

**February 9, 2021
Regular Council Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2021

An Electronic (Zoom) Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Patience A. Bennett, Mayor, Ward 4
John B. Partin, Jr., Vice Mayor, Ward 7
Deborah B. Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor Ward 3
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney
Charles E. Dane, Assistant City Manager
Aaron A. Reidmiller, Director of Recreation and Parks
Austin B. Anderson, Construction Engineer
Tevya W. Gridding, Director of Development

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bennett opened the meeting at 5:34 pm and appointed Mr. Altman as City Clerk Pro Tem. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Partin, seconded by Councilor Denton, and unanimously passed to convene into Closed Session at 5:37 p.m. for discussion of City Clerk position; 2 part time employees on a temporary basis and the Temp Agency. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

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OPEN MEEETING

Council convened into Open Session. Councilors responded to the question: "Were the only matters discussed in the Closed Meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements; and public business matters identified in the motion to convene into Closed Session?" Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Councilor Randolph to appoint Stephanie Mayberry to Architectural Review Board.

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL RULES
6:30 P.M.

Hopewell City Council Rules of Procedure. Rule 411 no formal action will be taken. Discussed Rule 306 and the proposed amendment and effect on Rule 301. Discussed changes to Rule 406, Decorum and Rule 407 suspension of Rules.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Bennett opened the regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

Patience A. Bennett	-	Present
John B. Partin, Jr., Vice Mayor	-	Present
Deborah B. Randolph, Councilor-	-	Present
Arlene Holloway, Councilor	-	Present
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor	-	Present
Janice B. Denton, Councilor	-	Present
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor	-	Present

Prayer was offered by Charlie Danc followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Councilor Holloway. Mayor Bennett welcomed everyone and asked City Council for any good news. It was noted that Rashad Briggs was Employee of the Quarter.

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AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Mayor Bennett, and unanimously passed to postpone R-3 to next meeting and adopt agenda.

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Partin, seconded by Mayor Bennett, and unanimously passed to accept the consent agenda.

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

REGULAR BUSINESS

R-1 CAMERON FOUNDATION HEALTH DISPARTIES GRANT UDPATE

Mr. Altman introduced Ms. Tevya Griffin, Director, Department of Development. Tevya reintroduced Dr. Cliff Mom's. Dr. Mom's presented Council an update of the grant work to date. The grant is for \$50K, team will decide how money is spent, question was asked on how will decisions be made for City to be addressed. Dr. Mom's stated that grants will fund a program manager (FT); and will look to raise additional funds; once grant is complete and approved by the Cameron Foundation it will be brought back to the City Council. Vice Mayor Partin thanked Dr. Mom's for his work in the City.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Partin and seconded by Mayor Bennett, and unanimously passed to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:
7 ayes – 0 nays

Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

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R-2 Riverwalk Phase II

Plan for Phase II was presented to City Council. Vice Mayor Partin motioned to approve the appropriation of money to support construction for Phase II Riverwalk, it was seconded by Councilor Randolph.

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

Motion was made to amend motion to require all contracts come back to City Council noting this is an agreement with DCR not contract with contractor. This project was part of FY20 budget, 20% of the cost. Discussion on grant Phase II, change with ability to cross VAWCO intake increased cost. P.O. information has been submitted. RFP process is completed and action is needed tonight to award contract. Worked with engineering firm to get 15% plans and project cost estimate, both bids were within estimated cost; based on 15% plans (project cost estimate), knew it would exceed grant funds that did not have a cost. No 2nd received and Motion died.

R-4 HRHA March 10, 2021 @ 6:30PM

All members of City Council agree to the date and time of the joint meeting.

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS

IR-1 Boards and Commissions

Discussion - City Council support including under City Clerk vacancies; develop flyer; or outreach on all media; develop a tool for website to increase updates of vacancies; old work session to review for relevancy, letter to chair for action. - Motion died.

Motion made by Councilor Gore and seconded by Vice Mayor Partin to have a work session in March/April for Board & Commissions.

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

IR-2 City Council Laptops

Discussion of City Council needs for a shared drive; would like for all of CC to have laptops so they can have a shared drive; would like for Technology Committee to bring back recommendation of shared drive content. Motion by Councilor Randolph and seconded by Vice Mayor Partin. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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Councilor Denton	-	yes

Will check to ensure there is money to purchase laptops. If WiFi is supported we will be paying monthly WiFi fee. It is decided that we should support the purchase of laptops' and only WiFi should be available if there are connectivity issues. Motion for a request for a Sub-Motion by Mayor Bennett and seconded by Councilor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted.

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

IR-3 Vaccine Strategy

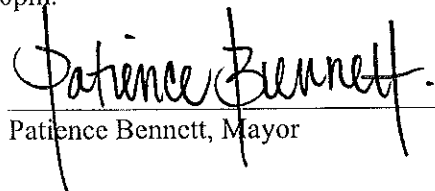
IR was discussed, P.O. order – how can we take back a vote. A discussion on how you can change a vote – a motion to reconsider or a motion to rescind; motion to reconsider is limited to next meeting; process was explained. Stated there is no time limit on a motion to rescind. – No action taken

Motion was made by Councilor Denton and 2nd by Councilor Randolph to extend the meeting until 10:30pm.

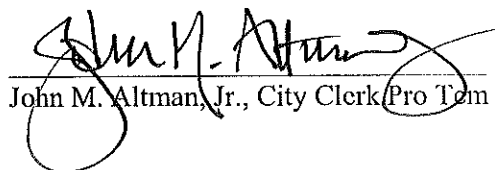
Councilor Pelham	-	no
Mayor Bennett	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Vice Mayor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilor Partin, seconded by Mayor Bennett, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.



Patience Bennett, Mayor



John M. Altman, Jr., City Clerk/Pro Tem