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The Regular March meeting of the Danville City Council was held on March 6, 2018, 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, Mayor John B. Gilstrap, Vice Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., was absent (1).

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 Gilstrap presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Council Member Sherman M. Saunders; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed led by Girl Scout Troup #970.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Gilstrap read a Proclamation entitled: *Girl Scout Week, March 12-18, 2018*, and presented it Girl Scout Troop #970. After a statement by one of the members of Troop 970, Girl Scouts distributed boxes of cookies to Council Members and staff. Council Members thanked the Girl Scouts for attending this evening and for the cookies.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, have previously been discussed by City Council and/or introduced for First Reading. There will be no separate discussion on these items and they will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by a Council Member or a citizen, the item(s) will be removed from the consent process and considered separately.

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment Item under the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2018, as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

Budget Amendment - Amending the FY2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Insurance Proceeds for the Talbott Dam Repairs

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-02.05, presented by its First Reading on February 20, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance Providing for the Repairs to the City's Hydroelectric Generator at the Talbott Dam by Appropriation of Related Insurance Proceeds in the Amount of \$635,968.60.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Vice Mayor Jones **moved** for adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2018-03.01 - Appointing Gladys D. Webb as a Member of the Southern Area Agency On Aging.

Resolution No. 2018-03.02 - Appointing Jessica Buckner as a Member of the Southern Area Agency On Aging.

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

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, James B. Buckner, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the consideration of a Resolution Appointing Jessica Buckner to the Southern Area Agency on Aging on the Agenda as Appointments item (A). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code §2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 6th day of March, 2018.

s/James B. Buckner

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL AT 498 ARNETT BOULEVARD

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding rezoning 498 Arnett Boulevard. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 20, 2018 and February 27, 2018.

Mayor Gilstrap recognized Ms. Jayne Reynolds, who noted she owned the property at 498 Arnett Boulevard and operated there for thirty five years with an accounting and tax practice. Ms. Reynolds noted her sister is retired, they have empty space and are trying to continue to

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use the space for another business. No one else desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed. Council Member Shanks questioned Ms. Reynolds if she was aware that an additional lot is required by the City would she be the one operating the business and Ms. Reynolds noted she was. Ms. Reynolds stated she has been advised by the Planning Commission and has shown them the other property that is going to be used.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03.01

REZONING FROM N-C, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO HR-C, HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, 498 ARNETT BOULEVARD, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1816, BLOCK 001, PARCEL 000005, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

Mr. Saunders stated this will add to the need to look at traffic on Arnett Boulevard. For years, there has been talk about a stoplight or stop sign; this underscores the need to look at the situation. Vice Mayor Jones asked the City Manager for clarification and Mr. Larking explained Public Works applied for grant funding to help with traffic issues on Arnett Boulevard and believes they were successful in receiving it, but have not implemented those changes yet. Mr. Larking stated he will get more details provided to City Council.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 620 NORTH MAIN STREET FOR INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit at 620 North Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 20, 2018 and February 27, 2018. 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. 2018-03.02

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION ESTABLISHMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3, K, SECTION C, ITEM 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 620 NORTH MAIN STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2710, BLOCK 032, PARCEL 000006, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF AMENDING CHAPTER 41, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 10, “SIGNS.”

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41 of the Zoning Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 20, 2018 and February 27, 2018. 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. 2018-03.03

AMENDING CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED “ZONING ORDINANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 10, ENTITLED “SIGNS”, SECTION Q, ENTITLED “PERMITTED SIGNS IN THE CP-1, CYBER PARK ONE DISTRICT, LED-I, LIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE M-I, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT” TO ADDRESS THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF DEVELOPMENT NAME SIGNS.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager or City Clerk. City Attorney Clarke Whitfield thanked the Girl Scouts for the cookies.

ROLL CALL

Council Members thanked the Girl Scouts for attending this evening and for the cookies.

Council Member Saunders noted his congratulations to Pittsylvania County on their announcement with seventy jobs; the Governor attended and Mr. Saunders stated it was his first announcement. The Governor will not forget the area that he made his first economic development announcement.

Council Member Shanks noted his congratulations to the history teacher and coach of the Beta Club, Jared Smith and the Galileo Beta Club team for winning the State Championship. Council Member Vogler congratulated Galileo for a great job and congratulations to Pittsylvania County and the Danville region for the announcement; the Governor was present

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and announced seventy new jobs to the region. This was the first economic development announcement that Governor Northam has made; hopefully he will be back often. Mr. Vogler thanked the Tunstall students for attending.

Council Member Whittle noted he had an issue, one of his tenants on Piedmont Drive and Mount Cross said they were not going to bring the carnival back to town because in years past it had some violence, and asked the City Manager to look into that.

Council Member Buckner thanked the Tunstall students for attending the meeting this evening.

Mayor Gilstrap noted he was very proud of the Girl Scouts for being part of 2.6M girls in scouting. Mayor Gilstrap congratulated the County on their announcement, it will be very beneficial to the region and congratulations to Galileo. Mayor Gilstrap stated Bowl for Kid's Sake is Saturday, a fundraiser for Big Brothers, Big Sisters at Riverside Lanes and invited citizens to participate.

Vice Mayor Jones thanked the parents of the Girl Scouts for supporting their children.

Council Member Miller welcomed the Tunstall students, encouraged citizens to go out and Bowl for Kids on Saturday, and congratulated Galileo for the championship. Last Friday, Dr. Miller noted he attended a banquet at American Legion Post 1097 with awards for the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Police Department.

Mayor Gilstrap recognized City Manager Ken Larking who stated he should have congratulated Galileo ACE Team on their State Championship for the Scholastic Bowl last week. His son is part of the team, there are some impressive young people in the City who went out and won the state championship and represented Danville well.

Council Member Shanks apologized noting he misspoke, it was the ACE Team, not BETA.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK