

The regular April Meeting of City Council was held on April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., John B. Gilstrap, Alonzo L. Jones, Vice Mayor T. David Luther, Gary P. Miller, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley Jr., Mayor Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks III, and Adam J. Tomer (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Joseph C. King, Deputy City Manager David A. Parrish, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Other Staff Members present were: Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Budget Director Cynthia Thomasson, Economic Development Director Jeremy Stratton, Planning Director Ken Gillie, Director of Public Works Ric Drazenovich, Director of Transportation Marc Adelman and Project Manager Anne Moore.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Reverend L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

Mayor Saunders recognized Audrey Knight, 29 Brown Lane, Danville. Ms. Knight and her husband are opening the Schoolfield Lunch Café, formerly the Schoolfield Lunch Counter, with a scheduled opening date of April 30, 2011. Ms. Knight came to Council to ask about possible grants for historic sites to help them finish the renovations. Council Member Tomer instructed Ms. Knight to leave her name and number with the City Manager's office. Mayor Saunders asked Mr. King to have someone follow up on this issue.

Mayor Saunders recognized Mr. Don Matheson, 251 Grove Park Circle, Danville. Mr. Matheson noted he was opposed to any tax increases or new taxes, but complemented the City Manager for proposing curb side garbage pickup as a cost saving measure. Mr. Matheson asked Council to eliminate indulgences from the budget, which included any expenditure that seem to be a good thing but are outside the core responsibilities of the City Government.

Mayor Saunders recognized Pastor Rufus Fuller, Pastor of East New Hope Church in Danville. Pastor Fuller thanked City Council for their support in past years for the Feeding the Children of Danville and Vicinity. Reverend Campbell, Mayor Saunders and Mr. Jones expressed their appreciation of the work Pastor Fuller has done. The next event is scheduled for August 13, 2011, at the Carrington Pavilion, where they will give a box of food to people in need and book bags to the children.

Mayor Saunders recognized Cecil Bridgeforth, 709 Edmonds Street, Danville. Mr. Bridgeforth expressed concern with individuals using motorized wheelchairs at night without using reflectors. He noted how difficult it is to see these people at night and the possibility of them being injured by a motorist. Mr. Bridgeforth requested possible safety classes and/or guidelines for these individuals in order to protect them. Mr. Bridgeforth also asked the Council to consider more consistency in the reading of the utility meters. City Manager Joe King will check into Mr. Bridgeforth's concern regarding motorized wheelchairs. Mr. Shanks

asked the City Manager about the on-line meter system and Mr. King noted that with the automated system there should no longer be a variation of time between reads.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Tomer and second by Council Member Miller, Minutes of the March 15, 2011 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL USE PERMIT – INTERNET CAFÉ – 3103 WEST MAIN STREET

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit to Operate an Internet Café within the Existing Convenience Store Located at 3103 West Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 22 and March 29, 2011.

No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Jones **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04.01

A RESOLUTION DENYING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3M, SECTION C, ITEM 4 OF CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED AT 3103 WEST MAIN STREET.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Tomer.

Mr. Luther asked the Planning Commission if there were any more Internet Café requests coming before City Council. Planning Director Ken Gillie noted they did not have any more on file and that Legislation had recently been signed that bans them from Virginia; they do not anticipate receiving any additional requests. Council members questioned the City Attorney regarding the effects of the State Legislation on internet cafés and requests for them in Danville.

The Resolution was carried by the following vote:

VOTE:	9-0
AYE:	Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)
NAY:	None (0)

CONSIDERATION – REQUEST TO VDOT FOR REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS

Council member Campbell **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04.02

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ALLOCATE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS FOR VARIOUS STREET MAINTENANCE AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Rawley:

Mayor Saunders questioned Mr. King about a traffic light on Wendall Scott Drive. Director of Public Works, Ric Drazenovich explained that it would take two years of funding to complete the Locust Lane extension and the signalization, and this is more than the VDOT revenue sharing funds available. Mr. King indicated there were insufficient warrants to justify putting a signal at that location. Mr. Shanks questioned Mr. Drazenovich regarding the proposed projects.

The Resolution was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-2
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, (7)
NAY: Shanks, Tomer (2)

CONSIDERATION – DANVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION – APPLY FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT PLANNING FUNDS

Council Member Shanks **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04.03

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DANVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5303 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS.

The Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Rawley and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)
NAY: None (0)

CONSIDERATION - CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION – APRIL 19, 2011 MEETING

Council Member Miller **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04.04

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE MEETING LOCATION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011, NORMALLY HELD IN THE 4TH FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO WOODROW WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Jones.

City Manager Joe King noted that the April 19th meeting will not be broadcast live that night, but the meeting will be taped and broadcast on a schedule after the meeting. Mr. Tomer noted that some citizens were concerned that the meeting will not be shown live. Mr. King noted the meeting should be broadcast either Wednesday or Thursday.

The Resolution was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller,
Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)
NAY: None (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Joe King noted that they are trying to keep the agenda light for the April 19th meeting in order to provide more opportunity for public comment and hope those in the neighborhood and elsewhere will come to Woodrow Wilson School on April 19, 2011. Mr. King also noted that the proposed 2012 Budget was presented to City Council last week and released to the public on Thursday. Copies of the Budget have been delivered to the library and the branch library, and there is extensive information on the website Danville-va.gov. Mr. King noted they are welcoming all kinds of input from the public. Dr. Miller noted that he has been contacted by several citizens regarding a series of home break-ins in the Surrey Hill neighborhood. Mr. King responded that the Danville police are doing their best with that situation.

No communications from City Attorney or City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Shanks, Campbell, Miller and Luther thanked all the citizens who have communicated their concerns regarding the proposed budget and encouraged the citizens of Danville to continue to let council members know how they feel.

Mr. Shanks congratulated Danville Utilities for their recent first place finish in safety rankings with no lost time due to work injuries. Mr. Shanks also noted a great opportunity at the Regional Center for Advanced Training, the Manufacturing Technician Career Studies Certificate Program to prepare technicians for the types of jobs that the City is recruiting.

Council Member Campbell reminded the citizens about the upcoming Rugby Tournament.

Council Member Jones congratulated those who participated in the first issue of *Emerge* magazine. Mr. Jones noted his participation in the Emergency Preparedness presentation at the Institute that Sheriff Mike Mondul had put together, it was a great training event.

Vice Mayor Luther discussed an informal meeting he attended with school board members, school staff, City administration and the Mayor to discuss the relationship between the School Board and City Council, that was very productive.

Council Member Miller noted his concern about recent headlines in the local papers and their statements regarding council member's opinions of the budget. Dr. Miller also noted the cover of *Emerge* magazine featuring Ms. Ruby Archie.

Mayor Saunders thanked all the citizens for contacting him regarding budget proposals and their input.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK