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The Regular April meeting of the Danville City Council was held on April 7, 2020, 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). Mr. Buckner and Mr. Tomer attended the meeting electronically.

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. Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds attended electronically.

Mayor Jones thanked the citizens tuning in to watch the City Council meeting, and noted the notice for this meeting was posted on March 18, 2020 in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. The Agenda was posted on the City's website on March 31, 2020; the agenda for tonight's meeting may be found at [www.mysanantonioagendas.info](http://www.mysanantonioagendas.info), by using Google Chrome. This meeting is being broadcast live on River City TV and the City's Facebook page. A Declaration of Emergency has been declared by the President, the Governor, City Manager and City Council. Because of this State of Emergency, and the need for social distancing, citizens will notice over the next several meetings that things will look very different, as seen tonight. Public Comments and Comments for Public Hearings were solicited prior to the Meeting. Copies were provided to each Council Member before the meeting and will be included with the meeting minutes. Two Council Members, James Buckner and Adam Tomer, will be attending electronically. Anytime they wish to make comments, they will identify themselves when speaking. All votes will be by roll call and recorded in the minutes as usual.

### **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

#### **APPROVING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PANDEMIC DISASTER**

Council Member Saunders **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled,

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04.01**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER

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

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

#### **APPROVING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

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

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04.01**

CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER'S DECLARATION AND AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND DISASTER DUE TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECTIONS 44-146.21 AND 44-146.16.

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

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

Rev. Campbell read several Scripture passages to give encouragement to citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The Invocation was given by Dr. Gary Miller; the Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Jones encouraged citizens to fill out their census forms.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS**

All Communications from Visitors were received by telephone or by submission of a form through the City of Danville website. A copy of all submissions has been attached to and made a part of these minutes. Submissions were received from the following citizens:

Sean Thompson (homeless)  
Gordon Lyles, 1228 Halifax Road, Danville (by phone)  
Valerie Warner, 137 Mabin Street, Danville  
Melba Lewis, no address given  
Bruce Hedrick, 25 Old Halifax Road, Danville  
Crystal Cobbs, DPCS, 245 Hairston Street

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2020, and Regular Council Meeting held on March 3, 2020. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Budget Amendment – Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Grant Funds for Food Service Operations at W.W. Moore Jr., Detention Home in the Amount of \$45,743.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-03.05, presented by its First Reading on March 3, 2020, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Federal Grant in the

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Amount of Approximately \$45,743 to Aid the Food Service Operations at W.W. Moore, Jr. Detention Home and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment – Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Virginia Juvenile Justice System Grant Funds and Local Match for a Total of \$126,829.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-03.06, presented by its First Reading on March 3, 2020, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 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 Supervision Plan Services for the City of Danville at the W.W. Moore Jr. Detention Home and Appropriating Same.

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**Resolution No. 2020-04.02** – Appointing Cheryl Terry to the Airport Commission to fill an unexpired term.

**Resolution No. 2020-04.03** – Appointing Michael Sheetz to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program.

**Resolution No. 2020-04.04** – Appointing Robert David to the Danville Community College Board to fill an Unexpired Term.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE COST AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT AND APPROVING THE AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE STAUNTON RIVER RIFA**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amendments to SR RIFA. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on March 31, 2020. No one present desired to be heard; City Council did not receive any comments through their on line portal or telephone call in line, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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**Approving and Authorizing the Form of the Amended and Restated Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority Cost and Revenue Sharing Agreement**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04.05**

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED STAUNTON RIVER REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY COST AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT AMONG THE COUNTY OF PITTSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, THE TOWN OF HURT, VIRGINIA, AND THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

Council Member Shanks explained this was a regional cooperation issue where Danville City Council has entered into an agreement with Pittsylvania County and the Town of Hurt. It was an exciting opportunity for regional cooperation, believes it will be a very successful endeavor and looks forward to great things coming out of this. Council Member Saunders noted his agreement regarding regional cooperation, was pleased to serve as Vice Chairman of this group and was glad Danville was involved in it. Vice Mayor Vogler noted his agreement with Mr. Shanks and Mr. Saunders, and stated he was privileged to serve on this board with them. It was an exciting opportunity; they have had a lot of success over the years with the Danville Pittsylvania RIFA, and believes this one will be even more successful and exciting in the months and years ahead.

Council Member Miller noted when he first heard about this, he had some skepticism, but early returns are very favorable; the enthusiasm of the citizens of the Hurt area will justify the City's commitment. Council Member Campbell noted his agreement and asked Mr. Shanks to discuss the cost factor and returns the City will receive for its investment. Mr. Shanks noted it was early to say, but the City has invested a pro rata share into the agreement and as things develop in the northern part of County with this project, the City will receive a pro rata share of the proceeds. It was a wonderful opportunity for the City to expand their regionalism, and will show a great reward.

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

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

**Approving and Authorizing the Form of the Amended and Restated Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority Bylaws**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04.06**

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED STAUNTON RIVER REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY BYLAWS AMONG THE COUNTY OF PITTSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, THE TOWN OF HURT, VIRGINIA, AND THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,876 FOR THE RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04.02**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,220 FOR A RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL IN-KIND SHARE OF \$139,656 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$194,876 AND APPROPRIATION OF SAME.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR GRANT FUNDING TO PROMOTE AVIATION AWARENESS AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Vogler and **second** by Council Member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04.03**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO PROMOTE AVIATION AWARENESS AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 TO BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF GRANTS FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR STATE AVIATION FUNDING, AND LOCAL SHARE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$180,000**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04.04**

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AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AVIATION FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING TERMINAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO UPDATE THE HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,400 PLUS LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,600 TO BE PROVIDED BY A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF SPECIAL GRANTS AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04.07**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

Dr. Miller noted this Resolution was very important; major league baseball planned to eliminate up to 75% of minor league teams. Danville's team was owned by the Atlanta Braves, and the City does not want to lose this valuable asset to the community. They spend money on hotel rooms, donate money to youth groups and was a great claim for Danville to have. If at all possible, they want to save the Danville Braves. Vice Mayor Vogler noted the Danville Braves have been a mainstay in the community for decades and Council wants to do everything they can to support them.

The **Motion** passed with the following vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at: 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC  
CITY CLERK