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The Regular November meeting of the Danville City Council was held on November 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry P. Mayo, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller was absent (1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken F. Larking, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Sheriff Mike Mondul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board Annual Report
Presented by: Sheriff Mike Mondul,
Secretary of the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Mr. Mondul noted this year's annual report theme was, #DPCSStrong; it was a reflection on and recognition of an entire year of DPCS operations providing critical services for the community, without waiver; they were #DPCSStrong. Mr. Mondul explained there were three threads or reasons why #DPCSStrong was such an important message to the community. These threads were about people, services and staff, and convey how deeply committed DPCS was to offering services for everyone residing in the community.

The first thread was about who they serve. At the height of the pandemic, providing face to face services became instantly disrupted; nevertheless DPCS reached more than 5,000 individuals in their clinical treatment and outreach programs, and campaigns. They shifted many of these services to telehealth and in many instances, the use of telehealth actually improved accessibility and engagement for individuals previously hesitant to participate in services. Despite this, there remained many individuals who needed continued face to face services, and DPCS continued to provide these services without pause. Staff remained #DPCSStrong. The second thread was about services. Operating about fifty unique programs, DPCS adapted and changed across developmental services, behavioral health, and prevention services divisions for adults and children in order to meet the community needs. Throughout the pandemic, many of these programs continued operations in traditional ways with a new focus on health and safety protection. Many other programs, such as community based and outpatient operations, shifted to telehealth, meeting individual needs in new and unique ways that also focused on health and safety. The staff dedication to these programs, providing more than 122,000 distinct services to people in need during the pandemic, demonstrated that their fellow citizens were very important to them. This was #DPCSStrong. The third and final thread of #DPCSStrong was about the workforce, the employees. DPCS had a workforce of almost 300 dedicated professionals who were an integral part of the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County. They live, work and play here, and were completely invested in the people and places around them. Throughout the pandemic, DPCS recognized staff were invested in the work to be done and DPCS fully supported them. A focus on the health and welfare of everyone became priority one in the pandemic, along with providing a sense of safety, ongoing education and direction, flexibility for a work life family balance, and an endless supply of personal protective supplies. This was #DPCSStrong.

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Mr. Mondul noted on behalf of the volunteer citizen board of directors and staff, it was a privilege to share this information with Council and thanked them for appointing the seven members from the City to serve on this great board. Mr. Mondul recognized Fire Chief Shelby Irving who was also on the board and the Executive Director of DPCS, Jim Bebeau.

Council Members thanked Mr. Mondul for the Annual Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized William Griffith, 935 Green Street, who spoke about the house at 937-939 Green Street, and provided copies of CAR reports submitted on August 26, 2021. It was done to determine whether 937-939 Green Street was a viable structure to save or demolish. Mr. Griffith reviewed recommendations from the report noting the house has suffered from years of neglect, and the firm in the CAR report recommended removing the structure. Mr. Griffith noted this property was transferred in 2014 and again in 2015 which lengthens the time they have to put up with rodents, trespassers, and drug addicts hanging under the stoop. Mr. Griffith noted he has called the police an average of thirty six times in one year. There were plenty of other homes to save in the Old West End, and hopes the City will tear this one down.

Mayor Jones recognized Sam Hicks, 101 Naples Street, who thanked the City for not bowing to some of the national pressures over the course of the pandemic with regard to mandates for vaccinations for employees. OSHA has put out an ETS regarding vaccination mandates and testing, and was glad the City has not done anything like that to date. In the future he knows there may be some additional pressure to that end and encouraged the City to keep that going.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Budget Items on the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 28, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Campbell **moved** for adoption of the following Consent Agenda items:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2021. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Budget Amendment – Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Department of Homeland Security

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2021-10.08 Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in an Amount of \$125,889.52 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$6,294.48 for Equipment and to Administer Training to the Public for a Total Appropriation in the Amount of \$132,184.00 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment – Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Comprehensive Services Act Funds

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2021-10.09 Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Appropriating Comprehensive Services Act Funds and Providing Local Matching Funds for a Total Amount of \$4,780,388 and Appropriating Same.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PARCEL #74131 ON WILLIAMS STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit for Parcel #74131. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 21, 2021 and October 28, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Vogler **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11.01

GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION 2021-344 FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING OR ACCESSORY USE WITHOUT A PRIMARY BUILDING LOCATED ON THE PARCEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.E, SECTION C.23. OF THE DANVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, AT PARCEL ID# 74131.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING ENTERPRISE ZONE #1 AND INCENTIVES FOR ZONE #1 AND ZONE #57B

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amendments to Enterprise Zones. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 26, 2021 and November 2, 2021.

Mayor Jones recognized Sam Hicks, Naples Street, who questioned the map that was part of the attachments for this item; Mr. Hicks noted it was hard to find out what parts were being added. Part of the proposed additions was an area on Broad and Holbrook where King Cropp was located, and the parcel that Crema and Vine was on. His question was why those two were captured; he was not sure what the incentives for development were and how those apply. Mayor Jones suggested Mr. Hicks follow up with the City Manager.

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

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AMENDING ENTERPRISE ZONE #1 AND INCENTIVES FOR ZONE #1

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11.01

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY ENTERPRISE ZONE #1

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

AMENDING THE INCENTIVES OFFERED IN ENTERPRISE #57B

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11.02

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT TO THE INCENTIVES OFFERED FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE JOINT ENTERPRISE ZONE WITH PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY (ENTERPRISE ZONE #57B).

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or City Clerk. City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted the General Assembly moved all local elections to November. Staff will do that by ordinance and that will be on an upcoming agenda; at that meeting or a subsequent meeting, there will also be an Ordinance moving Council's business meeting.

Council Member Mayo noted the school bond referendum that passed was a plus for the City, as well as what Council was doing, it was good seeing things that were going on in the City. Mr. Mayo noted he took his vaccination today and feels good.

Councilman Saunders thanked Council Member Mayo for arranging for the booster shots today.

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Council Member Vogler noted he also got his booster shot today, feels good and encouraged citizens to get theirs as well. Mr. Vogler congratulated all the local officials that were elected and re-elected this past Tuesday, and the citizens of the City overwhelmingly passed the referendum for the schools. Congratulations to the new Governor-elect Youngkin, he looks forward to working with him the next four years, as well as his friend Jason Miyares, the new Attorney General, the first Cuban American to be elected Attorney General in Virginia, as well the first African American female elected statewide, the new Lieutenant Governor, Winsome Sears.

Council Member Whittle noted his agreement with Mr. Vogler, the candidates all worked hard on their elections, and to the ones who did not get elected, Mr. Whittle thanked them for their service.

Council Member Buckner noted his congratulations to the people who finished their election race, it was not easy, but it was worthwhile. Congratulations to the winners and to the ones who didn't finish that well, they deserve a break because it was not an easy thing to do. Mr. Buckner noted this Council works well together, he appreciated all of them and thanked them all for their hard work and friendship. To all the City employees, they were thankful for what they did on a daily basis to keep this City running, and for their hard work every day.

Council Member Campbell noted what Danville means to him, it was driving by the Community Market, seeing all the activities; Saturday, going past the museum and seeing all the extra activities and families and children having fun. He thought they had a great City, they have a City of quality and thanked the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, the Mayor and all the Council Members, the City was moving forward.

Council Member Hood noted he was appreciative and thankful for the citizens of Danville for exercising their right to vote and congratulations to all the elected officials. One year ago today he was on the ballot for City Council; it was an honor and privilege to be serving the City of Danville.

Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Hicks for appearing before Council; they invite citizens to come to the Council meeting, he made some excellent presentations and hoped he got in touch with the City Manager to learn more about the processes. Mayor Jones thanked the co-chairs of the school system's referendum, Kenny Lewis and Karl Stauber, Dr. Hairston, and the entire team, for helping to push this referendum. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Mayo and PATHS for arranging for their booster shots, and thanked City staff and the staff of DPCS for the work they do.

ADJOURNED: 7:32 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK