

January 22, 2013
Work Session

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION of CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 22, 2013

A Work Session of the City Council, of the City of Hopewell, Virginia was held Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor
Roosevelt Edwards, Councilor
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor

Edwin C. Daley, City Manager
David C. Fratarcangelo, City Attorney
Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk

ABSENT: Christina Luman-Bailey, Councilor

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bujakowski opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Bujakowski	- present
Vice Mayor Gore	- present
Councilor Luman-Bailey	- ABSENT
Councilor Edwards	- present
Councilor Walton	- present
Councilor Pelham	- present
Councilor Shornak	- present

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At 6:32 a **motion** by Vice Mayor Gore, and seconded by Councilor Edwards and unanimously passed by Council, to amend the agenda for after the Work Session, for an update by Councilor Walton and Councilor Shornak from the House/Senate in regards to the \$5 million for the Sewer Project.

R-1 REGULAR BUSINESS – PLANNING COMMISSION - BLUFFS

At 6:33 p.m. Elliot Eliades, from the Planning Commission, presented the ongoing history of the Bluffs, using the 12.11.2012, previous presentation to Council. A key point in the presentation was the possibility of another entrance to the Bluffs, and the utilization of a study by, the Richmond Chapter of Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Program (TAP), for **\$10,000**.

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DISCUSSION:

At 6:51 p.m., discussion by Council included the surrounding properties which were focused on, due to the impact of the entrance to the Bluffs, as key to promoting the area to developers. Some of the surrounding property owners (Mr. Ferguson) have been contacted and are willing to talk about possibilities, about a road going through his property, to create a pleasant visual entry into the Bluffs. It was suggested to utilize, Urban Land Institute (URI), the Richmond Chapter of Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Program (TAP) to assist with the creation of a development strategy. This would help in getting the "big picture" of the best way to market the area to developers. Concern over spending more money on studies, was met with mixed results. The last market study was done in 2008, would be of no use, today, due to the economic market differences. Council considered suggesting, to get an appraisal on the property, with and without the road; have URL speak to Council and the Planning Commission; ask URL for a similar baseline study example, of what is included in a study, and the additional costs for extra items.

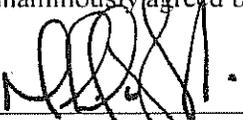
Council unanimously agreed to a Special Meeting prior to the Work Session, on January 29, 2013, to discuss the Bluffs, and make a decision, and then advise the Planning Committee on the decision.

R-2 UPDATE ON THE \$5 MILLION FUND FOR THE SEWER PROJECT –

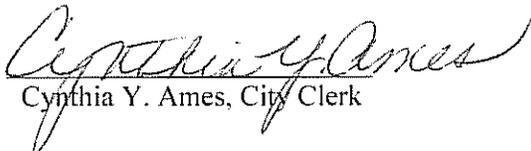
Councilor Walton and Councilor Shornak gave a brief update on the funding for the sewer project. It was suggested a letter be written to the Delegates and Senators, stating our support for the governor, stress economic development, Hopewell is listed as number 19 on the stressed list of cities, and Hopewell does not have a large tax base. Approval of writing the letter was passed by consensus, of the Council.

ADJOURN

At 7:53 p.m. **motion** was made by Councilor Walton, and seconded by Vice Mayor Gore, and unanimously agreed by council to adjourn the meeting.



Michael C. Bujakowski, Mayor



Cynthia Y. Ames, City Clerk