

**January 4, 2023**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**Hopewell City Council**

A special council meeting of the Hopewell City Council was convened on Tuesday, January 4, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

**PRESENT:**

**Councilors/Elected Officials**

Rita Joyner, Councilor (Ward 1)  
Michael Harris, Councilor (Ward 2)  
Johnny Partin, Councilor (ward 3)  
Jasmine E. Gore, Councilor (Ward 4)  
Janice Denton, Councilor (Ward 5)  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor (ward 6)  
Dominic Holloway, Councilor (Ward 7)

**Staff**

Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager  
Danielle Ferguson Smith, City Attorney  
Danielle Ferguson Smith, Clerk Pro Tem[porary]

**CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the vacancy of a Mayor and Vice Mayor, Danielle Ferguson Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The City Attorney also served as Clerk pro tempore due to the vacancy in the positions of City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by the City Attorney in the order as follows:

Councilor Joyner	-	Present
Councilor Harris	-	Present
Councilor Partin	-	Present
Councilor Gore	-	Present
Councilor Denton	-	Present
Councilor Pelham	-	Present
Councilor Holloway	-	Present

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**INVOCATION/PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Betty Hobs offered the prayer and led the members of Council and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilor Partin to approve the agenda. His motion was seconded by Councilor Denton.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	Yes
	Councilor Harris	-	Yes
	Councilor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Gore	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

**SB-1 Appoint the Mayor, in accordance with Chapter IV, Sec. 4(a) of the City Charter.**

The floor was open for nomination of Mayor. Councilor Harris nominated Councilor Partin to serve as the Mayor for the City of Hopewell. His nomination was seconded by Councilor Holloway. No other nominations for Mayor of the City of Hopewell were received.

Having closed the floor for nominations, the call for vote was made by Councilor Gore. Her motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. The vote resulted as follows:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	Yes
	Councilor Harris	-	Yes
	Councilor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Gore	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	No
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

**Motion Passes: 6-1**

**The meeting was turned over to the newly appointed Mayor, Johnny Partin.**

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**SB-2 Appoint the Vice Mayor, in accordance with Chapter IV, Sec. 4(a) of the City Charter.**

The floor was open for nomination of the Vice Mayor. Councilor Pelham nominated Councilor Gore to serve as the Vice Mayor for the City of Hopewell. Her nomination was seconded by Councilor Gore.

Councilor Harris nominated Councilor Holloway to serve as the Vice Mayor of the City of Hopewell. His nomination was seconded by Councilor Holloway.

No other nominations for Vice Mayor of the City of Hopewell were received.

Having closed the floor for nominations, the call for vote was made by Mayor Partin.

For the nomination of Councilor Jasmine Gore for the office of Vice Mayor for the City of Hopewell, the vote resulted as followed:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	Yes
	Councilor Harris	-	No
	Mayor Partin	-	No
	Councilor Gore	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	No
	Councilor Pelham	-	Yes
	Councilor Holloway	-	No

**Motion Fails: 3-4**

For the nomination of Councilor Dominic Holloway for the office of Vice Mayor for the City of Hopewell, the vote resulted as followed:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	No
	Councilor Harris	-	Yes
	Mayor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Gore	-	No
	Councilor Denton	-	No
	Councilor Pelham	-	No
	Councilor Holloway	-	Yes

**Motion Fails: 3-4**

Mayor Partin inquired if there was a motion to postpone the vote for the Vice Mayor for the City of Hopewell until the next scheduled, City Council Meeting. Councilor Harris made the motion to postpone the vote for the Vice Mayor to the next scheduled City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Partin.

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Councilor Gore made a point of information that the appointment of the Vice Mayor will be continuous until a majority vote is made. Councilor Gore presented the question if there were any councilors that would be willing to reconsider their vote for Vice Mayor nomination presented.

With no other councilors willing to change their vote, Mayor Partin asked for a vote on the motion on to postpone the vote for the Vice Mayor for the City of Hopewell until the next scheduled, City Council Meeting. The vote resulted as follows:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	Yes
	Councilor Harris	-	Yes
	Mayor Partin	-	Yes
	Councilor Gore	-	No
	Councilor Denton	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	No
	Councilor Holloway	-	No

**Motion Passes: 4-3**

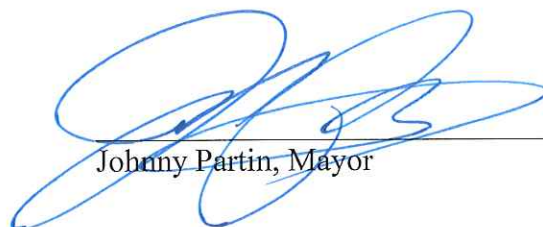
Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Gore. The vote on the motion to adjourn resulted as follows:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilor Joyner	-	Yes
	Councilor Harris	-	Yes
	Mayor Partin	-	No
	Councilor Gore	-	Yes
	Councilor Denton	-	Yes
	Councilor Pelham	-	No
	Councilor Holloway	-	No

**Motion Passes: 4-3**

The meeting adjourned at about 6:45 p.m.

  
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Danielle Ferguson Smith, City Attorney

  
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Johnny Partin, Mayor