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The Second Regular January meeting of the Danville City Council was held on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm 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., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry P. Mayo, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones asked all City staff present to step to the podium to be recognized by City Council for the work they do for the City, getting information out to citizens during bad weather, fixing utility outages, public safety responding to emergencies, public works clearing streets and all the other departments that respond to citizens. Mayor Jones and Council noted their appreciation of all staff does. City Manager Ken Larking noted he appreciated the kind words from Council, and as a representative of the employees of the City, they very much appreciate the support of Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

No one wished to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Budget Appropriation Items. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 21, 2021. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Grant Funds from HUD, from Healthy Homes, and a Local Match for a Total Appropriation of \$1,634,769

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2022-01.04, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in an Aggregate Amount of \$1,634,769, and a Local Share in the Amount of \$145,231 to be Provided by Unspent CDBG Funds, for a Total Appropriation of \$1,780,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for State of Good Repair Program Funds in the Amount of \$1,493,298

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2022-01.05, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Roadway Maintenance Projects to be Undertaken within the

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City and to be Financed Anticipating Revenues from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State of Good Repair / Primary Extension Funds in the Amount of \$1,493,498.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Chief Financial Officer Michael Adkins gave the General Fund Financial results through the end of December, marking half of the fiscal year complete, or 50%. Total Revenues through the end of December were \$55.7M, about 47% of budget. There were some significant items that were not realized at this point, and one example was Business Licenses, a major revenue stream that usually comes in March. There were a few items like that that were not received, and that keeps the City below the 50% mark at this time. The level of Revenues were very good at this point and ahead of where they were last year. State Revenues also often lag about a month in receipt because they were on a reimbursement basis. Under Real Estate collections, bills were due in December, and the current Real Estate received was 52.5% of budget; those collections were up about \$438,000 over last year. Delinquent Collection of Real Estate Tax was also performing very well at 56% of budget at the end of December, about a \$26,000 increase over last year. Personal Property, which was a cycle of billing that occurred in December, was at 49% of budget; that was another area the City does not quite make 50% because the State portion of Personal Property was not equally received throughout the year. Local Consumer Taxes, Sales Tax, Meals Tax and Lodging Taxes were all outperforming budget. The City received \$5.3M for Sales Tax which was 52% of budget and up \$408,000 over last year. Meals Tax performed very well at \$4.9M received in December, 58% of budget, and tracking well ahead with an increase of \$858,000 over last year. Lodging Taxes were a smaller budget line item with just over \$1M at the end of December, 72.5% of budget, and an increase of \$318,000. The State Revenues were tracking as expected and there were no concerns on the Revenue side of the General Fund.

Expenditures show Departmental Spending at 46% of budget, trailing as was usually seen. It was up about \$1.6M over last year, but last year the City was able to use about \$1M of CARES Act money to cover Public Safety salaries. They could not do that this year which was one reason why expenses were higher. Non-Departmental Expenses, primarily Debt Service and Group Health Insurance, those claims were right at 50% of budget at the end of December. Mr. Adkins explained the Schools were having to spend more of their local funds, and the State monies were delayed this year. He spoke with the Finance Director of the School system a few weeks ago and they were expecting a lot of the State money to come in during the month of January. According to the report, the Schools were at 77% of their budget, that has already fallen back to 73% with the incoming State revenues and should continue as they get to the end of the year.

Council Member Campbell questioned the amount of the reserves at this time, and Mr. Adkins explained the City closed the Fiscal Year 2021 with \$33.8M in reserve. Reverend Campbell noted at one time it was 20%, was it increased to 30%, and Mr. Adkins explained staff has not formally requested an increase in the policy, it was still 20%. Rev. Campbell asked what impact it would have if it was increased and Mr. Adkins noted the higher the policy was, the more positive score

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the City will get in the part of the bond rating. He was not sure it would make a difference right now at this point, but it would play to the City's favor. Mr. Campbell noted he would like Council to consider going forward with 25% in reserve, and Mr. Larking stated they could bring some recommendations for changes in the City's financial policies.

