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The Regular June meeting of the Danville City Council was held on June 4, 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, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Adam J. Tomer was absent (1). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:09 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.

Mayor Jones presided.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was given by Fred O. Shanks, III, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation entitled LGBTQ Pride Month, and presented it Liz Cervantes. Ms. Cervantes thanked everyone on behalf of Collidescope and the Danville Community for a supportive Council, and invited citizens to their events this month.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS**

Mayor Jones recognized Angie Mae Dixon, 330 Center Street, Danville, who asked permission to paint the wall at Green Street, with a Hoops Don't Shoot mural. Also, employees of Lakresha Enterprises at 547 Arnett Boulevard, asked Council for support or sponsorship to assist them in making it possible for the neighborhood children to go to King's Dominion for a summer outing. They have raised \$1,000 and are looking for additional support.

Mayor Jones recognized Rebecca Campbell who invited Council and Citizens to a book signing of Apostle Lawrence Campbell's book, *1963 a Turning Point in Civil Rights*, at Bibleway Cathedral on June 10<sup>th</sup>; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jones recognized Tim Karhapaa, the summer intern in the Mayor's office, and noted tomorrow was his last day. Mr. Karhapaa thanked the Mayor, Council Members and staff noting he spent five weeks in different departments, and was extremely grateful for the opportunity.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 7, 2019; draft copies had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Budget Appropriation – Amending the FY2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$177,083

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An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-05.07, Presented by its First Reading on May 21, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the State for a Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$177,083 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Appropriation – Amending the FY2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Domestic Violence Victim Program Grant in the Amount of \$44,635

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-05.08, Presented by its First Reading on May 21, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the State for a Domestic Violence Victim Program Grant in the Amount of \$44,635 and Appropriating Same.

The Motion was **seconded** by Vice Mayor Vogler and adopted by the following vote:

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AMENDING THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE TAX ON TRANSIENT LODGERS AND IMPLEMENT A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05.10**

AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-97 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE TAX ON TRANSIENT LODGERS FROM SEVEN (7) PERCENT TO EIGHT (8) PERCENT AND TO IMPLEMENT A \$2.00 PER DAY ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

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

VOTE: 7-1-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks, Vogler (7)  
NAY: Whittle (1)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

**AMENDING THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05.11**

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AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-30 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FROM \$3.50 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE TO \$3.60 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.

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

VOTE: 6-2-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks (6)  
NAY: Whittle, Vogler (2)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

### **AMENDING THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX**

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05.09**

AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTIONS 37-27, 37-28 AND 37-29 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE THEREBY INCREASING THE REAL ESTATE TAX FROM EIGHTY (80) CENTS ON EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO EIGHTY-FOUR (84) CENTS ON EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

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

Council Member Shanks noted he was supporting this tax this year, it was a compromise, and Council may have to make alternate decisions next year. Some Council Members feel there are other revenue streams that are soon approaching the City. He has not supported a real estate tax increase in the past. In this particular case, thinking about what the school system needs and how important turning the school system around was, he could reasonably support this Resolution. The City needs to have the school system succeed; not to invest in the school system would be more detrimental to the City than failing to pass the tax increase. Next year he will be looking for other revenues to come into place, or the City tightening their belts.

Council Member Campbell noted his agreement, nobody wants a tax increase. Council set priorities, and has to invest in the youth and the community in order to move forward. Council Member Buckner noted his agreement with Mr. Shanks and Reverend Campbell, either Council does the tax increase this year at four cents, or next year it could be a higher amount. It was a tough decision that Council had to make, no one wants to increase taxes, but it was necessary for the good of the children of the City. Council Member Miller also agreed, Council has to do this for schools and public safety. There are projections in the near future where the City will have more revenue and was confident Council will not have to come back next year and raise taxes again. He would be very reluctant for any further tax increases at least for the next two years. Council Member Saunders noted no one wants to see a tax increase, however the increase shows the need for continuous support of the community.

