

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was scheduled to be held by electronic communication only, pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3708(A)(3).

**PRESENT:** Jasmine Gore, Mayor, Ward 4  
Patience Bennett, Vice Mayor, Ward 7  
Deborah Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2  
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5  
Brenda Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney  
Camisha M. Brown, Assistant City Clerk

**ABSENT:** John B. Partin, Jr., Councilor Ward 3

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 6:33p.m. Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting was held via Zoom Video Communications. Council was allowed to either call in on the telephone, or were able to video in using a smart phone, computer, laptop, or tablet. Citizens were able to watch the meeting live via YouTube. Mayor Gore waited a couple of minutes for everyone to get logged in or to call in. Mayor Gore requested a roll call, as follows:

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| Mayor Gore         | - | present |
| Vice Mayor Bennett | - | present |
| Councilor Randolph | - | present |
| Councilor Partin   | - | absent  |
| Councilor Holloway | - | present |
| Councilor Denton   | - | present |
| Councilor Pelham   | - | present |

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The City Manager presented the proposed FY21 Operating and Capital Budget beginning at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Altman gave an overview of the proposed FY2021 budget. He discussed COVID-19 expenses and Revenue and Expenditure Reduction. Mr. Altman addressed Council’s requests and questions and provided Council with future Work Session dates (May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>). He continued to go through the packets that he provided to Council. After his presentation, there was discussion by Council. Mayor Gore went over topics that needed to be discussed in future work sessions.

**ADJOURN**

At 8:18 p.m., Councilor Randolph moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Gore seconded the motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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| Mayor Gore         | - | yes |
| Vice Mayor Bennett | - | yes |
| Councilor Randolph | - | yes |
| Councilor Holloway | - | yes |
| Councilor Denton   | - | yes |
| Councilor Pelham   | - | no  |

**Motion passes 5-1**

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Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor

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Camisha M. Brown, Assistant City Clerk