

December 5, 2023

A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on December 5, 2023 at 9:01 p.m. in the Conference Room 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 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, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds Jr., City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Mayor Jones presided.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Buckner and second by Council Member Mayo, Minutes of the Regular Work Session held on November 9, 2023, were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Vice Mayor Miller noted that the Committee on Appointments met earlier that evening and make the following recommendations:

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| Employee Retirement System | - | Reappoint Helm Dobbins and Edgar Love |
| Planning Commission | - | Reappoint Pierre Jones and Ann Evans |

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RELEASE OF TWENTY-THREE NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIENS AFFECTING NINE PARCELS OF LAND

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RELEASE OF FOUR NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIENS AFFECTING PARCEL NO. 04500

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RELEASE OF SEVEN NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIENS AFFECTING SEVEN PARCELS

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIENS AFFECTING PARCEL #04205 ON BRADLEY ROAD

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

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CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AFFECTING PARCEL #03482 ON BRADLEY ROAD

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THIRTY SURPLUS VACANT LOTS THROUGH THE CITY TO THE DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Council had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Director of Economic Development and Tourism, Corrie Bobe, reminded Council there will be a ribbon cutting on Monday, at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the Cyber Park Shell Building.

CLOSED MEETING

At 9:05 p.m., Vice Mayor Miller **moved** that this meeting of the City Council of the City of Danville, Virginia be recessed and that Council immediately reconvene in a Closed Meeting for the following purposes: an Economic Development discussion and update concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made and/or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as permitted by Subsection (A)(5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider prospective commercial, mixed use, hospitality, and industrial projects considering locating within the City and/or locating within the region in cooperation with the City's regional partners, and discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where bargaining is involved, where, made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected as permitted by Subsection (A)(6) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, more specifically to consider a grading project.

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

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

Upon unanimous vote at 9:37 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Vice Mayor Miller **moved** for adoption of the following Resolution:

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Council convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Council that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of Virginia Law under Section 2.2-3711 were heard, discussed or considered, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

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

The City Clerk reviewed and distributed a draft of the annual holiday card from the Mayor and Council Members noting it will be sent out on Friday. Council noted their appreciation.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:49 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK