

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2023

A special council meeting of the Hopewell City Council was convened on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: John B. Partin, Jr., Mayor, Ward 3 (Remote)
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor, Ward 4
Rita Joyner, Councilor, Ward 1
Michael Harris, Councilor, Ward 2
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6
Dominic Holloway, Councilor, Ward 7

Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager
Danielle Smith, City Attorney
Alyson Reyna, Myasia Jackson, City Clerks Pro Tem

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Partin	-	remote
Vice Mayor Gore	-	present
Councilor Joyner	-	present
Councilor Harris	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	absent
Councilor Holloway	-	absent

Quorum established.

Mayor Partin participated in the meeting telephonically. Vice Mayor Gore noted his appearance by electronic means. Mayor Partin noted that he was calling from Sonoma, CA and was absent due to the position of care for a sick family member. Councilor Joyner moved to allow Mayor Partin to participate via telephone. The motion was properly seconded by Councilor Harris.

Roll call: Vice Mayor Gore - yes
Councilor Joyner - yes
Councilor Harris - yes
Councilor Denton - yes

Motion passed: 4-0

Councilor Joyner moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A) to discuss and consider business contracts and personnel matters and to the extent of such discussion will be

aided thereby, (A)(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals personal matters not related to public business. The motion was properly seconded by Councilor Harris.

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Joyner	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes

Motion passed: 4-0

At 6:32 PM, Councilor Holloway joined Council Closed Session.

At 6:40 PM, Councilor Pelham joined Council Closed Session.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

At 9:30 PM Councilor Denton motioned for Council to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Councilor Holloway. At this time, Mayor Partin had experienced technical difficulties at the end of the Closed Session and was not present for the motion to come out of Closed Session. Councilors Harris and Pelham were not present on the dais at the time of roll call.

Roll call:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Joyner	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

Motion passed: 4-0

CERTIFICATION

Certification pursuant to Va. 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:

Vice Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Joyner	-	yes
Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Denton	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Holloway	-	yes

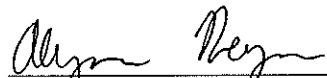
Motion passed: 6-0

ADJOURN

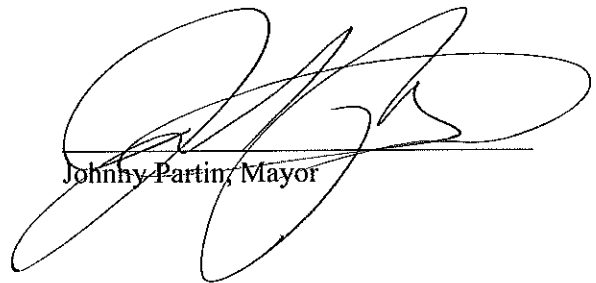
Councilor Denton motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Holloway. The meeting was adjourned.

Aye – 6
No – 0

The meeting was adjourned.



Alyson Reyna, City Clerk Pro Tem



Johnny Partin, Mayor