

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Hopewell Council was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

John B. Partin, Mayor
Rita Joyner, Vice Mayor
Michael Harris, Councilor
Malik Wheat, Councilor
Susan Daye, Councilor
Lovena Rapole, Councilor

Councilor Rapole makes a motion to allow Councilor Harris to attend remotely due to medical reasons. Vice Mayor Joyner seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent

Motion Passes 6-0

Vice Mayor Joyner makes a motion to go into a closed meeting under Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3), (8), and (29),. to discuss the acquisition or disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, the award of a public contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the City’s bargaining position, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters (real estate contract discussions, support agreement with EDA and § 2.2-3711(A)(1), to discuss personnel matters including (City Manager finalists). Mayor Partin seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
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Councilor Harris-	Yes
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent

Motion Passes 6-0

Councilor Daye makes a motion to reconvene the open meeting. Councilor Wheat seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Joyner-	Yes
Councilor Harris-	Absent
Mayor Partin-	Yes
Councilor Ellis-	Absent
Councilor Daye-	Yes
Councilor Wheat-	Yes
Councilor Rapole-	Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

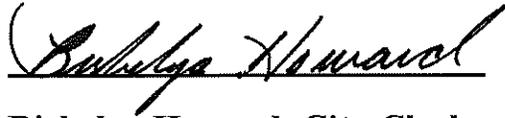
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE §2.2-3712 (D): Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in the closed meeting?

PRESENT:

Rita Joyner, Vice Mayor
 John Partin, Mayor
 Susan Daye, Councilor
 Malik Wheat, Councilor
 Lovena Rapole, Councilor

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,


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Bishelya Howard, City Clerk


A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnny Partin", is written over a horizontal line.

Johnny Partin, Mayor