

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 15, 2021

An Electronic (Zoom) Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney
Charles E. Dane, Assistant City Manager

6:30 p.m. Mayor Bennett called the special meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

Prayer was led by Councilor Denton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Councilor Randolph.

R-2 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE FY22 HOPEWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET

The basic motion commits to providing a supplemental appropriation of funds as the July 13, 2021 City Council to address the following items in FY22 School Board Budget request.

- The City's share of the 5% employee raise (\$279,901)
- Change Special Education Compliance Officers from 210 to 230 day (\$30,000)
- Two (2) new Special Education Teachers (120,000), and
- Health Insurance Increase (456,940)
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These items total \$885,965

Motion commits City Council to provide an additional supplemental appropriation of funds to address the remainder of the School Budget request which is approximately \$1.1 million upon receipt and review of a report of FY22 line item expenditures to date, as of December 31, 2021, and actual line item expenditures for the FY19, FY20 and FY21. The 2nd motion option adds the purchase of the MUNIS Financial Management System for the School Board at a cost of \$315,120, which increases the appropriation to \$1,201,085. The funding available for the supplemental appropriation is the \$1.8 million from the FY18 audit.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Councilor Randolph for City Council to accept Option 2 that will make a supplemental appropriation to FY22 school board budget to support the following items: the City's share of the five percent employee pay raise, change special education compliance officers from 210 to 230 days, to hire two new special education teachers, to cover the health insurance increase and to purchase the Tyler Technologies Munis Financial Management system for a total supplemental appropriation of \$1, 201, 085 at the July 13, 221 City Council Meeting and additionally City Council will commit to providing additional supplemental appropriation to address the remaining balance of FY2022 school board budget request up to \$1.2 million upon receipt and review of a

report of a FY22 line item expenditures to date as of December 31, 2021 and an actual line item expenditures for the FY19, 20 and 21 budgets.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes – 5 – 2

CLOSED MEETING

Motion to go into closed by Vice Mayor Partin pursuant to Va Code Sections 2.2-271(A)(1) to conduct interviews for upcoming School Board positions.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes – 7 – 0

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

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes – 7 – 0

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 discussion in closed meeting.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

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

Motion Passes – 7 – 0

ADJOURN

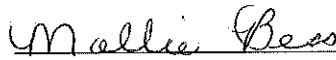
Motion was made by Councilor Denton, seconded by Councilor Randolph, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes – 7 – 0


Patience Bennett, Mayor


Mollie Bess, Interim City Clerk