Vice Mayor Vogler stated no one likes to see a tax increase and he has voted against several over the years. Council has spent several months trying to save money and cut spending where it made sense. Unless they considered serious draconian cuts, there was not anything else that could be done this year. If Council was not going to vote for this tonight, he hopes they will share what it was specifically they would like to see cut. Some Council Members

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believe very strongly there was going to be a substantial increase in revenue coming soon. If not, they will have to have serious conversations about spending; there cannot be a strong City without a strong, thriving school system. Over the years, the rate was cut, and the City has seen over the last ten to fifteen years, the ramifications of decreased funding in the school system. The City needs to be able to support the school system, and have the best teachers possible. He believes they made progress in the last year or so and wants to make sure that continues. Council Member Whittle noted the school system budget has already been voted on and he voted yes on that. The draconian cuts, he was for them. He will be voting no, but wanted to thank the Mayor for putting Council Members Shanks and Tomer on the committee which made it easier for Council to look at both sides of the equation.

Mayor Jones thanked Council Member Shanks and Council Member Tomer, along with City staff who worked on this budget. When the budget was presented they had other ideas, City staff went back and looked at those ideas, thinking about what was best for the citizens of the City. It has been asked of Council, what are they going to do about accountability for education, and the City now has an Education Compact; he will let the City Manager explain. Mayor Jones thanked Council Member Saunders and Miller for serving on the Education Compact. City Manager Ken Larking explained the compact was recommended by the five year financial advisory committee. There will be a group of citizens, in addition to the two representatives of Council, staff of the City and the school system and two representatives of the school board, who will work together to decide what the vision was for the school system, what they want to see achieved and what resources are necessary to get them to achieve that goal.

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

VOTE: 7-1-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks, and Vogler (7)  
NAY: Whittle (1)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of the following Appointment Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2019-06.01** - Reappointing Joseph Miller to the Airport Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.02** - Reappointing Michael Duncan to the Airport Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.03** - Appointing Daniel Farmer to the Airport Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.04** - Reappointing Telly Tucker to the Danville Community College Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.05** - Reappointing Tammy Warren to the Danville Community Policy & Management Team.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.06** - Reappointing Demetrius Crews to the Danville Community Policy & Management Team.

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**Resolution No. 2019-06.07-** Reappointing Ralph Price to the Danville Development Council.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.08** - Reappointing Philip Hall to the Danville Development Council.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.09** - Reappointing Frank Wickers to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.10** - Reappointing Michael Mondul to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.11** - Reappointing Sheila Williamson Branch to the Danville Utility Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.12** - Reappointing Paul Liepe to the Danville Utility Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.13** - Reappointing Fred O. Shanks, III to the Danville Utility Commission.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.14** - Appointing Hampton Wilkins to the Fair Housing Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.15** - Appointing Cynthia Pruitt Rhodes to the Social Services Advisory Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.16** - Appointing Kathy Andrews to the Social Services Advisory Board.

**Resolution No. 2019-06.17** - Reappointing Judy Keesee to the Transportation Advisory Board.

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-06.18** - Reappointing Ralph Price to the Transportation Advisory Board.

**RESOLUTION No. 2019-06.19** - Appointing J. Lee Vogler, Jr. to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1

AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (8)

NAY: None

ABSENT: Tomer (1)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ENDORING A VDOT PROJECT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 311 CONNECTOR ROAD TO THE SVM AT BERRY HILL**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06.24**

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ENDORISING A VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROUTE 311 CONNECTOR ROAD IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY TO THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEGASITE AT BERRY HILL.

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

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

Council Member Shanks explained this project will connect the Route 29 bypass to the Berry Hill Megasite; VDOT has provided the source of funding for this project. It was a major project for the Megasite, and for Danville and Pittsylvania County. City Council wanted to endorse this project as it goes forward through the Commonwealth Transportation Board and hopefully to the final funding.

