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The Regular October meeting of the Danville City Council was held on October 7, 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, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.*

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 Gary P. Miller, Vice Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Certificate of Recognition: Honoring Vicky Taylor, Danville Community College
Presented to: Vicky Taylor

Ms. Taylor thanked Council for the Recognition and noted it has been her privilege to teach at Danville Community College for fifty years. Ms. Taylor thanked Council for all they do for the City and for DCC. Council Members noted their appreciation of Ms. Taylor and thanked her for all she has done for Danville and for her students.

Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Presented to: Detra Betts, Executive Director of Haven of the Dan River Region

Ms. Betts thanked Council for their support and for bringing attention to the community. Ms. Betts noted October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month and they will have a fundraiser on October 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., their Heels to Heal event, and invited Council to participate. Ms. Betts noted if anyone needs their help to call 434-483-5482, 24/7.

Announcement: Danville City Treasurer 2021 Accreditation
Presented by: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Danville City Treasurer

Ms. Williamson-Branch announced that once again the Danville Treasurer's Office received its accreditation from the Treasurer's Association of Virginia on June 22, 2021; this was their second year of this accreditation. Council members thanked Ms. Williamson-Branch and her staff for what they were doing.

Gary Terry: CEO, Boys and Girls Club of Danville

Mayor Jones welcomed Mr. Terry to Danville and Mr. Terry explained he was the new CEO for the Boys and Girls Club in Danville, and thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to speak. Mr. Terry noted he looked forward to meeting and working with Council as they create programs for the kids, to help them reach their highest potential and become model citizens in the community. Council Members welcomed Mr. Terry to Danville.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Nathaniel Moore, Cedarbrook Drive, who questioned the plans for the W. Townes Lea property, and whether a decision has been made on it; he does not want it to

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become a dumping ground for just any project. Mayor Jones directed Mr. Moore to the City Manager and Deputy City Manager.

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 September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Vogler **moved** for adoption of the following Consent Agenda Items:

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

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the DMV Highway Safety Selective Enforcement Alcohol Grant Program - \$18,570

Ordinance No. 2021-09.07, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Selective Enforcement Alcohol Grant Program in the Amount of \$18,570 and Appropriating Same.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Virginia DMV Highway Safety Office Enforcement Speed Grant Program - \$9,100

Ordinance No. 2021-09.08, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office Selective Enforcement Speed Grant Program in the Amount of \$9,100 and Appropriating Same.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Virginia DMV Highway Safety Office Enforcement Occupant Protection Grant - \$5,250

Ordinance No. 2021-09.09, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office Selective Enforcement Occupant Protection Grant Program in the Amount of \$5,250 and Appropriating Same.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Older American Act Grant Funds

Ordinance No. 2021-09.10, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Certain Revenues to Provide for Title III-B Grant Funds and Local Share for Senior Citizen Transportation Services and Appropriating the Same.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Grant Funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Ordinance No. 2021-09.11, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in an Amount of \$102,200 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$37,800 for Equipment Upgrades to the

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Emergency Management Shelter for a Total Appropriation in the Amount of \$140,000, and Appropriating Same.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 2021-10.01 – Reappointing Alonzo L. Jones to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Resolution No. 2021-10.02 – Reappointing Amanda Oakes to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Resolution No. 2021-10.03 - Appointing Pat Daniel to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Constance Covington.

Resolution No. 2021-10.04 - Reappointing George Davis to the River District Design Commission.

Resolution No. 2021-10.05 – Appointing Fred O. Shanks, III to the Airport Commission to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Miller.

Resolution No. 2021-10.06 – Appointing Marva Tutt to the Danville Community Policy & Management Team as the Danville Public Schools Representative.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF SELLING PARCEL #20792 ON LEE STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Sale of Parcel #20792 on Lee Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10.07

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 20792 TO FACILITATE STREETSCAPING ALONG LEE STREET.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSFER OF 439 CEDARBROOK AVENUE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Transfer of 439 Cedarbrook to the IDA. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10.08

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 439 CEDARBROOK DRIVE (PARCEL 59803) FROM THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSFERRING 1540 HALIFAX ROAD TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding transferring 1540 Halifax Road to the IDA. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10.09

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 1540 HALIFAX ROAD (PARCEL 74769) FROM THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Buckner.

