

**MINUTES OF THE October 26, 2023 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held on Tuesday
October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to allow Vice Mayor Gore and Councilor Harris to participate in meeting by zoom, Councilor Pelham seconds the motion.

Roll Call:	Mayor Partin -	Yes
	Vice Mayor Gore	Abstain
	Councilor Denton -	Yes
	Councilor Pelham -	Yes
	Councilor Holloway -	Yes
	Councilor Joyner -	Yes
	Councilor Harris -	Abstain

Motion Passes 5-0

CLOSED MEETING:

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-371 1 (A)(8) to receive consultation with legal counsel

employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters which requires the provision of legal advice by counsel. to the extent such discussion will be aided thereby.

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

Motion Passes 7-0

Reconvene Open Session

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to come out of closed session motion is seconded by Councilor Joyner.

Roll Call:	Mayor Partin -	Yes
	Vice Mayor Gore	Excused
	Councilor Denton -	Yes
	Councilor Pelham -	Yes
	Councilor Holloway -	Yes
	Councilor Joyner -	Yes
	Councilor Harris -	Excused

Motion Passes 5-0

CERTIFICATION:

Immediately thereafter, council responded to the question pursuant to Virginia § 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:

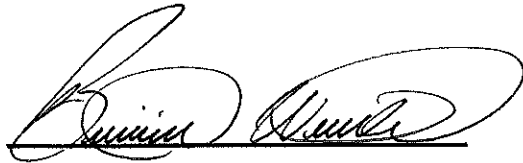
Mayor Partin -	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore	Excused
Councilor Denton -	Yes
Councilor Pelham -	Yes
Councilor Holloway -	Yes
Councilor Joyner -	Yes
Councilor Harris -	Excused

Motion Passes 5-0

Councilor Joyner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

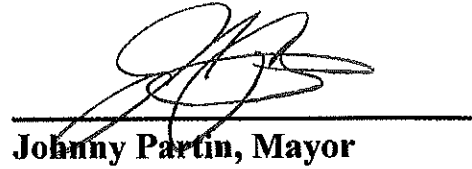
Vote: 7 Aye

0 Nay

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Brittani Williams, City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

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Johnny Partin, Mayor