

The regular February Meeting of City Council was held on February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie (arrived at 7:10 P.M.), T. David Luther, Gary P. Miller, Vice-Mayor T. Wayne Oakes, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley Jr., Mayor Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks III, and Adam J. Tomer (8). L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr. was absent (1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager M. Lyle Lacy III, Deputy City Manager Joseph C. King, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff Members present were Finance Director Barbara Dameron and Information Technology Director Inez Harville.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Luther offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Miller and second by Vice-Mayor Oakes, Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING--BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2010--ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the FY 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Economic Development Incentives from the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund and the Governor's Opportunity Fund. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Register and Bee on January 25, 2010. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Council Member Luther and second by Council Member Rawley, Ordinance No. 2010-01.06 presented by its First Reading on January 19, 2010 amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by increasing revenues from the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund and the Governor's Opportunity Fund for Economic Development Incentive Packages for an appropriation in the amount of \$1,150,000 and appropriating the same was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-0-2
AYE: Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley,
Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (7)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Archie and Campbell (2).

Mayor Saunders requested that a Resolution confirming the declaration of a local emergency within the City be added to the Agenda under VIII. New Business as Item D. No objections were noted from Council Members.

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2010-CIRCUIT COURT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Upon Motion by Vice-Mayor Oakes and second by Council Member Tomer, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02.01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,824 AND APPROPRIATING SAME

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

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROJECTS FOR 2010

Council Member Miller moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02.01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR MAINTAINING DANVILLE'S STATUS AS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Oakes and carried by the following vote:

Mrs. Archie entered the Meeting at this point.

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

ESTABLISH CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Vice-Mayor Oakes moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02.02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES.

Council Member Miller seconded the Motion.

Mr. Shanks expressed concern about the benefits in the document that involved budgeting. He commented that he would hate to see

the list considered as a budget-building document in years to come. He said he did not believe this was Council's intent. He stated the document was a great white paper and he did not realize a Resolution would be on Council's agenda. He said he would hate to vote against something in the future and have it appear as if Council were flip-flopping on some of the items.

Mr. Luther said he thought the matter would be adopted when some of the wording had been worked out. Council had discussed the matter during the January 19 Work Session. He said the items on the document were not prioritized and believed the list was a working document. Mr. Luther said the document could be modified in the future, if necessary, and used as a guide to ensure that Council was headed in the right direction. He said he would vote for it with the understanding that this was a working document.

Mr. Tomer voiced his support of the document because it lets citizens and city management know exactly what Council believes is most important as the City moves forward. Mr. Tomer said he believed any budget matters could be worked out at the time they are brought up for discussion.

Dr. Miller agreed the document is a framework and guideline for Council to follow and that modifications could be made if necessary.

Mayor Saunders stated it was a great document but he would not support it due to Section 1.5 that addresses merit pay for employees. Mr. Saunders said he agreed employees should be rewarded for good performance. He also said he believed that department supervisors and management staff should be very fair in implementing merit pay. He said he would like to see very clear performance measures before he could support the entire document.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-1-1
AYE: Archie, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley,
Shanks and Tomer (7)
NAY: Saunders (1)
ABSENT: Campbell (1).

CONFIRM CITY MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Council Member Rawley moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02.03

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AS A RESULT OF WINTER STORM CONDITIONS.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Oakes and carried by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Archie noted a typographical error in the Minutes relating to Girl Scout Troop 152. The Clerk noted a correction to change Troop 159 to read, "Troop 152."

Mrs. Archie reported to City Manager Lacy there was a street light out near her home that had been reported by Mr. Archie over a week ago. She said as of tonight the bulb had not been replaced. Mr. Lacy agreed to investigate.

Council Member Rawley commended Multi-media Manager Mark Aron for his excellent presentation opening the Coalition for a Safe Danville kick-off meeting last week.

Mr. Shanks and Mr. Tomer commended the Public Works employees for their work during last weekend's snowstorm.

Mayor Saunders stated he had received positive feedback from those who attended the Coalition for a Safe Danville kick-off meeting. Mr. Saunders thanked Public Works employees and Public Safety personnel for the excellent work during the snowstorm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK