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The Regular March meeting of the Danville City Council was held on March 5, 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., Adam J. Tomer and Madison J.R. Whittle (9). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:03 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 Dr. Gary P. Miller; Girl Scout Troop #970 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation for Girl Scout Week, March 10-16, 2019, and presented it to Girl Scout Troop #970. Girl Scout Lillian Sullivan thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing her troop to be here this evening as they begin to celebrate Girl Scout week. She noted Girl Scouts have been a part of her life for many years and appreciated the opportunities she has received from the Girl Scouts. Troop 970 gave cookies to Council Members, and Council thanked the them for what they do in the community, and for the cookies.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Shanks and **second** by Council Member Campbell, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2019 were approved as presented. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 524 CHATHAM AVENUE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for the Public Hearing for Consideration of a Special Use Permit. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 19, 2019 and February 26, 2019. Mayor Jones recognized Gary Wasson, Director of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority who noted he was here to answer any questions Council may have about this item. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03.01

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PUBLIC USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.E, SECTION C, ITEM 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA 1986, AS AMENDED AT 524 CHATHAM AVENUE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1610,

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BLOCK, 008, PARCEL 000014, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT– CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03.02

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$56,347 FOR EQUIPMENT UPGRADES TO THE DANVILLE REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM, AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03.03

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 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 \$137,624 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$192,844 AND APPROPRIATION OF 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, or City Clerk. City Attorney thanked the Girl Scouts for the Cookies and noted “Go Eagles!”.

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ROLL CALL

Council Member Miller noted what the Girl Scouts do was great; he had two Girl Scouts and thought it was one of the best things they ever did. Last week was the dedication of the First State Bank on Union Street; the bank was formed in 1919 and was an important part of Danville's history. Council Members went to the Edmunds event last week, it was a fascinating event, and a benefit for charity.

Council Member Saunders thanked the Girl Scouts for the cookies, and congratulated First State Bank on the marker that was put up, there is a lot of history at the Bank. The Edmunds event was very good, raising money for the church tutorial program; Frank Beamer was there as well. Chuck and Hutch did an excellent job interviewing the Edmunds brothers, their father and Kenny Lewis. Mr. Saunders noted he was very proud of the Edmunds family.

Council Member Shanks noted the event also included the Edmunds family, and Kenny Lewis and his foundation, Church Based Tutorial; the two partnered together and awarded nine scholarships. Mr. Shanks thanked the Girl Scouts for the cookies, encouraged them to keep up the great work they do in the City and appreciated all they do.

Council Member Tomer thanked the Girl Scouts for the cookies, coming to Council tonight, and appreciated all they do for the community. Prior to coming to this meeting, Mr. Tomer noted he received a phone call from a City resident, who wanted to call and thank him for everything Council has been working on to accomplish. Mr. Tomer noted he appreciated the positive feedback, and encouraged citizens to contact Council if they need anything.

Vice Mayor Vogler thanked the Girl Scouts, noting it was Council's favorite meeting of the year when they come, and thanked them for what they do all the time. The Edmunds event was tremendous and the Mayor did a great job as the MC. Mr. Vogler noted Council will be discussing Airbnbs in work session, making them easier to operate in the City. Last night was the first meeting of a group the Mayor helped put together for the holiday basketball tournament, to bring it back and get different teams involved. Mr. Vogler noted he feels blessed and honored to be able to serve on this Council with this group of people, and for everything wonderful he has in this life.

Council Member Whittle noted the Edmunds event was a fabulous time, thanked the Girl Scouts for the cookies and asked the City Manager to look into Sandy Thompson's light out in his front yard on Manchester Avenue; Mr. Larking noted he would look into it.

Council Member Buckner noted it was a great way to end Black History Month by honoring one of the nation's oldest African American owned banks, First State Bank, now Movement Bank on the corner of Spring and Union Streets. It was also an appropriate way to kick off women's History Month by having the Girl Scouts, the future leaders of the country, here with Council tonight, and thanked them for being here.

Council Member Campbell stated the Edmunds event was exciting and wanted to salute their parents, they played a big roll in developing those young men. Mr. Campbell thanked the Girl Scouts and saluted the Police Department and the award ceremony last week; he heard a lot of stories of what the police did taking care of the citizens of Danville.

Mayor Jones thanked the Girl Scouts for coming to Council this evening and appreciated all they do in the community. Mayor Jones stated that Council has attended, at the Institute, the

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Wendell Scott dedication, the SOVAH Heart Celebration, the E Boys Celebration and last weekend they were back at the Institute for the I Am Sarah event. Council also attended the First State Bank event, tomorrow there was another one for the Riverside Auctioneers and noted to Council, he appreciates everything they do. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Wasson from the DRHA to come up and explain the Neighborhood Center that was voted on this evening. Mr. Wasson gave a brief overview of the youth center that will be opening in Cardinal Village, and noted it will be available to all citizens. Mayor Jones noted to Coach Parker and the GW Eagles, City Council was supporting them. To the City Manager and Deputy City Manager, Mayor Jones thanked them for helping out on the holiday basketball tournament; they took the ball and ran with it. Last night there was a great meeting with leaders from the community and thanked them for all they do.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/ Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK