

The second regular March Meeting of City Council was held on March 16, 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, L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., 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 (9).

Staff Members present were: Interim City Manager Joseph C. King, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff Members present were Transportation Services Director Marc Adelman, Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Fire Chief David Eagle, Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards, Community Development Director Jerry Fischer, Housing and Development Director Dianne Morris, Inspections Director Jerry Rigney, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Bill Sgrinia and Economic Development Director Jeremy Stratton.

Mayor Saunders presided.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Mayor Wayne Oakes offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor read and presented a certificate proclaiming the week of March 8-14, 2010 as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week in Danville. The certificate was presented to Martha Phillips of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the MS Society. Ms. Phillips thanked Mayor Saunders for the honor.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS**

Blaine Street resident Shanita Kerry appeared to express concern about the high utility bills. She said individuals needed help and the bills were unbearable for the citizens of Danville. Mayor Saunders thanked Ms. Kerry for bringing her concerns before Council. He said the City was working very hard to address the matter.

#### **MINUTES**

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council Member Rawley, Minutes of the March 2, 2010 Regular Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING-FY 2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Mayor Saunders announced the following Budget Amendments had been previously discussed by City Council and introduced for First Reading and would be further considered by Council in the Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing has been closed, there will be no separate discussion on the item(s) and they will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by a citizen or Council Member, the item(s) will be removed from the consent process and considered separately.

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the FY 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 8, 2010. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

At the request of Mr. Luther and Mr. Tomer, both items were removed from the consent process and considered separately.

Mr. Tomer said though \$700,000 was being allocated for the fire station project, he wanted to make sure Council was not putting a square peg in a round hole. He hoped any land purchased provided easy maneuvering for fire trucks, most especially during times of emergencies.

In response to Mr. Campbell, Interim City Manager Joe King stated a number of locations were being looked at. Two levels of environmental assessments have been completed at one location. Mr. King said one location was an ideal site for warehouse district development should the fire station not locate there. A failsafe feasibility study will be conducted to determine if the location is the right one for the fire station headquarters. An alternate site will be chosen if it is not.

Mr. Luther recalled that when the Comprehensive Services Act program began, \$700,000 was needed. He said the program has grown to over \$5,000,000 and he didn't see any results. Mr. Luther wondered why the program didn't seem to be working.

Mayor Saunders said the State had mandated this program and local governments around the State have no choice in the matter. He said the program would continue until the Virginia General Assembly chooses to reverse it. Mr. Saunders encouraged constituents to keep in touch with their legislators.

Council Members spent a considerable amount of time questioning Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards about the program. Ms. Edwards said program costs continued to rise along with the needs of at-risk children and their parents. She said it was not unusual for \$200,000 to be spent on one child. Some of the children, mainly teenagers, are so unmanageable that foster parents will not take them and they are placed out of the region in lockdown facilities.

In response to Mr. Tomer, Ms. Edwards said the local Community Policy and Management Board now requires a report from service areas on how successful the program has been for a child.

Mayor Saunders said the matter could be further considered in a future Work Session should it become necessary.

Upon Motion by Tomer and second by Miller, Ordinance No. 2010-03.05 presented by its First Reading on March 2, 2010 amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by authorizing a transfer from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to provide funds for expenditures related to the purchase of land and engineering/architectural services for the new fire station/headquarters and emergency operations center to be reimbursed from General Fund Bond proceeds was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

Upon Motion by Council Member Campbell and second by Vice-Mayor Oakes, Ordinance No. 2010-03.06 presented by its First Reading on March 2, 2010 amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by appropriating Comprehensive Service Act funds and providing local matching funds for a total amount of \$5,200,000 was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GRANT - DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03.04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION TO PROMOTE GENERAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES AND THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT.

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

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2010 - GENERAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES**

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03.07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A STATE AVIATION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO PROMOTE GENERAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES AND THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF GRANTS FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME

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

**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5303 TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03.05

A 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 Council Member Tomer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**AMEND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA**

Vice- Mayor Oakes moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03.06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA/SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING ADDITION AT THE CROSSING AT THE DAN WHICH WILL INCLUDE A LARGE FORMAT SCREEN THEATER.

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

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**TOBACCO COMMISSION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Council Member Rawley moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03.07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DANVILLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION FOR AN AWARD UNDER THEIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

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

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members extended words of sympathy to the family of City Manager Lyle Lacy, who passed away on March 3.

In response to Mr. Campbell, Interim City Manager King stated the City was working very hard with its suppliers to keep the City's utility rates as low as possible. He said the City had the lowest gas rates in the region and electric rates were competitive.

Mr. Luther advised that according to the National Weather Service, Danville has experienced its 5<sup>th</sup> coldest winter in history since records had been kept.

Mayor Saunders encouraged everyone to complete the census form and return it immediately. He said the count is used to determine the amount of funding the City receives.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK