

MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2024 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

John B. Partin, Mayor
Jasmine Gore, Vice Mayor (Late)
Rita Joyner, Councilor
Michael Harris, Councilor (Virtual)
Janice Denton, Councilor
Brenda Pelham, Councilor
Dominic Holloway, Councilor

Councilor Denton makes a motion to allow Councilor Harris to participate remotely. Councilor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Mayor Partin -	Yes
Councilor Denton-	Yes

Motion Passes 4-0

CLOSED MEETING

Councilor Denton moves to go into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss and consider personnel matters, including board and commission appointments; the assignment and performance of specific appointee

and employees of City Council, and VA. Code section §2.2-3711 (a)(29) for discussion of the award of public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders, offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and to the extent such discussion will be aided thereby. Councilor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	(Absent)
Councilor Denton-	Yes

Motion Passes 6-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to come out of closed meeting. Councilor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	(Abstain)
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	(Abstain)

Councilor Denton- Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

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 closed meeting?

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	(Absent)
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	(Absent)
Councilor Denton-	Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

Councilor Pelham makes a motion to appoint Ms. Beverly Burton as the interim city attorney and approve the contract as presented. Councilor Joyner seconds the motion

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	(Abstain)
Mayor Partin-	Yes

Vice Mayor Gore-	(Abstain)
Councilor Denton-	Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

CLOSED MEETING

Councilor Joyner moves to go into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss and consider personnel matters, including board and commission appointments; the assignment and performance of specific appointees and employees of City Council, and VA. Code section §2.2-3711 (a)(29) for discussion of the award of public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders, offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and to the extent such discussion will be aided thereby. Vice Mayor Gore seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
Councilor Denton-	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to come out of closed meeting. Councilor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	(Abstain)
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
Councilor Denton-	(Absent)

Motion Passes 5-0

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ROLL CALL

Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes
Councilor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
Councilor Denton-	(Absent)

Motion Passes 6-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Joyner motions to adjourn,


Yes- 6

No- 0

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittani Williams, City Clerk



Johnny Partin, Mayor