

March 30, 2021
Special Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD March 30, 2021

An Electronic (Zoom) Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Patience A. Bennett, Mayor, Ward 4
John B. Partin, Jr., Vice Mayor, Ward 7
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor Ward 3
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6
Deborah B. Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney
Mollie P. Bess, Interim City Clerk

Motion to move into Closed Session made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Councilor Randolph at 6:37pm.

CLOSED MEETING

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to go into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Sections 2.2-711(A)(7) and (8) to consult with the City Attorney regarding specific legal matter and actual litigation requiring the provisions of legal advice and where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the City's interest; and (A)(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public Business.

Roll Call:

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes

Moved into Closed Session at 6:38pm

Mayor Bennett noted that they are not coming out of closed session, just extending meeting time and then going back into closed session. Motion made by Councilor Randolph to extend the meeting and a substitute motion made by Vice Mayor Partin to extend the meeting for one hour. Substitute motion accepted by Councilor Randolph. Motion made to extend the meeting for one hour which would make it end at 10:21.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Councilor Randolph.

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Roll call:

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes

City Council went back into Closed Session at 9:22pm

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Partin to come out of closed session and seconded by Councilor Randolph.

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE 2.2-3712 (D): Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	Yes

Mayor Bennett announced that at this time she would like to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Randolph made the motion to continue the meeting on April 1 at 6:30pm and Vice Mayor Partin seconded it.

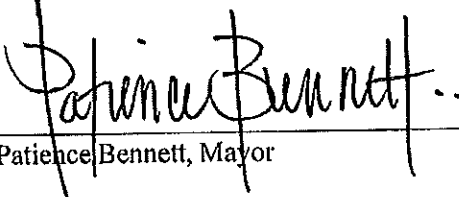
Roll Call:

Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes

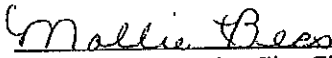
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ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.



Patience Bennett, Mayor



Mollie Bess, Interim City Clerk