#### **AMENDING THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE**

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.01**

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

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

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR WAIVER OF YARD REQUIREMENTS AT 3027 RIVERSIDE DRIVE**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 3027 Riverside Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 21, 2019 and May 28, 2019. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.02**

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GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A WAIVER OF YARD REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M, SECTION C, ITEM 21 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 3027 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1713, BLOCK 006, PARCEL 000005, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING FROM N-C NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO “CONDITIONAL” CB-C CENTRAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL AT 750 MAIN STREET**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning at 750 Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 21, 2019 and May 28, 2019. R.J. Lackey, the attorney representing the landlord and tenant for this property would answer any questions Council may have. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.03**

REZONING FROM N-C NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CB-C “CONDITIONAL” CENTRAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, 750 MAIN STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1716, BLOCK 006, PARCEL 000035 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

VOTE: 7-0-1-1  
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (7)  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Buckner (1)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

**PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR INDOOR RECREATION AT 750 MAIN STREET**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 750 Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 21, 2019 and May 28, 2019. R.J. Lackey, attorney for the applicant noted the group would be using the old YWCA building, with a restaurant, a hatchet/axe throwing venue and will have a commercial kitchen for food trucks to use to prepare food. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.04**

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR INDOOR RECREATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.K, SECTION C, ITEM 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 750 MAIN STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1716, BLOCK 006, PARCEL 000035 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

VOTE: 7-0-1-1  
AYE: Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (7)  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Buckner (1)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING FROM HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL TO “CONDITIONAL” LED-I LIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL, 201 EASTWOOD DRIVE**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning at 201 Eastwood Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 21, 2019 and May 28, 2019. Mayor Jones recognized RJ Lackey who noted he was representing both the owner and potential purchaser of the property. 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. 2019-06.05**

REZONING FROM HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL TO “CONDITIONAL” LED-I LIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL, 201 EASTWOOD DRIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2716, BLOCK 005, PARCEL 000013 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A WAIVER OF DISTRICT AND YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AT 201 EASTWOOD DRIVE**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 201 Eastwood Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee*

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on May 21, 2019 and May 28, 2019. Mayor Jones recognized RJ Lackey who noted he was representing both the owner and potential purchaser of the property. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.06**

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A WAIVER OF DISTRICT AND YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.O, SECTION C, ITEMS 19 AND 25 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 201 EASTWOOD DRIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2716, BLOCK 005, PARCEL 000013 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF LOT 1 IN AIRSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE IDA**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding conveying Lot 1 in Airside Park to the IDA. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 21, 2019. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06.20**

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF 0.843 ACRE OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1 IN AIRSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

VOTE: 7-0-1-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,  
Vogler and Whittle (7)  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Shanks (1)  
ABSENT: Tomer (1)

**ESTABLISHING A LOCAL PROVIDER ASSESSMENT ON SOVAH DANVILLE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT PROGRAM**

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

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06.21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE, ALL RELATED ACTIONS IN THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PROVIDER ASSESSMENT ON SOVAH DANVILLE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT PROGRAM.

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

Council Member Miller explained this was brought to Council by Alan Larson, CEO of SOVAH. Danville loses about \$9M a year in indigent patient care, but there are Federal funds available at a 2-1 match. This has to go to the General Assembly to be approved, then the City can tax SOVAH; that money will then go to the State, and then to the Federal Government who would send back a 2-1 match. Mr. Larson estimated it would help about \$6M a year of that \$9M loss. Council Member Shanks explained this does not affect any of the customers or clientele of SOVAH; there is no initial cost involved for the people who are using the hospital.

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF BUDGET OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, THE CSP AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Approval of the Budget of the City of Danville, the CSP and the Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 24, 2019. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

#### **BUDGET – APPROVING THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell, a Resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06.22**

APPROVING THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020.

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

#### **BUDGET – APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL AND SPECIAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06.23**

APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL AND SPECIAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

**BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.07**

BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.