Council Member Whittle questioned the School budget and Mr. Adkins explained the City typically budgets \$22-23M in support of schools; debt service related to schools was another portion of the funding that was budgeted and that was \$3M. At the end of any fiscal year, the schools have already expended money or issued purchase orders for supplies and services that have not been paid for yet but were committed; that part of last year's budget gets pulled over into this year, and that was an additional \$3M. The true carryover of unspent/ uncommitted funds last year was \$4M. Mr. Whittle noted the part he was concerned with was the \$4M over what the City usually lets them carryover. Mr. Adkins explained years ago the City would limit the schools to \$1M; it has been \$2M, and last year they had \$4M unexpended primarily due to COVID, not having to incur the expenses for support services they would have with in person instruction. The City does not have a formal policy in place of how much they can carry over from one year to another. Mr. Whittle noted they had a formal policy when he asked them for the first million dollars back, when he came on Council; they said they didn't have to give it back to the City. Mr. Larking explained it was adopted years ago and stayed within the budget ordinance, how much they could carry over; it was adopted each year by City Council. When there was a challenge in providing the schools with the amount of money they needed, he recommended, and the Council approved, an increase to the amount of the carryover money they were allowed to keep in order to support their operations. In the previous year, he recommended elimination of the cap and it was approved by City Council. His impression at the time was those funds were to be used by the school system for capital type expenditures, repairs, and one-time expenses. He can go back to the Superintendent and ask how they used the \$4M in carryover. Mr. Whittle noted he thought there was \$3M this year for some capital expenditures; Mr. Adkins noted the current year's budget included \$2M of capital expenditures for school projects, and stated to the best of his recollection a lot of it was HVAC repairs or upgrades, roof replacements and items like that.

Mayor Jones noted something that Council may want to discuss was, when talking about infrastructure, now that the 1% sales tax was in effect, it probably won't make sense that the Council allows them carryover funding for HVAC, roofing and those types of things when the citizens have already passed the 1% sales tax referendum. Vice Mayor Miller noted with changes in the school board and superintendents, Council should make it clear each time with budget what they intend. Before, Council meant it to be used for capital improvements, but memory was short, and they may not realize that. It would be good for the City Manager to communicate with the Superintendent and the School Board that's what Council means.

Mr. Saunders asked if Council would think about a joint meeting with Council and the School Board. He did not recall a joint meeting last year for the budget and looking at the 1% that was passed, the plans that were being proposed, and the new administration, he would ask that Mayor Jones think about the Council and the School Board having a joint meeting.

Council Member Vogler noted his agreement with several points that were made. When looking at the carryover funds, at the time it was done it made sense, but now with the passing of the sales tax referendum, if they were having both, it was a kind of double dip; that needs to be cleaned up moving forward. The \$2M in capital improvements with the school system referenced a few minutes ago, did that include the funds Council approved and allocated for the track and field facility at GW; what ended up being the total amount for the track. Mr. Adkins stated he knew the current year allocation was \$1.3M, and there was already money set aside. Mr. Vogler noted

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there was another \$2M on top of that, and requested a quick status update on the track from Mr. Larking. Mr. Larking explained GW football being able to play on the field put them behind on renovating the field and the track; it was on track at this point. The final design was being completed, they were going to bid soon; they intend to begin construction and need to get it done by the end of the summer. The track will be around the football field, it will be completely renovated, all drainage issues will be corrected, and it will be at the standard necessary in order to have college level track meets. Mr. Vogler noted Averett recently announced they were adding a track team, so GW, Averett and Galileo will all utilize the track. Vice Mayor Miller noted when they first started looking at the track, one plan proposed that the City would manage it or have a manager for it, and it would be used by Averett and the high school, but thinks it has been taken away from that. Who makes the decisions about who uses the track, will the school board be in charge. Mr. Larking noted he can ask.

Mr. Larking noted he pulled up the Budget Ordinance adopted by City Council to provide clarity to Council and the public. It designates that unencumbered funds for operations can be used for capital at the public schools upon request by the school system.

Mayor Jones asked Council Member Saunders and Vice Mayor Miller to work with the City Manager to create an agenda and a timeline for a joint meeting. During that meeting, he would like to yield to Mr. Saunders and Dr. Miller.

Mr. Adkins noted regarding the 1% sales tax, the State legislature limits the use of that money to school capital needs only, it was all it could be spent on and every penny has to go to school capital needs. That money was also segregated by the state, it will be sent to the City separately from any other funds, so they will have no problem isolating it into its own project so they can ensure that it was accounted for properly.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED CITY UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS 1100 WEST MAIN STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding abandonment of an easement across 1100 West Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022 and January 17, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED CITY UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS 1100 W. MAIN STREET IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT UPON THE SAME PROPERTY.

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

Council Member Whittle questioned if this was the water line that feeds the retention pond at Bishop, and Assistant City Attorney Ryan Dodson explained it was, Utilities has relocated a new pipe under a public right of way so that pipe was no longer needed for that retention pond. Mr. Whittle asked if it was the one that comes from a tower, and Mr. Dodson noted he did not know if it was that specific one. Mr. Larking explained prior to the IDA selling the property to Caesars, an

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easement was recorded on the property in anticipation of needing it to fill up the reservoir. Since then, the City has created a better way to fill the reservoir so the easement was no longer needed.

Council Member Campbell noted when Dan River closed there was a reservoir that was carried over to the citizens of Danville, that was a monthly fee; the citizens had to carry that responsibility. If Caesars comes in and used a lot of that waste, will there be a reduction to the citizens or will there be a carryover. Mr. Larking explained the City does a biennial rate study and factors in the utilization; they would have to see what it looks like and does not believe the casino will use anywhere near the water or wastewater that Dan River Mills used. The more water the City sells the less it costs overall for everybody; if there was an increase in customers, that could impact it. Some of the industries the City has recruited will be more impactful to that than the casino.

Vice Mayor Miller noted this was before he came on Council; Dan River had needs and projected needs for expansion and to fulfill those needs, the City increased their capacity for both treatment of water and providing water. When they closed, those monies had already been spent to increase capacity and the Danville citizens were left holding the bill because Dan River closed and didn't need all that treatment and water; part of it was paying off debt. Now the City has started to get some industries back and will probably end up using some of that capacity.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF VACATING AN UNUSED CITY EASEMENT
ACROSS FOUR PROPERTIES IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding vacating an unused City easement. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022 and January 17, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED CITY UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS FOUR (4) PROPERTIES IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY OWNED BY EDWARD DAVIS FAMILY LAND USE REVOCABLE TRUST IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS UPON THE SAME PROPERTY.

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

Council Member Whittle questioned if staff enclosed drafts or drawings with the Council letter and Mr. Dodson noted when new exhibits were created they do, he neglected to do so on this item as they were releasing something that already existed and not recording a new plat; going forward he could provide one.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF VACATION OF AN UNUSED UTILITY EASEMENT
IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding vacation of an unused utility easement. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022 and January 17, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED CITY UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS ONE (1) PROPERTY IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY OWNED BY BRENDA SHELTON AND PAMELA S. ADAMS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS UPON THE SAME PROPERTY.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED CITY UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS ONE (1) PROPERTY IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY OWNED BY ROCKY W. RAKES AND AMY B. RAKES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS UPON THE SAME PROPERTY.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Miller, Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (9)

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NAY: None

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF VACATING TWO CITY OWNED EASEMENTS IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding vacating two city owned easements. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022 and January 17, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF TWO (2) UNUSED CITY POWERLINE EASEMENTS ACROSS PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY PARCEL #2347-37-4337 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT UPON THE SAME PROPERTY.

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

Council Member Whittle questioned if this was for solar panels and Mr. Dodson noted it was not, this particular property was a RIFA parcel and it was to facilitate economic development. Mr. Whittle questioned in the previous item, were they allowed to put the solar panels close to the high voltage wires or were those just easements. Mr. Dodson explained they were easements and there was not any overhead equipment. Several were from the 1940s or 1950s reserving the right to run through if development happened; they were never developed for residential use.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF A VACANT LOT ON FOX HOLLOW DRIVE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the sale of a vacant lot. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PARCEL ON FOX HOLLOW DRIVE, FOR A SALES PRICE OF \$500.00.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE ON PARCELS #05001 AND #05005

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding granting a community garden license. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on January 11, 2022.

Mayor Jones recognized Khalil Khan, representing the Danville Muslim Community who noted the Muslim community was indebted to the City of Danville for many reasons including giving them a place to live, work, and send their children to school. Members of the Muslim community were in all facets of the City, in the medical field, industries, teachers and driving buses; they were grateful for that. The City has also given them a place of worship and they also gave them a place to bury their dead; they wanted to thank each of the Council members on behalf of the Muslims of Danville. Council Members thanked Mr. Kahn and for all he was doing in the community. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE FOR COMMUNITY GARDENING NEAR LOCUST LANE.

The Motion was **seconded** by Vice Mayor Miller and carried by the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING PARCELS #20600, #20617 AND #22262 ON STOKES STREET

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.11

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 20600, 20617, AND 22262 STOKES STREET FOR STREETSCAPING.

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

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

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CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR MAINTAINING DANVILLE'S STATUS AS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney or City Clerk.

Council Member Campbell noted in the last item that noted Redevelopment Areas, there were some areas in the community that he hoped they will be able to have meetings with the City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Pastor Bridgeforth from Almagro. Pastor Bridgeforth has been speaking out for thirty or forty years about issues in the community. This was one area he hopes the City can strategize and honor who he was, and hopefully it will come before Council in a work session.

Council Member Hood noted his appreciation to Mr. Kahn for his positive influence throughout the community.

Vice Mayor Miller noted the Governor came about a month ago and announced \$150M for mega parks across the State, and then there was an announcement about a week ago for \$1.3M to go to the Mega Park. Mr. Larking explained the recent announcement of \$1.3M was for grading Lots 1 and 2 at the Berry Hill Mega Site and was from a different grant application and funding source than the \$150M that the Governor announced for Megasite development. The \$150M has to be approved by the General Assembly, and the City and Pittsylvania County could apply for that \$150M. Dr. Miller noted when Council approved funds for the track, they did it not just to improve it but also to attract things like AAU meets; Council does not want to lose site of that, because those meets would attract a large number of people to Danville. The City gave the Schools a large amount of money and he would like them to have some input, and asked the City Manager to convey that to the schools.

Council Member Saunders noted they were coming off the weekend celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King; the weather canceled a lot of planned events, but citizens know all the work Dr. King did for this country and the world. Saturday, the SCLC had a banquet, and several Council Members did attend. The Mayor spoke about he and the Vice Mayor working on some issues, so any questions Council Members have, please let the City Manager know and he will relay them to him and the Vice Mayor.

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Council Member Vogler noted about a year ago, Council had a planning session, and one of the things he had asked staff to look into was commercial revitalization zones. The River District has been very successful, and they see the development working up toward the Old West End and toward Schoolfield. There were a lot of sections in the City that over the years have been left behind and have a number of vacant properties, and asked the City Manager the status of that. Mr. Larking noted he and Ms. Bobe had discussed this recently and anticipated some information coming forward to Council in the near future. Mr. Vogler noted he had brought up property tax relief for seniors and the permanently disabled; he discussed it with the City manager, and it will be brought up to Council during the budget season.

Council Member Whittle noted he believes Council spoke about some of the properties on Stokes Street. During the last couple of years there were about 120 properties, and it was questioned whether they were going to a non profit or not, and Council decided not to. Mr. Whittle stated he thought he was supposed to work with Council Member Buckner, and they were going to decide, with staff, where those properties were going to be allocated, and questioned the status of that process. Mr. Larking noted he would research that issue and get back to Mr. Whittle. Mr. Whittle noted he had citizens who were interested in the property behind WW Moore, in buying the lots or two or three pieces and didn't know if there was a designation on what can go in there, and asked for a follow up on that. Mr. Reynolds noted he would look into that; the City has a conservation redevelopment plan to guide what the City does in that area and will get back to Mr. Whittle.

Mayor Jones noted Keisha Averett was newly appointed to the School Board and believed she will do a great job. Mayor Jones noted he saw the Inauguration of the new Governor, Glenn Youngkin, and one of the things that impressed him was when Governor Youngkin brought all the former Governors together for the good of the State.

ADJOURNED: 8:23 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK