

SPECIAL MEETING



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Anthony R. Bessette, City Attorney

Brittani Williams, City Clerk

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March 20, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

Open Session – 5:00 PM

5:00 p.m.

Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

HOPEWELL WATER RENEWAL UPDATE

1. **Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation Status** – Michael Crocker, Public Works Director

BUDGET PRESENTATION

1. **City Attorney Budget** – Anthony Bessette, City Attorney
2. **City Council Budget** – Brittani Williams, City Clerk
3. **Planning and Development Budget** – Chris Ward, Planning and Development director
4. **Information Technology Budget** – Jay Rezin, IT Director
5. **Public Works Budget** – Michael Crocker, Public Works Director
6. **Water Renewal Budget** – Michael Crocker, Public Works Director

Adjournment



Hopewell Water Renewal



Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation Status

- **Management-** Inadequate utility rate structure
 - Rate study underway
 - Potential future debt service will be reliant on a rate structure that supports capital investments in the facility and collection system network
- **Staffing-** 57 FTE's
 - 3 management vacancies
 - 5 operation/maintenance/lab vacancies
 - Operator turnover- chronic issue
- **Operations & Maintenance**
 - Workplace culture a longstanding issue
 - Routine & preventative maintenance continues to plague plant operations
 - Equipment repair and replacement schedules & funding create operational challenges
 - Inadequate staffing to meet demands of facility and field ops
- **Regulatory Compliance**
 - Plant limits- In compliance (Caveat- lack of O&M&R will create hurdles to future compliance.
 - Pump station overflows will create regulatory challenges in the short and long term.

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Questions?



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BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

ADJOURNMENT