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A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on July 20, 2021 at 7:42 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. Council Members present were: L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo Jones, Barry P. Mayo, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). James B. Buckner was absent (1).

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

Mayor Alonzo L. Jones presided.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF VACATING TWO UNUSED CITY EASEMENTS IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Council Members had no questions for this item and agreed to put it in on an upcoming business agenda.

PROGRAM UPDATES

City Manager Ken Larking noted most of the Council Members had signed up for a time to meet with a representative from Caesars for a preview of the design for the resort; Vicky will reach out to them to confirm their times.

Mr. Larking stated he also sent out an email regarding the Riverside Drive construction work that will be commencing in early August. Public Works Department staff has worked with the community and businesses there to try to come up with the best plan for redirecting and funneling traffic in that highly trafficked area. It will be somewhat of an inconvenience but believes most of the businesses realize that in the end, it will be a lot better than it was before. The City will make sure the contractors were doing a good job, and that they respond to anything that comes up. Brian Dunevant in Public Works was very responsive to businesses when they express a concern; if there was something that could be done to remediate it, they will do that.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Miller noted the rest stops at the entrance ways to Virginia do not have any brochures for the City of Danville and Mr. Larking noted they will look into that.

CLOSED MEETING

At 7:47 p.m., Vice Mayor Miller **moved** that this meeting of the City Council of the City of Danville, Virginia be recessed and that Council immediately reconvene in a Closed Meeting for the following purposes: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the bargaining position of the City as permitted by Subsection (A) (3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider: Discussion regarding the sale and/or potential purchase of a specific parcel of property for use by prospective commercial and mixed use projects looking to locate to the City; and an Economic Development discussion and update concerning prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made and/or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement

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has been made as permitted by Subsection (A)(5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider: an update on a prospective commercial and mixed use project considering locating within the City; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as permitted by Subsection (A)(8) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended and more specifically to consider: Legal advice on possible Council action in response to newly adopted State Legislation.

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

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

Upon unanimous vote at 9:26 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Vice Mayor Miller **moved** for adoption of the following Resolution:

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Council convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Council that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of Virginia Law under Section 2.2-3711 were heard, discussed or considered, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK