

**November 2, 2017  
Special Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

A Special Meeting of Hopewell City Council, was held Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 6:15 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  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor  
Janice Denton, Councilor  
Anthony Zevgolis, Councilor  
Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor

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

ABSENT: Both Messrs. Calos and Dane departed the meeting shortly after Council entered into Closed Meeting

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Shornak opened the meeting at 6:16 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 at 6:16 p.m. by Councilor Pelham and seconded by Councilor Denton to adopt the agenda. 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

**WAIVE RULES**

Councilor Zevgolis made a motion to waive the rules to change the order of the November 21, 2017 agenda so that regular business items can come before the public hearings. Vice Mayor Gore asked

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why this was being requested. Interim City Manager Charles Dane explained that he was anticipating seven public hearings, and was concerned that it would push the business to so late the public would not be able to hear it. There being no further discussion, 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

**CLOSED MEETING**

At 6:22 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Denton, and seconded by Councilor Zevgolis, to go into Closed Meeting for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment of appointment of specific appointees of city council (city manager, city attorney); discussion of performance of specific appointees of council (city manager); and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by city council 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) [two items] and (8), 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

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Council convened into Open Session at 10:20 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 Luman-Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Zevgolis	-	yes
Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Shornak	-	yes

Councilor Luman-Bailey made a motion to amend the agenda to add item SB-1, which motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**SB-1 Amendment to Employment Agreement of Interim City Manager** – Council discussed the appropriate wording for the motion to revise the interim city manager’s employment agreement. Councilor Denton moved to amend section 2 of the Employment Agreement of the interim city manager to allow him to hire a finance director, by striking and initialing the following: “except Employee is not authorized under Chapter VI of the Charter to appoint a director of finance.” This motion was seconded by Councilor Zevgolis. Vice Mayor Gore asked if the motion could be made more specific. Mayor Shornak asked the Clerk if the verbiage of the motion had been received from the City Attorney, to which the Clerk replied in the affirmative. Mayor Shornak stated that the language should be fine since it was fine with the attorney. Councilor Pelham agreed that the motion should be specific. Mayor Shornak said it was ridiculous to have to have more than was already stated. Councilor Denton agreed that the stated motion should be fine. Councilor Luman-Bailey asked what needed to be added. Vice Mayor Gore said that she wanted to add that the finance director would be working under a contract and not be a regular City employee. Councilor Zevgolis made the substitute motion: To amend section 2 of the Employment Agreement of the Interim City Manager to allow him to hire a finance director to work under contract beginning December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018, by striking and initialing the following, “except Employee is not authorized under Chapter VI of the Charter to appoint a director of finance,” and adding the language above. This motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**ADJOURN**

At 11:01 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Pelham, and seconded by Councilor Denton to adjourn. All councilors agreed to adjourn by saying “aye” in unison.

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/s/  
Jackie M. Shornak, Mayor

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/s/  
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk

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