

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2023 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held on Tuesday July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

CLOSED MEETING:

Councilor Joyner moves to go into closed session pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-371 1 (A)(I) and second by Vice Mayor Gore to discuss and consider personnel matters, including board and commission appointments; the assignment and performance of specific appointee and employees of City Council, and to the extent such discussion will be aided thereby, and VA Code 2.2 -3711(A)(3) for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

ROLL CAL:	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 Denton moves to reconvene open meeting and seconded by Councilor Pelham

ROLL CAL:	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

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

Motion Passes 7-0

Motion made by Councilor Pelham and second by Joyner to amend agenda to include “Community from Citizens” forum at this special meeting

ROLL CAL:	Councilor Pelham-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway-	No
	Councilor Joyner-	Yes
	Councilor Harris-	No
	Mayer Partin-	Yes
	Vice Mayor Gore-	No
	Councilor Denton-	No

Motion Fails 3-4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 – Dr. Manker, Interim City Manager, stated staff recommends approval of opioid settlement. The City entered into a settlement agreement in March 2021 and started receiving settlement payments this year (FY 2023). The staff recommends that the city council approve the funds of \$70,000.00 to be donated to the city of refuge in Hopewell VA.

Councilor Harris moves to approve the opioid settlement in funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 to be donated to the City of Refuge in Hopewell, VA, Councilor Holloway seconds the motion.

Councilor Pelham expresses appreciation to councilors for their support in the opioid funds approval. Councilor Pelham signs a conflict of interest act transactional disclosure statement stating she is a board member of the city of Refuge but will participate in the vote fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Councilor Pelham -	Yes
	Councilor Holloway -	Yes
	Councilor Joyner -	Yes
	Councilor Harris -	Yes
	Mayor Partin -	Yes
	Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
	Councilor Denton -	Yes

Motion Passed 7-0

UB-2-Appointment of City Manager

Motion to approve Commonwealth of Virginia, support for City Manager
 Council begin to discuss the appointment of the City Manager. Councilor Joyner makes a motion to approve the commonwealth of Virginia's offer for financial support, Councilor Pelham seconds the motion and makes a friendly amendment to say it is in support of an interim city manager. There was open discussion in reference to this motion. Councilor Joyner speaks in regard to the state being very generous in giving opportunity of a fiscal assessment and offering additional provision of 6 months of an interim CEO and CFO with an offer to make interim city manager the deputy and mentored by an expert in the field. Councilor Joyner began to read the letter from the state in which time Vice Mayor Gore called a point of order rule 203 no councilor shall speak longer than 3 minutes on any one item. Attorney Smith confirmed the rule. Next Councilor to speak was Councilor Harris, who attempted to make a motion to appoint Concetta Manker as City Manager, Councilor Pelham calls point of order because there is a current motion on the floor, the motion to accept the commonwealth's offer is repeated and a vote is called. Roll call is taken to end discussion on current motion.

ROLL CAL:	Councilor Pelham	Yes
	Councilor Holloway:	Yes

Councilor Joyner:	No
Councilor Harris:	Yes
Mayor Partin:	No
Vice Mayor Gore:	Yes
Councilor Denton:	Yes

Motion Pass: 4 -3

Following motion to end discussion there is a roll call for the motion itself from Councilor Joyner to approve the state offer.

ROLL CAL:	Councilor Pelham	Yes
	Councilor Holloway:	No
	Councilor Joyner:	Yes
	Councilor Harris:	No
	Mayor Partin:	Yes
	Vice Mayor Gore:	No
	Councilor Denton:	No

Motion Fails: 3-4

Immediately following roll call, Councilor Harris moves to puts his motion back on the floor to appoint Dr. Concetta Manker as full time City Manager for the City of Hopewell and to approved her employment contract as amended, Councilor Holloway seconds motion. Vice Mayor Gore calls for the vote. They take a vote to end discussion on Councilor Harris's motion,

ROLL CAL:	Councilor Pelham	No
	Councilor Holloway:	Yes
	Councilor Joyner:	No
	Councilor Harris:	Yes
	Mayor Partin:	No

Vice Mayor Gore:	Yes
Councilor Denton:	Yes

Motion Pass: 4 -3

Roll call is immediately taken for Councilor Harris's motion to appoint Concetta Manker as City Manager.

ROLL CALL:	Councilor Pelham	No
	Councilor Holloway:	Yes
	Councilor Joyner:	No
	Councilor Harris:	Yes
	Mayor Partin:	No
	Vice Mayor Gore:	Yes
	Councilor Denton:	Yes

Motion Pass: 4 -3

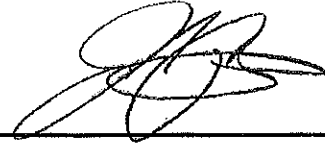
Vice Mayor Gore moves to adjourn.

ROLL CALL:	Councilor Pelham:	Silent (yes, qui tacit Consenti – Silence assumes consent, Parliamentary law and Parliamentary Procedure, 3 rd ed.)
	Councilor Holloway:	Yes
	Councilor Joyner:	No
	Councilor Harris:	Yes
	Mayor Partin:	No
	Vice Mayor Gore:	Yes
	Councilor Denton:	Yes

Motion Pass: 5 -2



Brittani Williams, City Clerk



Johnny Partin, Mayor