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The Second Regular October meeting of the Danville City Council was held on October 15, 2019, 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., Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, Adam J. Tomer, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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.

Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Council Member Gary P. Miller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation: *Haven of the Dan River Region Week.*

Presented to: Lisa Caviness, Executive Director, and
Sheila Baynes, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Ms. Caviness introduced Board members and volunteers including Sheriff Mike Mondul, John Gilstrap, Sheila Baynes, Meeti Nigam and volunteer Monica Anderson. Ms. Caviness thanked Council for the Proclamation, and reviewed services provided by Haven as well as upcoming events. Ms. Baynes discussed the upcoming fundraiser, Heels to Heal, which will be held on October 26th, at noon at Ballard Brewing, and on October 30th, there will be a screening at DCC from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ms. Baynes encouraged Council Members to participate. Mayor Jones issued a challenge to the former Mayors to attend Heels to Heal with him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Melissa Tuck, representing the Danville Professional Women's Association, who was having a Chili Cook-off Fall Fundraiser on October 26th, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Homeplace Vineyard. Proceeds of the fundraiser will go to fund scholarships.

Mayor Jones recognized Tommy Bennett who noted Danville lost three icons this past week, Dorothy Harris, Glenarry Green Broadnax and Dorothy Logan. Information on all three were on the Fisher & Watkins website. Mr. Bennett also stated on Thursday, at High Street Baptist Church, there will be a concert to remember Camilla Williams.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on September 17, 2019. Draft copies of the Minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Additional State Aviation Funding for Security Lock Replacement at the Danville Airport

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An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-10.02, Presented by its First Reading on October 1, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Additional State Aviation Funding for Security Lock Replacement at the Danville Regional Airport in the Amount of \$18,202 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$8,609 to be Provided from Support of Grant Funds and Appropriating the Same.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10.06

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 76379 AND 76380 FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE FOR A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO STRAIGHTEN THE SHARP CURVE ON AIRPORT DRIVE.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10.07

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR AN ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY AND INCENTIVES AMENDMENT APPLICATION BY PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE JOINT ZONE WITH THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA (ENTERPRISE ZONE #57B).

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,

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NAY: Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
None

AUTHORIZING FREE BUS SERVICE ON ELECTION DAY

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10.08

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DANVILLE TRANSIT SYSTEM TO OFFER FREE BUS SERVICE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

COMMUNICATIONS

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Saunders thanked Mr. Bennett for reminding citizens of the passing of the three icons in the community; all three were great people. To the Broadnax family, thanks to them for their contributions to the City; they will be kept in their prayers.

Council Member Shanks thanked Haven of the Dan River Region for appearing at Council this evening.

Council Member Tomer thanked the Haven for the great service they provide to the community, and his condolences to those who recently passed away, as mentioned by Mr. Bennett,

Vice Mayor Vogler thanked Haven for what they do, those that spoke tonight, and looked forward to their events. Mr. Vogler noted he was glad to see the City was offering the free bus service on Election Day and encouraged citizens to get out and vote. Mr. Vogler noted he was looking forward to a discussion on the City Parking rules. This Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. at Dan Daniel they will be having the final game of the youth flag football teams.

Council Member Whittle thanked the Haven for coming to Council and was glad to see Mayor Gilstrap. Mr. Whittle questioned on Enterprise Zones, why can't the City make an enterprise zone in the main corridors so businesses can take advantage of federal and state incentives. City Manager Ken Larking noted this can be brought back to Council. Mr. Whittle requested information on the City's procurement process.

Council Member Buckner thanked the Haven and reminded citizens of the Chili cook-off on October 26th at the Homeplace Vineyard. Mr. Buckner wished his son a Happy Birthday.

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Council Member Campbell thanked Mr. Bennett for his comments on the Danville icons that served this community and noted it was good to see former Mayor John Gilstrap. Mr. Campbell noted they attended a workshop at VML on first responders and the need for localities to have certain things in place for them, and hopes the City can be proactive on this issue. Mr. Campbell also noted the 400 year anniversary of Slavery in America, there was a logo that was presented at VML; he would like staff to research that and perhaps have it placed on the website.

Council Member Miller noted he was glad to see how well Haven was doing. Council went to VML which had a number of good programs. VIR had an event last week with over 10,000 visitors; those people complimented how well they were treated in the City. Dr. Miller reminded citizens that flu season has started and to get their flu vaccinations, and reminded citizens the Veterans' Day Parade was on November 10th.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield explained the next meeting of City Council will be on Thursday, November 7th because Tuesday November 5th was Election Day.

Mayor Jones noted at VML, the City of Danville won the Working With Youth and President's Innovation Award for Robert David's work on Project Imagine. Mayor Jones thanked the Haven for what they were doing and thanked Tommy Bennett for coming to Council. Danville lost another youth last Friday, but he has heard wonderful comments about the Danville Police Department from the family. The family wanted citizens to know that the Police Department has been working diligently to help catch the person that caused harm to their family.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/ Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK