

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2025, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

John B. Partin, Mayor
Rita Joyner, Vice Mayor
Ronnie Ellis, Councilor
Michael Harris, Councilor (Virtual)
Susan Daye, Councilor
Yolanda Stokes, Councilor (Virtual)
Dominic Holloway, Councilor (Virtual in route)

Councilor Daye makes a motion to allow Councilor Harris, Councilor Stokes, and Councilor Holloway to participate remotely, and Vice Mayor Joyner seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Stokes:	Abstain
Councilor Ellis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes
Councilor Harris:	Abstain
Mayor Partin:	Yes
Councilor Holloway:	Abstain
Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion passes: 4-0

Councilor Daye makes a motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (8) to discuss and consider personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters (Direct appointments of City Council), Vice Mayor Joyner seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Stokes:	Yes
Councilor Ellis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes

Councilor Harris:	Yes
Mayor Partin:	Yes
Councilor Holloway:	Yes
Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

The council comes out of the closed meeting to extend the meeting to continue the closed meeting discussion.

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to extend the meeting, and Councilor Daye seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Stokes:	No
Councilor Ellis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes
Councilor Harris:	Yes
Mayor Partin:	Yes
Councilor Holloway:	Yes
Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion Passes 6-1

Councilor Daye makes a motion to reconvene the open session, and Mayor Partin seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Stokes:	Yes
Councilor Ellis:	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes
Councilor Harris:	Yes
Mayor Partin:	Yes
Councilor Holloway:	Yes
Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

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 the closed meeting?

Roll Call:	Councilor Stokes:	Yes
	Councilor Ellis:	Yes
	Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes
	Councilor Harris:	Yes
	Mayor Partin:	Yes
	Councilor Holloway:	Yes
	Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

Councilor Daye makes a motion to terminate the employment of Dr. Concetta Manker without cause pursuant to her employment agreement, effective immediately. The city will pay her severance payout of 6 months of pay plus certain benefits as outlined in section 10 of her agreement; Mayor Partin seconds the motion.

Councilor Holloway says this has been the longest night in concluding a decision to run the city forward with the administration. He states council has come to decisions with many people on all sides of the matter. He says with one thing in particular, even in deciding personally for himself, he feels there were separate decisions made and brought up in decision before coming to this council meeting. He then calls for the vote.

Roll Call:	Councilor Stokes:	No
	Councilor Ellis:	Absent
	Vice Mayor Joyner:	Yes
	Councilor Harris:	No
	Mayor Partin:	Yes
	Councilor Holloway:	No
	Councilor Daye:	Yes

Motion Fails 3-3

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittani Williams, City Clerk



Johnny Partin, Mayor