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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2009

A Special Meeting and Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, were held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor
N. Gregory Cuffey, Vice Mayor
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor
Curtis W. Harris, Councilor
Kenneth B. Emerson, Councilor
Gerald S. Stokes, Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor

Edwin C. Daley, City Manager
Thomas E. Lacheney, City Attorney
Julie B. Sharp, Acting City Clerk

ABSENT: Ann M. Romano, City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Pelham opened the meeting at 6:33 PM. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Pelham	-	present
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	present
Councilor Bailey	-	present
Councilor Harris	-	absent - arrived at 6:37
Councilor Emerson	-	present
Councilor Stokes	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present

Prayer was offered by Avon Miles, School Board Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

REGULAR BUSINESS – FY 2009/2010 BUDGET FOR HOPEWELL CITY SCHOOLS

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Cuffey, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to approve the FY 2009/2010 Budget for Hopewell City Schools.

Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	had not yet arrived

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REGULAR BUSINESS – MACHINERY & TOOLS TAX RATE FOR 2009

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Cuffey, and seconded by Councilor Bailey, to dispense with the requirement for a second reading and permit ordinance to be enacted on first reading. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	had not yet arrived

REGULAR BUSINESS – WAIVE COUNCIL’S RULES TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO CAP PPEA PROPOSAL REVIEW FEES

Motion was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuffey, to waive council’s rules to consider a resolution to cap PPEA proposal review fees. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes

REGULAR BUSINESS – RESOLUTION TO CAP PPEA PROPOSAL REVIEW FEES

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Cuffey, and seconded by Councilor Emerson, to adopt the resolution to cap PPEA proposal review fees. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Hopewell received an unsolicited PPEA proposal with respect to the construction of a Human Services Building, and;

WHEREAS, the City posted public notice of the unsolicited proposal, and set a deadline of May 19, 2009 for reviewing the proposal, and any additional competing proposals that might be filed, and;

WHEREAS, the current PPEA Guidelines in effect contain a provision requiring a minimum Proposal Review Fee of \$2,500.00 and a maximum fee of \$25,000.00, and;

WHEREAS, the City desires to cap the Proposal and Review Fee on the above-described proposals.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA: that the Proposal Review Fees due under the City's PPEA Guidelines for the above-described proposals, shall be set at the \$2,500.00 minimum, regardless of the total cost of the proposal.

The Special Meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.

WORK SESSION – JOINT DISCUSSION WITH HOPEWELL CITY SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING RENOVATIONS AT HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL

The Hopewell School Board and their architects presented a PowerPoint presentation "Renovations to Hopewell High."

After discussion, Dr. Daley suggested funding the project with a \$20 million maximum with any federal funding received being applied to reduce the debt service, and an increase of .3¢ in real estate taxes every other year (2010, 2012 and 2014) over the next six years.

This item will be placed on the upcoming City Council Agenda of June 9, 2009 for consideration and approval.

WORK SESSION – REVIEW PPEA POLICY REVISIONS PROPOSED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

Tom Lacheney, City Attorney briefly discussed proposed amendments to the City's PPEA Guidelines. Council members are to review those amendments and be prepared for consideration and approval at the City Council meeting of June 9, 2009.

WORK SESSION – REVIEW REVISIONS TO THE PTO POLICIES

Dr. Daley discussed the modified language in the Human Resources Manual covering proposed revisions to the Human Resources Manual PTO Policy. Council members are to review the revisions and be prepared for consideration and approval at the City Council meeting of June 9, 2009.

ADJOURN

At 9:37 PM **motion** was made by Councilor Emerson, and seconded by Councilor Walton, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Emerson	-	yes
Councilor Stokes	-	yes
Councilor Walton	-	yes
Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Vice Mayor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes

Brenda S. Pelham
Mayor

Julie B. Sharp, Acting City Clerk