

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Hopewell City Council was held Tuesday, March 16, 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  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2  
Brenda Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6  
  
John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney  
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk

**ABSENT:** Patience Bennett, Vice Mayor, Ward 7  
Deborah Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1  
John B. Partin, Jr., Councilor Ward 3  
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5

Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting was held telephonically. Council was allowed to either call in on the telephone, or were able to video in using a smart phone, computer, laptop, or tablet. Mayor Gore requested a roll call, as follows:

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

The lack of quorum was noted. Mayor Gore asked the Clerk to contact the absent members of Council to see if a quorum would be forthcoming. The Clerk, who was also telephonic, muted the call to go contact the other councilors. Upon her return, the Clerk advised that she was unable to reach any of the other members of Council, and that a quorum would not be present.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

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Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor

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Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk