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The regular June Meeting of City Council was held on June 2, 2009 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: 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 Transportation Services Director Marc Adelman, Fire Chief David Eagle, Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Human Resources Director Andrea Haley, Management Analyst Amanda Paez, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Bill Sgrinia, Economic Development Director Jeremy Stratton, and Budget Director Cynthia Thomasson.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Manager Lacy introduced Deputy City Manager Joe King. Mr. King, who was selected from a field of 82 applicants, took the post on June 1. Mr. King had served as the City's Assistant City Manager for Utilities since 2002 and has had thirty-four years of local government experience including service as City Manager in Richmond, Washington and Lexington, Virginia and as County Administrator in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Mayor Saunders extended words of welcome to Mr. King.

Mayor Saunders recognized Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Agents Stuart Sutphin and Tadashi Totten. A written report had been distributed to Council prior to the Meeting. Mr. Sutphin reviewed the various programs offered by the Agency including food and nutrition and part-time educational programs for school age youth and adults. He said other programs are offered by the Central District Community Viability Specialist housed in the Central District VCE office located at The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

Mr. Totten reviewed the 4-H Youth Development programs that are partnered with organizations such as the United Way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Danville, Boys and Girls Club of Danville, Danville Public Schools and local religious organizations, which offers before and after school programs for youth.

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Mayor Saunders recognized VEC Central District Director Monetta Marsh. Ms. Marsh thanked everyone for continued support of the programs offered by the VEC in Danville.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Rawley, Minutes of the May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mayor Saunders announced the following Budget Amendments had been previously discussed by Council and introduced for First Reading and would be further considered by Council in the public Hearing. He stated that after the Public Hearing was closed, there would be no separate discussion on these items and the item(s) would be enacted by one Motion. Should a Council Member or citizen desire to discuss any item(s), the item would be removed from the Consent Process and considered separately.

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 25, 2009. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Tomer, Ordinance No. 2009-05.16 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 amending the Fiscal Year 2009 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 \$3,294,168 and appropriating same 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 Shanks and second by Council Member Tomer, Ordinance No. 2009-05.17 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by increasing revenues to provide for a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the Virginia State Library in the amount of \$13,650 and a private gift in the amount of \$4,550 in support of additional technology at Danville Public Library and appropriating same for a total appropriation in the amount of \$18,200 was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Luther, Miller, Oakes, Rawley,
Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (9).

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NAY: None (0).

PUBLIC HEARING - TAX & FEE INCREASES FOR FY 2009-2010

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider increases to various taxes and fees for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 1, 8, 10 and 17, 2009.

Suzy's Deli owner Tommy Voaklander appeared to oppose the one-cent increase in the food tax, citing bad economic conditions, among others, for his opposition. Council Members thanked Mr. Voaklander for presenting his concerns to Council.

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

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Miller, Ordinance No. 2009-05.08 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 amending and reordaining Section 37-97 of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia to increase the Tax on Transient Lodgers from Three (3) percent to Six (6) percent effective July 1, 2009 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. 2009-05.09 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 amending and reordaining Section 37-141 of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia to increase the Tax on Meals served in Restaurants or by caterers from Five (5) percent to Six (6) percent effective July 1, 2009 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 Luther and second by Council Member Tomer, Ordinance No. 2009-05.10 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 amending and establishing certain building permit, inspection and Planning and Zoning fees and charges effective July 1, 2009 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 Rawley and second by Council Member Miller, Ordinance No. 2009-05.11 presented by its First Reading

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on May 19, 2009 to amend the assessment for courthouse construction, renovation or maintenance 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 Archie and second by Council Member Shanks, Ordinance No. 2009-05.12 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 to adopt a City Tax on the probate of every will or grant of administration in the amount of One-Third (1/3) of the amount of the State Tax 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 Vice-Mayor Oakes and second by Council Member Campbell, Ordinance No. 2009-05.14 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 to impose a permit fee for street closings was adopted by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING - REDUCE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGES FOR WATER AND RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS - FY 2010 AND FY 2011

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider reductions in Utility Customer Services charges for water and residential electric accounts. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 10 and 17, 2009. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Council Member Rawley and second by Council Member Tomer, Ordinance No. 2009-05.15 presented by its First Reading on May 19, 2009 reducing Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 Utility Customer Service Charges for Water Accounts and Residential Electric Accounts was adopted by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council Member Luther moved adoption of the following Resolutions of Appointment to Boards and Commissions:

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Resolution No. 2009-06.01 reappointing Eugene F. Jackson, Jr. as a Member of the Airport Commission.

Resolution No. 2009-06.02 appointing John C. Lippert as a Member of the Airport Commission.

Resolution No. 2009-06.03 appointing L. Hampton Wilkins as a Member of the Airport Commission.

Resolution No. 2009-06.04 reappointing Audrey P. Jackson as a Member of the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.05 appointing Carrie P. Ashe as a Member of the Danville Community College Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 2009-05.06 reappointing Milo B. Abercrombie as the Chamber of Commerce Representative of the Danville Development Council.

Resolution No. 2009-06.07 appointing Richard G. Barkhouser as a Private Sector Representative of the Danville Development Council.

Resolution No. 2009-06.08 appointing Daniel L. Angell as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.09 appointing Mary Lee White as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.10 appointing Jeffrey V. Haley as a Member of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.11 reappointing T. Wayne Oakes as the Council Member Representative of the Danville Tourism Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.12 reappointing Dale B. Castiglione as the Historic Member Representative of the Danville Tourism Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.13 reappointing David R. Cross as the Attraction Member Representative of the Danville Tourism Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.14 reappointing Edward T. White as the Educational Member Representative of the Danville Tourism Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.15 reappointing Kathryn G. Davis as the Media Member Representative of the Danville Tourism Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.16 reappointing Adam J. Tomer as the Council Member Representative of the Danville Utility Commission.

