



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 211 S. Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, Virginia 23970. The meeting was held to discuss the following matters: Personnel regarding discipline/consideration of performance of specific public officer or employee; and Real Estate regarding disposition of publicly held real property pertaining to the solar easement agreement. Town Clerk Anna Cratch took minutes of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Mayor Dean Marion called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Marion called upon Town Clerk Anna Cratch to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Ashley C. Hardee

Gavin Honeycutt

Dr. Lisa Jordan

Delores Luster

Mike Moody

Michael Smith

Joseph E. Taylor, Jr.

Councilor Feggins-Boone was absent from the meeting.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711 A(1) Personnel and A(3) Real Estate

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711 A(1) Personnel and A(3) Real Estate and on **motion** of **Councilor Honeycutt** and **second** of **Councilor Hardee**, the South Hill Town Council entered into **Closed Session** to discuss the following matters: Personnel regarding discipline/consideration of performance of specific public officer or employee; and Real Estate regarding disposition of publicly held real property pertaining to the solar easement agreement. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor announced publicly in the meeting that the South Hill Town Council was now in Closed Session.

In addition to the Mayor and Town Council members, Keli Reekes was present in the entirety of the Closed Session. Town Attorney Services were provided by Sands Anderson PC who participated via conference call.

4. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Luster, that the Closed Session be adjourned and that the South Hill Town Council reconvene its meeting in **Open Session**. The motion carried unanimously. The South Hill Town Council reconvened in Open Session.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Moody, second by Councilor Luster, that the minutes of this meeting reflect that no formal action was taken in the Closed Session and further moved that a Resolution Certifying the Closed Session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, the South Hill Town Council convened in Closed Session on this date by an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Hill Town Council does hereby certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motions by which the said Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the South Hill Town Council. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilor Feggins-Boone-Absent	Councilor Hardee-Aye
Councilor Honeycutt-Aye	Councilor Jordan-Aye
Councilor Luster-Aye	Councilor Moody-Aye
Councilor Smith-Aye	Councilor Taylor-Aye.

There was no action taken in Open Session on the Personnel or Real Estate matters.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Marion adjourned the special meeting at 6:54 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk

Dean Marion, Mayor