Council Member Saunders noted he would like to applaud Council and staff for the last two motions regarding the schools at Glenwood and Cedarbrook, and the IDA. The IDA has an excellent record of taking these facilities and making them into good use for the City; it was a win-win for everyone, for the City, the businesses and the citizens.

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The **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO ADD AN ARTICLE 17, ENTITLED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending the Zoning Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 23, 2021 and September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Miller **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.01

AMENDING CHAPTER 41, ENTITLED “ZONING ORDINANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED BY ADDING ARTICLE 17, ENTITLED “PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS”.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PRIVATE COMMUNITY FACILITY AT 107 WALTERS STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 107 Walters Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 23, 2021 and September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.02

APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION 2021-263, FILED BY NADINE ETCHISON, FOR A PRIVATE COMMUNITY FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.E, SECTION C.17. OF DANVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AT 107 WALTERS STREET (PARCEL ID# 21027).

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Mayo.

Mayor Jones recognized Marty and Nadine Etchison. Mr. Etchison thanked Council for their approval and Mrs. Etchison explained they would be having pop up shops for young entrepreneurs in the City. They also plan on utilizing the property for community programs for Christmas and different holidays. The property was in Almagro and they want to put up plaques

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explaining where Almagro came from. Council Members thanked the Etchisons for what they were doing.

The **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING OR ACCESSORY USE AT 409 ARNETT BOULEVARD

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 409 Arnett Boulevard. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 23, 2021 and September 30, 2021.

Mayor Jones recognized Albert Payne representing Trinity United Methodist Church, and Pastor Barbara Cousar. Mr. Payne noted this building would represent a place for people to come 24/7, three hundred sixty five days a year to find food, and resources on where to find food in the City. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.03

APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION 2021-297, FILED BY TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 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 DANVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, AT 409 ARNETT BOULEVARD (PARCEL ID# 05074).

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Campbell.

Council Member Saunders thanked Trinity United for welcoming him to their church several times and was so glad they cared about people and the community.

The **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING - MAINTAINING 924 ARNETT BOULEVARD (PARCEL ID #00319) IN THE OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Denying Rezoning at 924 Arnett Boulevard. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 23, 2021 and September 30, 2021. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10.10

MAINTAINING 924 ARNETT BOULEVARD (PARCEL ID# 00319) IN THE OT-R, OLD TOWN-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.

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

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PARCEL #22179 ON CRAGHEAD STREET

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10.11

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 22179 CRAGHEAD STREET TO ENHANCE SCENIC OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Vogler and **second** by Council Member Buckner, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.05

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR PROJECTS TO BE OR BEING UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE THE DANVILLE COMMUNITY FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,245,901.00

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

Council Member Saunders noted he supported this item, but had a question about the \$1.2M and asked if it was the same dollar amount last fiscal year as it was this fiscal year. Director of Community Development Ken Gillie explained last year the City received \$34,144 less, it has

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increased for the next fiscal year. The plan was the same, the City just received slightly more money. In response to Mr. Whittle, Mr. Gillie noted the City had a 15% administrative cap that they use to help offset salaries and other expenses for employees.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Miller and **second** by Council Member Mayo, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.06

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$115,360.91 AND A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,536.09 FOR EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THREE FIRE TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,897.00, AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND OUTREACH DETENTION PROGRAMS AND PREVENTION SERVICES/PRO-SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Mayo, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.07

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,999 AND A LOCAL SHARE OF \$39,830 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$126,829, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND OUTREACH DETENTION PROGRAMS AND PREVENTION SERVICES/PRO-SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE AT THE W. W. MOORE JR. DETENTION HOME AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A GRANT TO AID FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS AT WW MOORE JR., DETENTION HOME

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Whittle, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.08

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A FEDERAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$38,681 TO AID THE FOOD

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SERVICE OPERATIONS AT W. W. MOORE, JR. DETENTION HOME AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Council Member Hood noted Wayne and Clyde Waller were putting an event together called The Big Show. Mr. Waller was very involved with Parks & Recreation in the 1980s and put together a breakdancing group called the B Boys. This Saturday, they were doing the Big Show again, and they allow youth to put together sets and perform. It was at the Danville City Auditorium at 7:00 pm; tickets were \$10 at Eventbrite. Mr. Hood noted he would be hosting the event.

Council Member Mayo noted PATHS partnered with Danville Community College today to give COVID tests, it was a low turnout but the effort was always there; DCC nurses and PATHS staff were there to provide information. Mr. Mayo encouraged citizens to get educated about the vaccine and to get vaccinated. Mr. Mayo welcomed Mr. Terry to Danville and noted Omega Psi Phi would be hosting an event at the Boys and Girls Club next month on November 13th.

Vice Mayor Miller noted Linwood Wright passed away recently; he did so much for the City over many years, he was an outstanding person and a great man. Dr. Miller noted several Council Members and staff attended the VML Conference; it was a good meeting, with a chance to interact with city leaders from all over the state and exchange ideas. Danville's efforts on blight were mentioned, along with the River District, RIFA and workforce development. Dr. Miller encouraged citizens to get their COVID vaccine.

Councilman Saunders thanked Vice Mayor Miller for encouraging people to get the vaccine, and thanked the people from PATHS for going out and helping the citizens. Mr. Saunders noted Linwood Wright was friend and they were praying for his family. He voted for Mr. Wright for Mayor of Danville in 1996 and appreciated the opportunity of doing that. Mr. Saunders also noted his condolences to the family of Mayor Sherman Lea, the Mayor of Roanoke who lost his wife. Mayor Lea and his wife were both from Danville, and their prayers were with his family.

Councilman Vogler noted next Tuesday Biscuitville was doing their fundraiser event for different organizations, 20% of each bill goes to one of the organizations they were sponsoring. Mr. Vogler stated Linwood Wright was an amazing man and an advocate for the community for many years. He had a wealth of knowledge of the history of the City and the region, and had a vision for the future of Danville. Mr. Vogler noted another citizen passed away recently, Dolores Reynolds; she attended Council and Committee meetings, was very active in the community and did so many great things. Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a COVID vaccine opportunity for citizens at the Community Market.

Council Member Whittle noted Linwood Wright had a never give up attitude and he had a great vision for the City. Mr. Whittle noted he attended VML; there was a lot of great information and a lot of people asking what they were doing different in Danville. Mr. Whittle noted the City and other localities all have a housing problem, and one suggestion was trying to get veterans hired out to do the jobs that were available.

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Council Member Buckner noted he had lunch today at Dell'Annos on Main Street and on each table they have a place card that states, Hands are not for Hitting, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The cards were to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and were put out by Haven of the Southside; there were many organizations for citizens to reach out to if they were experiencing domestic violence. To the friends, family and co-workers of Linwood Wright, he meant so much to everyone and did so much for the community. Mr. Buckner questioned the status of the HOME sign; it was not currently working.

City Manager Ken Larking explained the HOME sign was owned by the Historical Association; the City has an agreement to provide the power, and to get repairs done. It goes down quite frequently and it was his understanding that Mr. Sgrinia from Parks & Recreation was aware there was an issue and has reached out to the vendor to get it repaired.

Mayor Jones welcomed Mr. Terry of the Boys and Girls Club to Danville, thanked him for what he was doing and what he was planning on doing. Mayor Jones noted he had the opportunity to speak with Linwood Wright every week to talk about Danville. Council's prayers were with Mr. Wright's family and he plans to attend the memorial service on Saturday. Their prayers were also with Mayor Lea's family. Mayor Jones also encouraged citizens for Vote Yes 4 DPS to support the City's schools.

ADJOURNED: 8:26 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK