

The Second Regular August Meeting of Danville City Council convened on the above date 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., 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 (8). John B. Gilstrap was absent (1).

Staff members present were City Manager Joseph C. King, Deputy City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane.

Department/Division Directors present were Power and Light Director Ken Ashworth, Emergency Services Director Buster Brown, Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Fire Chief David Eagle, Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards, Water and Gas Director Jim Harr, Economic Development Director Jeremy Stratton and Budget Director Cynthia Thomasson.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Miller offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Saunders recognized Danville Regional Medical Center (DRMC) CEO Eric Deaton. Mr. Deaton was present to update Council Members on activities at the facility. Mr. Deaton advised a customer service representative has been added, the nurse to patient ratio has improved, the hospital has contracted with a new management group to administer the hospitalist program, communications among management, staff and patients has improved and a Fast Tract Program for non-emergency patients has been implemented. He said wait times in the Emergency Room had improved and would continue to improve. He thanked Council for the opportunity to present the update.

Council Member Rawley thanked Mr. Deaton for his high visibility in the community and for the report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

City retiree Jim Turpin appeared to request that City Council implement an automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for City retirees. Mr. Turpin said inflation was rising faster than benefits and the automatic increase would place City retirees on a more even footing with employees under the Virginia Retirement System.

Mr. Turpin recognized and acknowledged the presence of approximately 50 City retirees, who were present in support of the proposal.

Mr. Turpin said City retirees had lost approximately \$8,000 in purchasing power over the last ten years due to increases in healthcare cost, prescription drugs, groceries, utilities and other items necessary for activities of daily living. He offered the following proposals for Council consideration:

1. The COLA allows retirement benefits to keep pace with inflation and is based on the Consumer Price Index - Urban (CPI-U). During a year when there was no inflation or deflation, the COLA would be at 0%.
2. A retiree would be eligible for a COLA on July 1 of the second calendar year after retirement and the payment reflected on August 1.
3. A retiree would receive the full amount of the first 3% increase in the CPI-U and half of any such increase from 3% to 7%. The maximum COLA would be 5%.
4. Give a 3% COLA this year, which would help narrow the gap caused by lost purchasing power.

Mayor Saunders thanked the group for taking valuable time to be present for the meeting. He said Council would seriously consider those.

It was decided the matter would be discussed further during the September 7 Work Session. City Manager King was asked to investigate how other localities were dealing with the issue and report back to Council with his findings. Mr. King agreed to do so.

Cabell Street resident Herbert Snipes informed Council the City has property that rightfully belonged to him. Mr. Snipes implied he had been frustrated in his efforts to get anyone to help him with the problem. Mr. King was asked to investigate Mr. Snipes' concerns and get back to him with his findings.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Miller, Minutes of the August 3, 2010 Regular Council Meeting were approved as corrected. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Vice-Mayor Luther moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08.01

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SETH LAND AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Gilstrap (1).

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Vice-Mayor Luther moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08.02

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FAYE S. BRANDON AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Gilstrap (1).

DANVILLE UTILITY COMMISSION

Vice-Mayor Luther moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08.03

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRED O. SHANKS III AS THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DANVILLE UTILITY COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ADAM J. TOMER ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Gilstrap (1).

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2011 - RECREATION ENRICHMENT GRANT FUNDS

Upon Motion by Council Member Tomer and second by Council Member Rawley, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,811 FOR A RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND EXPANDED SUMMER PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL IN-KIND SHARE OF \$48,559 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$101,370 AND APPROPRIATION OF SAME

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2011 - DEPT. OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Tomer, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR UPGRADES TO THE DANVILLE REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

ADOPT \$25 RECORDATION FEE - LIST OF HEIRS OR AFFIDAVIT

Upon Motion by Council Member Campbell and second by Vice-Mayor Luther, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08.06

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CITY FEE OF \$25 ON THE RECORDATION OF A LIST OF HEIRS OR AFFIDAVIT

was presented by its First Reading to lie over before final adoption.

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT - DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council Member Rawley moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08.04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT FOR DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley,
Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Gilstrap (1).

APPROVE UPDATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR DANVILLE

Vice-Mayor Luther moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08.05

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE AS REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Shanks and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley,
Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Gilstrap (1).

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Joe King introduced the City's new Deputy City Manager, David Parrish. Mr. Parrish began work on Monday, August 16.

There were no communications from the City Attorney and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Council Members congratulated and welcomed Mr. Parrish to the City's employee.

Mr. Jones advised the ribbon-cutting for the new Averett University bookstore would take place Friday, August 20, at 3:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Rawley announced he would begin employment with Averett University in mid-October as its Vice-President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. Rawley said it was with mixed feelings that he leaves Danville Community College (DCC) as its Director of Development. He said he had enjoyed his four and one-half years with DCC and especially enjoyed the working relationship with DCC President Carlyle Ramsey.

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK