

**PROCLAMATIONS**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

*WHEREAS, The City of Hopewell is dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, homelessness among our military veterans is a critical concern impacting the health, well-being, employment and educational opportunities of the men and women who have proudly served our Country; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize that local participants in the homeless services network, who work through the Continuum of Care to house homeless veterans, will be the foundation by which homelessness amongst all populations will be resolved; and*

*WHEREAS, from November 2014, over 5 military veterans residing in the City of 3 received vital homeless support services; and*

*WHEREAS, we will continue to provide ongoing local leadership to combat homelessness among our veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, we will continue to be a community partner when joining forces with organizations such as OC3, faith based entities, non-profits organizations, the City of Hopewell Housing and Redevelopment Authority, City of Hopewell Sherriff Department, Appomattox Regional Library, City of Hopewell Public Schools, and various municipal departments to end homelessness throughout the entire city.*

*WHEREAS, there are historic levels of federal, state and local resources now available to aid homeless veterans and their families through collaboration with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the National League of Cities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor of the City of Hopewell am pleased to announce that, as of August 2015, the City of Hopewell proudly joins forces with more than 200 cities across the United States in our commitment to end veteran homelessness within our community by the end of 2015, and formally accept First Lady Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness.*

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_, City of \_\_\_\_\_



## *CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION*

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS WEEK

WHEREAS, the fiscal health and well-being of Virginia's people, businesses, and institutions is critical to the continued vitality and prosperity of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in Virginia must maintain high standards of ethics, professionalism, and knowledge by maintaining and enhancing their skills through lifelong continuing professional education; and

WHEREAS, CPAs provide accounting and auditing services, management advisory services, and individual as well as corporate tax and financial planning advice; and

WHEREAS, CPAs in Virginia continuously draw upon their unique knowledge and experiences to provide sound, reliable financial counsel in order to protect and promote the growth of business, the soundness of government operations, the excellence of higher education and the confidence of investors in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, CPAs deserve recognition for their hard work and the positive impact they have in communities and businesses throughout Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 13-19, 2015, as CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS WEEK in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



# CITY OF HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**Strategic Operating Plan Vision Theme:**

- Civic Engagement
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Education
- Housing
- Safe & Healthy Environment
- None (Does not apply)

**Order of Business:**

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**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) update on the progress of the first year of the curbside recycling program in Hopewell, by Kim Hynes, Director of CVWMA

**ISSUE:** Update on curbside recycling program

**RECOMMENDATION:** None

**TIMING:** Presentation on September 22, 2015

**BACKGROUND:** Curbside recycling collection was implemented in City of Hopewell in July 2014

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:** Power Point presentation

**STAFF:** Ed Watson, Director of Public Works  
Monique Robertson, Services Manager

**SUMMARY:** Kim Hynes, Director of CVWMA, presentation on the progress of the first year of the recycling program in Hopewell

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# PUBLIC HEARINGS

**PH-1**

**BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION**

**AMENDMENT FY 14-15**



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**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Hold for Public Hearing for Budget Resolution to Amendments Fiscal Year 2014-15

**ISSUE:** Need to appropriate additional State and/or Local funds for DSS, CSA and Self Insurance Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends holding a public hearing to consider a resolution to appropriate additional funding.

**TIMING:** September 22, 2015 Meeting

**BACKGROUND:** The DSS budget is based on the previous year's allocation. Once the state issues the allocation a budget amendment is need. CSA is State mandated. The Self Insurance Fund is out of Funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$1,038,600 in State funds and \$797,741 in Local funds.

**ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:** None

**STAFF:** Jerry L. Whitaker, Director of Finance

**SUMMARY:** Hold public hearing Adopt budget resolution amendments to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,836,341 for the fiscal year 2014-15 budget to provide additional funding for DSS, CSA and Self-Insurance Fund.

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BUDGET RESOLUTION AMENDMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell held on September 22, 2015, following a public hearing, budget amendments were introduced to appropriate funds for the FY 2014-2015 budget to provide for operations.

WHEREAS budget amendments to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,350,000 for operations from the Unassigned Fund Balance and State funds for the FY 2014-2015 budget were introduced and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the respective funds and accounts,

BE IT, HEREBY, RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hopewell that:

Sec. 1 The following designated funds and accounts shall be appropriated for operations from the Unassigned Fund Balance and State funds.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

General Fund-011:

Resources:

Fund Balance ..... \$ 807,581

Appropriations:

Transfer to Fund 012 ..... \$ 31,340  
Transfer to Fund 015 ..... \$ 289,900  
Transfer to Fund 076 ..... \$ 486,341

VPA Fund-012:

Resources:

State Funds ..... \$ 187,360  
Transfer from Fund 011 ..... \$ 31,340

Appropriations:

Social Services Expenditures ..... \$ 218,700

CSA Fund-015:

Resources:

State Funds .....	\$ 910,100
Transfer from Fund 011 .....	\$ 289,900

Appropriations:

CSA Expenditures .....	\$1,200,000
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Self-Insurance Fund-076:

Resources:

Transfer from Fund 011 .....	\$ 486,341
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Appropriations:

Self-Insurance Fund Expenditures .....	\$ 486,341
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**BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION**

**AMENDMENT FY 15-16**



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**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing for Budget Resolution to Amendments  
Fiscal Year 2015-16**

**ISSUE: Need to appropriate rollover fund and new appropriations.**

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends setting a public hearing to consider a resolution  
to appropriate additional funding.**

**TIMING: September 22, 2015 Meeting**

**BACKGROUND: None**

**FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined**

**ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: None**

**STAFF: Jerry L. Whitaker, Director of Finance**

**SUMMARY: Public hearing Adopt budget resolution amendments to appropriate funds for  
the fiscal year 2015-16 budget.**

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BUDGET RESOLUTION AMENDMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell held on September 22, 2015, following a public hearing, budget amendments were introduced to appropriate and re-appropriate funds for the FY 2015-2016 budget to provide for operations and capital projects.

WHEREAS budget amendments to appropriate and re-appropriate funds in the amount of \$13,471,981 for operations and capital projects from the Unassigned Fund Balances, Transfers and State funds for the FY 2015-2016 budget were introduced and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the respective funds and accounts,

BE IT, HEREBY, RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hopewell that:

**Sec. 1** The following designated funds and accounts shall be re-appropriated to operate city services and fund capital projects from carryover balances.

**General Fund-011:**

**Resources:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances ..... \$143,092

**Appropriations:**

Finance.....	\$14,912
General District.....	48
Police.....	18,846
Fire.....	3,701
VDOT.....	18,043
Planning.....	85,834
Non-Departmental.....	<u>1,628</u>
Total General Fund.....	\$143,092

**CSA- Fund-015:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances ..... \$10,546

Appropriations:

CSA Operations ..... \$10,546

<b><u>Refuse- Fund-030:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances .....	\$2,959
Appropriations:	
Refuse Operations.....	\$2,959
 <b><u>Regional- Fund-032:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances .....	\$1,347,596
Appropriations:	
Regional Operations.....	\$1,347,596
 <b><u>Parks- Fund-035:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances .....	\$25,940
Appropriations:	
Parks Operations.....	\$25,940
 <b><u>Sewer- Fund-041:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances.....	\$490,577
Appropriations:	
Sewer Operations.....	\$490,577
 <b><u>Storm Water- Fund-049:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances.....	\$230,794
Appropriations:	
Storm Water Operations.....	\$230,794
 <b><u>Capital Projects- Fund-075:</u></b>	
Non-spendable-Encumbrances .....	\$1,552,438
Appropriations:	
Capital Projects .....	\$1,552,438
 <b>Total Section 1 .....</b>	 <b>\$3,803,942</b>

**Sec. 2** The following designated funds and accounts shall be re-appropriated to operate city services and fund capital projects from fund balances.

**General Fund-011:**

**Resources:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances ..... \$108,000

**Appropriations:**

Petersburg FY 2015 Funding ..... \$108,000

**Storm Water- Fund-049:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances Fund Balance ..... \$573,014

**Appropriations:**

Storm Water Operations ..... \$573,014

**CAPITAL PROJECTS Fund-071:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances Fund Balance ..... \$7,901,849

**Appropriations:**

Downtown Partnership .....	\$ 32,507
Council Chamber Audio-Visual Project .....	25,000
Sheriff – 295 Vehicles .....	6,021
Police Vehicles .....	8,617
Police Copier .....	5,000
Fire station #1 Renovations .....	9,670
Fire station #2 Renovations .....	24,235
Public Safety Buildings Project .....	7,201,283
Animal Shelter .....	148,000
Community Center Carpeting Project .....	4,490
Community Center Exercise Equipment .....	2,044
Community Center Roofing Project .....	73,646
Mathis/Atwater Fields Re-seeding .....	19,025
Playground/Park Renovation .....	25,000
River Walk Project .....	50,000
City Marina Improvements .....	20,355
Heritage Gardens .....	14,450
East Broadway Bridge .....	80,980
Downtown Façade Grant Project .....	88,908
Dev/Capital Equip Plotter/Printer .....	6,982
Dev/Office Equipment .....	56,454
Police .....	18,846
Police .....	18,846
Total Capital .....	\$7,901,849

**Total Section 2..... \$8,582,863**

**Sec. 3** The following designated funds and accounts shall be appropriated to operate city services from State funds, fund balances and transfers of funds.

**General Fund-011:**

**Resources:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances Fund Balance ..... \$176,835

**Appropriations:**

Finance – Salaries and benefits correction ..... \$59,500  
 Finance – Additional cost of audit..... 20,000  
 EMS – Correction ..... 1,500  
 Emergency Serves --Correction ..... 26,000  
 Recreation HVAC ..... 14,000  
 DSS Local share – Budget adjustment..... 55,835  
 Total General Fund ..... \$176,835

**DSS Fund-015:**

Local Funds..... \$ 55,835  
 State Funds..... \$263,952  
 Total Revenue..... \$319,787

**Appropriations:**

DSS Operations..... \$319,787

**HRWTF Fund-032:**

Non-spendable-Encumbrances Fund Balance ..... \$644,389

**Appropriations:**

HRWTF Operations..... \$644,389

**Recreation & Parks- Fund-035:**

Transfer from General Fund ..... \$14,000

**Appropriations:**

Storm Water Operations..... \$14,000

**Total Section 3..... \$1,155,011**

**COMMUNICATIONS  
FROM CITIZENS**

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**UB-1**

**HOPEWELL**

**FIRE EQUIPMENT**

**STATUS REPORT**



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**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

**Hopewell Fire Apparatus**

**ISSUE:**

**Lease purchase of Fire Apparatus**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**TIMING:**

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:**

**STAFF:**

**Chief D. Hunter**

**SUMMARY:**

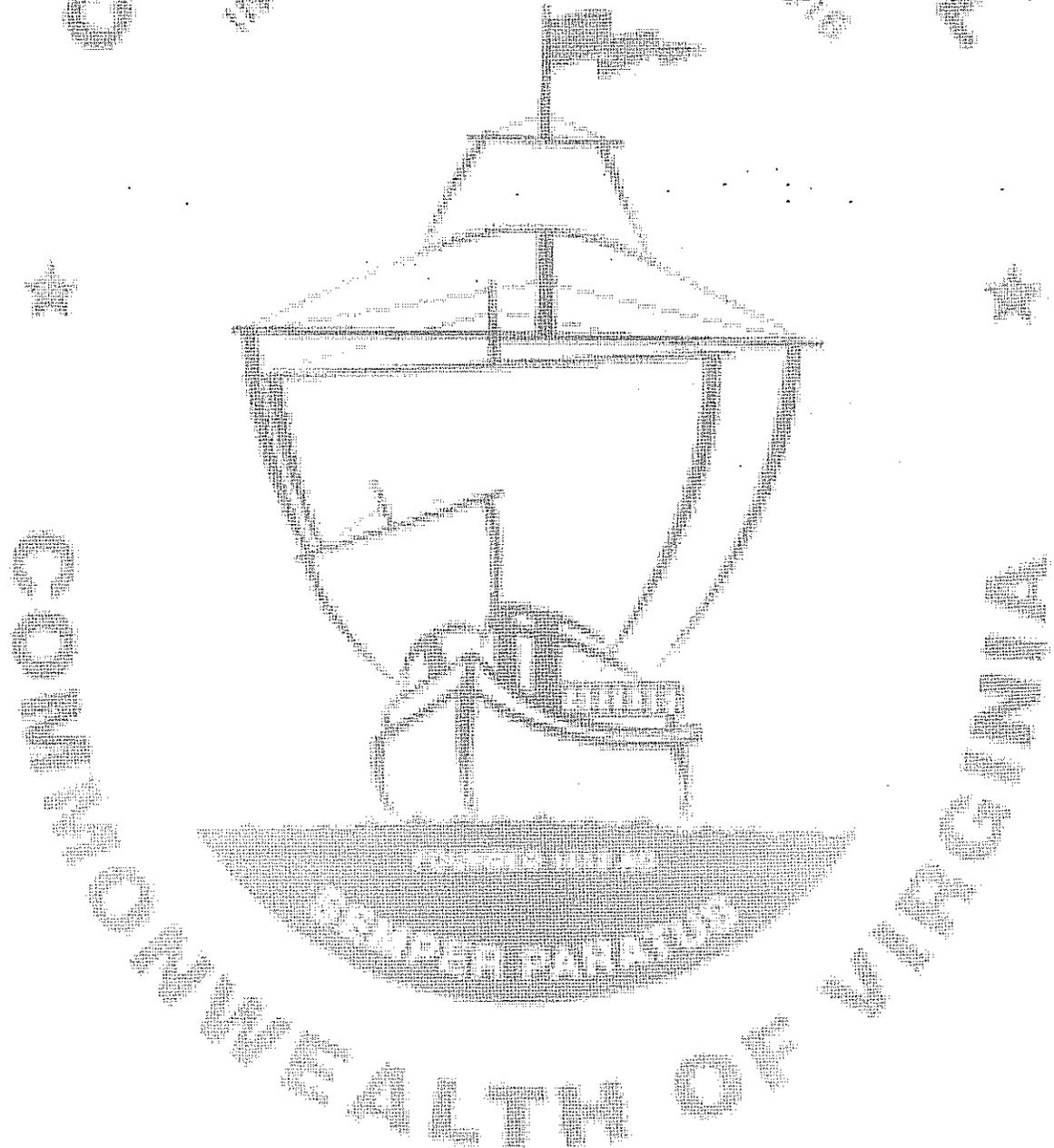
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CITY OF HOPEWELL  
INCORPORATED JULY 18, 1891

Approval of the money already allocated for the lease purchase of 2 Fire Engines. The Fire Engines have a cost increase effective Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 of approximately \$20,000.00



**SUMMARY:**

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**UB-2**

**CITY COUNCIL ADVANCE**

**SET DATES**

# **UB-3**

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED**

**from**

**AUGUST 28, 2015**

**&**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

# **UB-4**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FROM  
AUGUST 28, 2015**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 2015

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia was held on Friday, August 28, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

**PRESENT:**

Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor  
Jackie M. Shornak, Councilor  
K. Wayne Walton, Councilor

Mark Haley, City Manager  
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney  
Ross A. Kearney, III, City Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Brenda S. Pelham, Mayor  
Christina Luman-Bailey, Vice Mayor  
Arlene Holloway, Councilor  
Anthony V. Zevgolis, Councilor

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk, Ross A. Kearney, III opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Pelham	-	ABSENT
Vice Mayor Luman- Bailey	-	ABSENT
Councilor Holloway	-	ABSENT
Councilor Zevgolis	-	ABSENT
Councilor Gore	-	present
Councilor Walton	-	present
Councilor Shornak	-	present

**OPEN SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION**

The Clerk, having taken the roll and determined that no quorum was present and there was no hope of getting one soon, entertained a motion to adjourn or to continue the special meeting to a later date.

Councilor Walton moved to wait a few minutes to see if a quorum would eventually form and while waiting made the following statement:

"Today is our second attempt to have a Council Retreat to help work out the direction of our City. Again several Councilors have chosen to be absent despite the commitment from all to attend.

This happened the last scheduled retreat. Now it has been 8 months since the new leadership took over and it seems the City Council has come o a complete stop. Good thins have happened though in spite of Council's lack of direction. Our staff has done an outstanding job witout us. Maybe that is alright but as a policy making board of a 100 millio dollar corporation this is unacceptable. It seems a shame that our Junior Councilor has had to push this along and not been supported by our leaders! Councilor Gore, to her credit has stayed on course to make our strategic plan something of a guideline for our staff. We need this! Who is going to come in and do business with us if we don't have a plan? I challenge this Council to get on one page and quit looking for excuses not to do things instead of preparing this City for the future."

Councilor K. Wayne Walton  
Ward 5

Councilor Shornak also made a statement into the record while waiting to see if a quorum would form.

"I am here today to show my concern that two City Council Retreats have been cancelled by other members of Council after securing dates already agreed upon. I understand that emergencies come up, but to keep delaying scheduling the retreat is not good for the City. It is the utmost importance that we meet and discuss last year's Strategic Plan and know where we stand in obtaining our goals and where we need to be going. I encourage other Councilors to place the Council Retreat high on their priority list."

Councilor Jackie M. Shornak  
Ward 7

Councilor Gore also made a statement into the record while waiting to see if a quorum would form.

"The City Attorney, the City Manager and the City Clerk, Councilor Walton and Councilor Shornak, I would like to thank for helping to fight to have this meeting and to some it may not make sense but this is really a last ditch effort to try to get a meeting. I went back through the emails to look at the remarks that were made as to why we should not be having this meeting. I went back through the Agenda Packets from 2013 and 2014 and what we did to call the last Strategic Plan, we never voted on that plan either, it was called a work session in January and it was a unanimous consent to the idea of having a planning session but we never voted to do it, even still we worked towards holding a meeting and planning it via email. In November 10<sup>th</sup> we held special meeting just like this one now and only four Council members attended that meeting that was myself, Councilor Shornak, Councilor Bailey and Councilor Pelham at the time. Even still with us four people meeting to talk about ideas for the plan we still had the Advance, so this is not the first time and we did this last year and even still just doing this we had a plan and was created and passed unanimously, so the thought that people meeting to iron out preliminary ideas is going to somehow mean that we dictate the direction the City clearly that's not true because we had a plan that passed by everyone in June of the next year. I also want to share that even when we did that last planning cycle we confirmed the dates to book it, we got two different options then, we also got two different options for preliminary interviews to talk to the facilitator

and then after that the strategic plan we held it in January and then staff had their own Advance in April. I also want to stress this is a multi-month process and this is not something that happens in just one meeting. It took us from November 2013 to June 2014 to have a plan. So just imagine if we start now when will we end with the reversion of the plan? Lastly, I just want say for this meeting we are having here tonight there is no doubt in February, on January 27 an email was sent out to us about our availability, in February we booked it for March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and it was cancelled on March 4<sup>th</sup>, we did the same thing in June, an email was sent out about our availability and it was booked on June 26<sup>th</sup> for August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and it was cancelled up until a couple days ago even after the Clerk had sent out emails asking us to finalize our Agenda items and I did and after multiple times of it being placed on the Agenda to finalize topics and ideas so the premise that this was something out of the blue is ridiculous because I would say for at least two or three months we have talked about it at Council meetings. So we will just have to see what happens and my concern will be, and I will say publicly, if we set another date what will happened if the same thing happens that is happening now, are we going to still be in the same situation to where we only have three people present to try to do our job?"

Councilor Jasmine E. Gore  
Ward 4

After determining that a quorum would not be obtained, motion was made by Councilor Gore to continue the special meeting to September 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., which motion was seconded by Councilor Walton. Upon an Aye or Nay vote, the motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was continued until September 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

At 4:26 p.m. the City Clerk continued the meeting until September 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

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Ross A. Kearney, III, City Clerk