

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 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  
John B. Partin, Jr., Councilor Ward 3  
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

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 6:03 p.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. At 6:03 p.m., Mayor Gore requested a roll call, as follows:

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

### CLOSED MEETING

At 6:04 p.m., Councilor Denton moved to go into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss and consider personnel matters, including the performance of specific appointees and employees relative to the status of and work related to the FY18 CAFR; and to the extent such discussions will be aided thereby, (A)(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business. Councilor Partin seconded the motion. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

At 7:05 p.m. Councilor Partin moved that Council come out of Closed Session. His motion was seconded by Councilor Denton. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

\*Councilor Pelham and Councilor Randolph joined during Closed Session

**CERTIFICATION**

Immediately thereafter, Council responded to the question pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712 (D): were only public business matters (I) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (II) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting? Upon the roll call, the responses resulted:

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

Mayor Gore requested based upon Closed Meeting discussion to add to the next Regular Meeting agenda to come up with a date to finalize the FY18 CAFR and to come back with additional recommendations on manpower to complete it. Mayor Gore asked for this item to be placed on the top of the agenda for the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Council also needs to add to approve the Mayor to sign a grant for the police department.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:15 PM, Councilor Denton moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Mayor Gore. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Gore	-	yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	-- (dropped off at 7:22 p.m.)
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

**Motion passed 6-0**

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Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor

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Camisha M. Brown, Interim City Clerk