Yes

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Reports of City Attorney – None

Reports of City Clerk – None

Reports of City Council

Individual Councilors

Citizen Councilor Requests

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Vice Mayor Gore submitted a Transactional Disclosure Form stating that she was a recipient of the City's health insurance. Councilor Pelham submitted a transactional statement stating that she was a member of Council and a recipient of items in items R-1 and R-2, and also stating that she was a Hopewell School employee.

ADJOURN

At 11:46 p.m. motion was made by Councilor Zevgolis and seconded by Councilor Luman-Bailey 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