

**Special Meeting
July 7, 2022**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 7, 2022

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John B. Partin, Vice Mayor, Ward 3
 Deborah B. Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1
 Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2
 Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor, Ward 4
 Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5 (arrived during closed session)
 Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6 (participated remotely)

Mollie P. Bess, City Clerk

Vice Mayor Partin opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and requested a roll call.

ROLL CALL:	Vice Mayor Partin	-	present
	Councilor Pelham	-	present (but with technical issues)
	Councilor Randolph	-	present
	Councilor Holloway	-	present
	Councilor Gore	-	present

Quorum established.

CLOSED MEETING

Vice Mayor Partin asked for a motion to allow Councilor Pelham to participate virtually in the meeting. Motion made by Councilor Gore and seconded by Councilor Holloway for Councilor Pelham to join the meeting virtually. He asked Councilor Pelham to type in the chat feature the reason for her virtual participation. Councilor Pelham stated her name and location, she had technical issues. Councilor Pelham was able to be heard via the Clerk's phone with speaker enabled. There were no further discussions. At the roll call: the vote resulted:

ROLL CALL:	Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
	Councilor Gore	-	yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	yes

Motion passed 4-0 to allow Councilor Pelham to join the meeting remotely.

Vice Mayor Partin asked for a motion to go into closed session.

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A motion was made by Councilor Holloway and seconded by Councilor Randolph to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Section §2.2-3711 (A) (1) to interview prospective appointees to the School Board, discuss appointees to various other boards and commissions and to discuss recruitment of prospective candidates for City Manager. There was no discussion. At the roll call, the vote resulted:

ROLL CALL:	Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
	Councilor Gore	-	yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	yes (by remote)

Motion passes 5-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Vice Mayor Partin to come out of closed session. There was no discussion. At the roll call, the vote resulted:

ROLL CALL:	Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	yes
	Councilor Denton	-	yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	no (by remote)

Motion passes 4-0

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VA. 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? At the roll call, the responses resulted:

ROLL CALL:	Councilor Denton	-	yes
	Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	yes
	Councilor Randolph	-	yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	no (by remote)

Certification passes 4-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Holloway to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion, and Council expressed favor unanimously to end the meeting.

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Patience Bennett, Mayor

Mollie P. Bess, City Clerk