



## SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the temporary Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 111 E. Danville Street, South Hill, Virginia 23970. The meeting was held to discuss the appointment to fill the Ward 2 vacancy.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Moody called upon Clerk Leanne Patrick to call the roll, which was as follows:

##### A. Council Members

Lillie Feggins-Boone  
Gavin Honeycutt

Jenifer Freeman-Hite  
Carl L. Sasser, Jr.

Ashley Hardee  
Michael Smith

Councilor Luster was absent from the meeting.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Hardee, to amend the agenda to convene in Closed Session to discuss the following matters as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711: A(7) Legal, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation (employment matter). The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT TO FILL WARD 2 VACANCY

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Hardee, to appoint Randy Crocker to fill the Ward 2 vacancy created when Mike Moody was elected as Mayor. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. CLOSED SESSION

##### Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(7)

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(7) Legal, and on motion of Councilor Feggins-Boone and second of Vice Mayor Honeycutt, the South Hill Town Council entered into Closed Session to discuss the following matters as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711: A(7) Legal, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation (employment matter). 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, Town Manager Keli Reekes and newly-appointed Councilor Randy Crocker were present during Closed Session. Attorney John Conrad, legal

counsel assigned by Virginia Shared Risk Association, was present via conference call during the Closed Session.

## 6. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Feggins-Boone, second by Councilor Smith, 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 Feggins-Boone, second by Councilor Smith, 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-Aye	Councilor Freeman-Hite-Aye
Councilor Hardee-Aye	Vice Mayor Honeycutt-No
Councilor Sasser-Aye	Councilor Smith-Aye

Vice Mayor Honeycutt raised concerns regarding a discussion introduced by Mr. Conrad during Closed Session, which he felt was unrelated to the employment matter that prompted the Council to enter Closed Session.


There was no action taken in Open Session on the consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation (employment matter).

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Moody adjourned the special meeting at 7:06 p.m.

## VALIDATION

Minutes approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
Leanne Patrick, Clerk of Council

  
W.M. Moody, Mayor