

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 8, 2022

A special council meeting of the Hopewell City Council was convened Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

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

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Cynthia E. Hudson, Acting City Attorney
Mollie P. Bess, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Partin opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, as follows:

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

Quorum established

Mayor Bennett explained the reason for her physical absence was due to medical reasons, and explained that she was participating from her home. Councilor Denton motioned to approve Mayor Bennett's attendance of the meeting via Zoom. Councilor Pelham seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 5-0

Councilor Holloway explained her reason for physical absence at the Council Meeting was due to medical reasons and that she was participating from her home via Zoom. Councilor Randolph motioned to allow Councilor Holloway to participate in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham.

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 5-0

Councilor Randolph moved to go into Closed Meeting, pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss prospective appointees to various boards and commissions; and to discuss prospective candidates for employment (City Attorney) and appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham.

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 7-0

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Councilor Randolph motioned to reconvene open meeting. This was seconded by Councilor Pelham.

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 7-0

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 closed meeting?

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Randolph motioned to appoint Patricia Destie to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilor Gore seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Pelham moved to appoint Susan Eliades to the Architecture Review Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Partin.

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

Motion passed 7-0

Councilor Pelham moved to appoint Rita Joyner to the Downtown Design Review Committee. Councilor Gore seconded the motion.

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

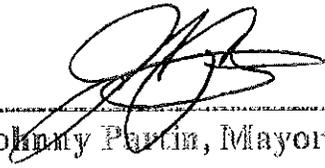
Motion passed 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sade' Allen, City Clerk



Johnny Parlin, Mayor