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

**AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BAO TO PROVIDE FOR A RETIREE BONUS**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06.08**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A RETIREE BONUS TO BE PAID FROM VARIOUS FUNDS' UNASSIGNED BALANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Ken Larking noted his thoughts and condolences to the people of Virginia Beach, especially the citizens and city officials that were affected by the recent shooting. Earlier this week, Department heads of the City of Danville had a discussion about safety in the City Buildings; there had been some work done in making the City buildings as secure as reasonably possible. This was a public building, there were a lot of customers in the buildings and that was a challenge to deal with. There are ways to make them more secure and staff was looking at the systems and procedures that are in place. If any improvements can be made, they will do that. Mr. Larking noted his thoughts and prayers to Mr. Tomer who is dealing with some health issues.

Deputy City Manager noted his thoughts and prayers also to Council Member Tomer.

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City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted he reached out to staff at Virginia Beach to offer any assistance and they requested prayers. His prayers also to Mr. Tomer.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members noted their thoughts and prayers were with Mr. Tomer and his family, hoped he was doing better and looked forward to seeing him back at Council soon.

Council Member Shanks noted he and Mr. Tomer worked together over the last few months on the budget and he has a special respect for him. Mr. Shanks stated he has been in those offices in Virginia Beach several times, there are wonderful people working there and people can never expect what would happen. Mr. Shanks stated he believes the City and County have things that hopefully will develop and come to fruition, and thanked Telly Tucker and Economic Development for working on those items.

Vice Mayor Vogler questioned using credit cards in the Financial Center and Mr. Larking explained the Finance Department was working on a system that could be installed there. Staff recommends having a kiosk in the building for anybody who wants to pay their utility bill with a credit card; this will help keep the lines moving, and should be in place shortly. Mr. Vogler noted if someone wants to use a credit card to pay their taxes on line, there was a fee to do so. Mr. Larking explained it was a percentage and the City does charge a fee because it does cost the City to accept credit cards. Mr. Vogler stated he would like Council to have a discussion on those fees.

Council Member Whittle thanked the veterans for their service, and noted his prayers went out to the people in Virginia Beach.

Council Member Buckner noted the Food Truck Rodeo this past weekend was a great event with several thousand people attending.

Council Member Campbell noted his prayers to the people in Virginia Beach and thanked the City Manager and Deputy City Manager for trying to make the buildings safer. Reverend Campbell noted no one wants to see any increases in taxes, but operational costs, schools, retirement, and salaries increase, and the City has to find ways to provide services for the community.

Council Member Miller stated the tragedy in Virginia Beach was unspeakable, it could have been any City, and it was hard to make buildings safe. VML had a great article on Robert David, the City's Gang and Youth coordinator, and Project Imagine, which was an employment program designed to help keep youth away from gangs by providing them with a paid work experience. Dr. Miller commended council and staff on getting the budget finished, and Music on Main starts on Thursdays.

Council Member Saunders noted his prayers to the people in Virginia Beach, people need to be vigilant, if they see something, say something and do the best they can to get along with their neighbors and coworkers. Mr. Saunders stated a special thanks to Chief Booth and public safety for the work they do for the City, they are doing a great job and appreciates the community supporting them. Mr. Saunders noted with regard to gaming, historic horse racing and the casino, there is a lot of confusion with the citizens, and asked the City Manager if there was something that could be done to clear up the confusion.

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Mayor Jones thanked the City staff who worked on the budget, they did a tremendous job. Mayor Jones noted he had asked people in the community to call him if they had jobs for teens for the summer. He received a call to go to Arnett Boulevard to the car wash there, teens are working cleaning cars and giving out free hot dogs to the kids in the community. There are other businesses in the community that are hiring young people, trying to keep them busy and Mayor Jones thanked them. His thoughts and prayers are with the people in Virginia Beach, and thanked the City's summer intern, Tim, he did a great job. Mayor Jones reminded citizens about the book signing on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Bibleway.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/ Alonzo L. Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Susan M. DeMasi, CMC  
CITY CLERK