Resolution No. 2009-06.17 appointing James K. Turpin as the Customer Member-at-Large of the Danville Utility Commission.

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Resolution No. 2009-06.18 appointing Shirley W. Crosby as the At-Large Member of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.19 appointing Wade E. Key as a City of Danville Member of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.20 appointing Judy P. Keesee as a City of Danville Member of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2009-06.21 appointing L. G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr. as the Council Member Representative of the Transportation Advisory Board.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING-FY 2010 CITY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2010 City and Capital Improvement Budgets. Notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 24, 2009.

Mayor Saunders recognized Martinsville's Vice-Mayor Kimball Reynolds and Lynchburg's Vice-Mayor Bert Dodson, Jr. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Dodson are members of the Executive Committee of the Virginia's First Cities Coalition, a cities-only advocacy group. The men appeared to urge Danville to remain in the Virginia's First Cities organization. The advocacy group is made up of fifteen Virginia cities and works cooperatively with the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Association of Counties and other organizations to address issues before the General Assembly of interest to those member cities.

Council Member Rawley stated there were obvious benefits in having membership in the Coalition, but in these bad economic times, the City was watching every penny.

Mayor Saunders asked Council to think about this because he felt the City was getting its money's worth by being a member of the Virginia First Cities Coalition.

Mr. Tomer said that if this were something that Council wanted to reconsider, the proposed budget would have to be amended. In response to Mayor Saunders, City Attorney Whitfield advised the budget Resolutions could be presented for First Reading during this meeting and considered for final adoption at the June 16 Council Meeting. Council agreed to do so.

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

Upon Motion by Council Member Shanks and second by Council Member Archie, a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

was presented by its First Reading for final action during the June 16, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

Upon Motion by Council Member Miller and second by Vice-Mayor Oakes, a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

was presented by its First Reading for final action during the June 16, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.01

BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

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

PUBLIC HEARING-FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider authorizing an application to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for Mass Transit funding for Fiscal Year 2010. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 22 and 29, 2009. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Rawley moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.24

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL & PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING GRANT**

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider authorizing an application to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for Mass Transit funding for FY 2010. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on May 22 and 29, 2009. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Campbell moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR AN OPERATING GRANT FOR ELIGIBLE FUEL, TIRE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell 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 PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE

Council Member Archie moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS OF THE CITY.

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).

At the request of Mr. Luther, City Manager Lacy agreed to provide a report to Council relative to the number of detectives in the

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Police Department. Mr. Luther had expressed concern that the number of police detectives were being cut in half from 6 to 3 and did not feel comfortable with the idea that detectives were being rotated from job to job within the Police Department. He felt experienced detectives were necessary on any Police force and should remain within the detective division.

Mayor Saunders called for a recess at 8:32 P.M. The Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 P.M.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2009 - HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FY 2009

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 200 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVED FUND BALANCE NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 TO COVER ANTICIPATED OVER-EXPENDITURE OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2009 - ANGLERS PARK TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR ANGLERS PARK-RIVERWALK TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2009 - AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360,205 FOR FUNDING FOR THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) PROGRAM

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2009-VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$60,000 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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2009 - VIRGINIA WIRELESS E911 GRANT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-06.07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,083 FROM THE VIRGINIA WIRELESS E-911 SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT GRANT

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

TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT

Council Member Luther moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.26

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 NEW RESERVE FUND GRANT PROGRAM.

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

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

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AWARD GOODMAN & COMPANY CONTRACT FOR CITY'S ANNUAL AUDIT

Council Member Miller moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.27

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS CONTRACT TO GOODMAN AND COMPANY, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.

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

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

AGREEMENT - CITY & VDOT - FRANKLIN TURNPIKE EXTENSION PROJECT

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROVIDING FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF GAS, SANITARY SEWER AND WATER FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FRANKLIN TURNPIKE EXTENSION FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO THE ROUTE 29 BYPASS.

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 FY 2008 ACTION PLAN - INVESTMENT & RECOVERY CDBG-R FUNDS

Council Member Tomer moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06.29

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT CDBG-R FUNDS.

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

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

ROLL CALL

Each Council Member congratulated and welcomed Deputy City Manager Joe King.

Council Member Archie reported that there were 204 graduates of the Adult GED program. She commended the City school staff for its continued excellence in educating our citizens.

Council Member Campbell praised the Virginia International Raceway (VIR) program that continues to bring jobs and revenues to our region.

Council Member Luther expressed concern the sales and meals tax did not meet the budget projections and that Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes may also not meet projections. Many citizens were delaying the purchase of high-price items, such as new automobiles, due to poor economic conditions. That has a tremendous effect on the City's revenues. Mr. Luther commended the City's budget staff for their excellence in putting together the budget.

Vice-Mayor Oakes congratulated the administration for the receipt of an AA+ bond rating and commended the budget team for an outstanding job.

Council Member Rawley, commenting on the recent Employee Service Awards, noted the City had three employees who had 50 or more years of service to the City. He congratulated Norma Adams, Melba Tanksley and Rudy Montgomery.

Council Member Shanks stated he was amazed at the number of employees who had 20, 25, and 30 years of employment with the City. He said that speaks well of the City administration's diligence in working to keep good employees. Mr. Shanks said he had noticed parking lots in certain shopping areas of the City that may not be up to par, such as uneven or broken pavement with grass growing in the broken places. City Manager Lacy agreed to investigate what could be done about the unsightly parking lots.

Council Member Tomer voiced concern about the Langston track that is a state of disrepair. Mr. Lacy agreed to investigate the matter.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

MAYOR

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CITY CLERK