MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2026 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell Council was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT:

John B. Partin, Mayor
Rita Joyner, Vice Mayor
Michael Harris, Councilor
Susan Daye, Councilor
Malik Wheat, Councilor
Lovena Rapole, Councilor

Vice Mayor Joyner makes a motion to appoint the City attorney as clerk pro tem after the closed session. Mayor Partin seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes

Motion Passes 6-0

Councilor Wheat makes a motion to allow Councilor Harris participate remotely. Vice Mayor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes

Motion Passes 6-0

Councilor Wheat makes a motion to go into closed meeting under Va. Code§ 2.2-371 l(A)(l), to discuss personnel matters, including board and commission appointments. (City Manager candidate evaluations). Councilor Rapole seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent

Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes

Motion Passes 6-0

Councilor Wheat makes a motion to reconvene to open meeting. Vice Mayor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes

Motion Passes 6-0

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?

PRESENT:

John B. Partin, Mayor
Rita Joyner, Vice Mayor
Michael Harris, Councilor
Susan Daye, Councilor
Malik Wheat, Councilor
Lovena Rapole, Councilor

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Johnny Partin, Mayor

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Sade' Allen, City Clerk