

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2024, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Harris makes a motion to allow Mayor Partin and Councilor Joyner to participate remotely; Councilor Denton seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL	Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
	Councilor Denton-	Absent
	Councilor Pelham-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway-	Yes
	Councilor Joyner-	Abstain
	Councilor Harris-	Yes
	Mayor Partin-	Abstain

Motion Passes 4-0

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to adopt the agenda, and Councilor Pelham seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL	Councilor Joyner-	Absent
	Councilor Harris-	Yes

Mayor Partin-	Yes
Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
Councilor Denton-	Yes
Councilor Pelham-	Yes
Councilor Holloway-	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

CLOSED MEETING:

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Section §2.2-3711(A)(7). Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, Vice Mayor Gore seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes 6-0

Reconvene Open Meeting

Councilor Denton makes a motion to reconvene an open meeting. Councilor Holloway seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Joyner-	Absent
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Absent
Vice Mayor Gore-	Yes
Councilor Denton-	Yes
Councilor Pelham-	Yes

Councilor Holloway- Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

CERTIFICATION:

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 a closed meeting?

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes 5-0

Prior to the 7:30 start time for the special meeting, a presentation took place for outgoing councilors, Vice Mayor Gore, Councilor Pelham, and Councilor Denton. They received an Ed Hatch framed as well as an award for their dedicated service to the city.

MOA and Operation Summary: - Tabitha Martinez, Recreation and Parks Director

Ms. Martinez began with a presentation regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the NOVA South Swim Team for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. The speaker, who took office recently, recommended that the council endorse the proposed MOA. The speaker addressed concerns raised earlier about revenue generation, explaining that since their tenure began, the swim program had been operating at a net loss. However, they have successfully worked to reduce this deficit. Their goal moving forward is to continue increasing revenue, and one strategy involves reducing the swim team's use of the pool to three lanes. The speaker proposed reallocating the remaining pool space for swim lessons, which would generate additional revenue. This adjustment would compensate for the revenue lost by cutting back on the swim team's lane usage, resulting in a net gain.

The speaker invited any questions from the council regarding these proposals.

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to approve the MOA based on a staff recommendation to the city council to endorse the proposed MOA for NOVA South 2025-2026; Councilor Harris seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes 5-0

Councilor Holloway makes a motion to adjourn, and Councilor Pelham seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion Passes 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittani Williams, City Clerk



Johnny Partin, Mayor

Brittani Williams, City Clerk