



DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING REVISED

May 21, 2024

7:00 PM

PRESIDING: Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:	James B. Buckner L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr. Bryant Hood Barry P. Mayo	Dr. Gary P. Miller, Vice Mayor Sherman M. Saunders J. Lee Vogler, Jr., Madison J. Whittle
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STAFF:	Ken F. Larking, City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., Deputy City Manager	W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk
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The City Council is the City of Danville's legislative body and is composed of nine Council members. Council members are elected to serve a four year term of office and elects one of its own to serve as Mayor and presiding officer for a two year term.

Time and Place of Meeting

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings. The City Council meets in the City Hall, Fourth Floor, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

Communications from Visitors

Communication from Visitors is an opportunity for citizens, who have signed up to speak at www.danvilleva.gov/council or by contacting the Office of the City Clerk, to address Council on matters not on the agenda. Citizens who desire to speak on agenda items will be heard when the agenda item is considered. Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and address, and shall have three uninterrupted minutes. A representative of a group may have up to five uninterrupted minutes to make a presentation. The representative shall identify the group and a group may have no more than one spokesperson. Time will be kept using the electronic timer on the podium.

Guidelines for Public Hearings

For Public Hearings the applicant or his or her representative shall be the first speaker(s). There shall be a time limit of ten (10) minutes for the applicant's or his or her representative's presentation. The presiding officer shall then solicit comments from the public, asking those in favor of the proposal to speak first, and then those opposed to the proposal. Each speaker must clearly state his or her name and address. There shall be a time limit of three (3) minutes for each individual speaker. If the speaker represents a group, there shall be a time limit of five (5) minutes. A speaker representing a group shall identify the group at the beginning of his or her remarks. A group may have no more than one spokesperson. The presiding officer may limit or preclude comment which is repetitive, redundant, cumulative, or irrelevant to the subject of the public hearing. After public comments have

been received, in a land use case, the applicant or the representative of the applicant, at his or her discretion, may respond with a rebuttal. There shall be a five (5) minute time limit for rebuttal.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION - JAMES B. BUCKNER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting and Regular Work Session held on April 16, 2024.
Council Letter Number CL - 1358.
- B. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Victim Witness Grant Program.
Council Letter Number CL - 1298.
n Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the State for a Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$164,687, with a Local Match of \$2,000 for a Total of \$166,687, and Appropriating Same.
Final Adoption
- C. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant for School Resource Officers.
Council Letter Number CL - 1275.
An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department Criminal Justice Services Fiscal Year 2024 School Resource Officer Grant Program in the Amount of \$88,117 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$29,749 for a Total Appropriation of \$117,866 and Appropriating Same.
Final Adoption
- D. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues to Fund Capital Projects.
Council Letter Number CL - 1325.
An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from Business Occupancy License Taxes to Fund Capital Projects an Appropriation in the Amount of \$600,000 and Appropriating the Same.
Final Adoption

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Consideration of Appointments to the Following Boards and Commissions.
Council Letter Number CL - 1359.

1. A Resolution Reappointing William Allgood to the Airport Commission.
2. A Resolution Reappointing Philip Hall to the Airport Commission.
3. A Resolution Reappointing Hampton Wilkins to the Airport Commission.
4. A Resolution Appointing Douglas Appleton to the Airport Commission.
5. A Resolution Reappointing Toshia Martin to the Danville Community College Board.
6. A Resolution Reappointing Tammy Warren to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.
7. A Resolution Reappointing Jerome Holman to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.
8. A Resolution Reappointing Anna Kautzmann to the Danville Utility Commission.
9. A Resolution Reappointing Steven Merricks to the Danville Utility Commission.
10. A Resolution Reappointing Mark Holland to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.
11. A Resolution Reappointing Kathy Andrews to the Social Services Advisory Board.
12. A Resolution Appointing Kelly Cunningham to the Social Services Advisory Board.
13. A Resolution Appointing Mattie Carter to the Social Services Advisory Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Article IV, Entitled "Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons," of Chapter 37, Entitled "Taxation," of the Danville City Code to Allow for Revisions to the Real Estate Exemption and Deferral Program.

Council Letter Number CL - 1264.

An Ordinance Amending Article IV, Entitled "Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons," of Chapter 37, Entitled "Taxation," of the Danville City Code to Allow for Revisions to the Real Estate Exemption and Deferral Program.

Final Adoption

- B. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2025 Danville Public Schools Budget.

Council Letter Number CL - 1260.

A Resolution Approving the Budget of the School Board of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Final Adoption

- C. Consideration of Fee Changes Effective July 1, 2024.

Council Letter Number CL - 1261.

An Ordinance Amending and Establishing and Increasing Certain Fees of the City of Danville Effective July 1, 2024, Except Where Otherwise Stated.

Final Adoption

- D. Consideration of a Personal Property Tax Decrease.

Council Letter Number CL - 76.

An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Section 37-30 of the Danville City Code to Decrease the Personal Property Tax from \$3.60 per \$100 of Assessed Value to \$3.45 per \$100 of Assessed Value Effective January 1, 2025.

Final Adoption

- E. Consideration of a Transient Lodgers Occupancy Tax Increase.

Council Letter Number CL - 82.

An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Section 37-97 of the Danville City Code to Increase the Per Day Room Occupancy Tax from \$2.00 to \$3.00 Effective July 1, 2024.

Final Adoption

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Real Estate Tax Rate Decrease.

Council Letter Number CL - 52.

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Sections 37-27, 37-28 and 37-29 of the Danville City Code Thereby Decreasing the Real Estate Tax from Eighty-Four (84) Cents on Every One Hundred Dollars to Eighty-Three (83) Cents on Every One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Value Effective July 1, 2024.

First Reading

B. Consideration of an Ordinance to Authorize Bonds for Electric Distribution Expansion.

Council Letter Number CL - 1340.

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia, in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$25,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Projects.

First Reading

C. Consideration of the Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement between the Danville School Board and Branch Builds, Inc. for a new Arnett Hills Elementary School.

Council Letter Number CL - 1362.

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Approving and Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement Between the School Board of the City of Danville and Branch Builds, Inc. in Accordance with Virginia Code § 56- 575.16(5).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

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COMMUNICATIONS

- A. City Manager
- B. Deputy City Manager
- C. City Attorney
- D. City Clerk
- E. Roll Call

ADJOURNMENT

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 1358

CONSENT AGENDA A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Approval of Meeting Minutes

From: Susan DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting and Regular Work Session held on April 16, 2024.

Attachments

1. Meeting Minutes
 2. Meeting Minutes
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April 16, 2024

The Second April meeting of the Danville City Council was held on April 16, 2024, 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., 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Miller gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Certificate of Recognition: John Wilt
Presented to: John Wilt

Mr. Wilt thanked Council for the recognition of his running career, and stated how blessed and lucky he was to be able to achieve his accomplishments.

Presentation: Update on Averett University
Presented by: Dr. Tiffany Franks

Dr. Franks thanked Council for all they have done to elevate and advance the city, and noted that Averett was celebrating their 165th birthday this year. Dr. Franks discussed a program called "Workforce Rx", it was an employer tuition benefit initiative that was designed to help employers with talent recruitment and retention, and employees have no out of pocket tuition. SOVAH and Caesars were the first to sign on. Averett continues to elevate hospitality in the region, with the first cohort of area managers and staff completing the hospitality leadership training program. Averett worked with SOVAH to provide needed programs in medical technology and were re-launching the RN to BSN program. Thanks to a \$670,000 Congressional earmark Averett was awarded, they will also be able to support regional workforce needs through the delivery of affordable new training and upscaling opportunities. Dr. Franks discussed education and training for teachers, and the Aeronautics program, working with DCC and the City to expand education and training opportunities, including an Aviation Maintenance technology program which will help support expanded flight instruction opportunities. Their relationship with the Danville Police continues to expand and they welcomed Chief Wiles and his command staff a few weeks ago, many of whom were Averett graduates; they value that partnership. Dr. Franks discussed student volunteerism and service to the region, and the athletic programs at Averett, noting they were competing in the NCAA Region 3 ODAC Athletic Conference. Mayor Jones thanked Dr. Franks, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Hairston, and Telly Tucker for all their collaboration efforts and Council Members thanked Dr. Franks for her leadership and the growth at Averett.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 19, 2024, were approved as presented. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIALS AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

Chief Financial Officer Michael Adkins reviewed the General Fund Financials as of March 31, 2024, which marked 75% of the fiscal year complete. Total Revenues were just over \$101M for this period, an increase of \$18M over last year at this time. Most of this was from casino derived revenue, or \$9.4M. Additionally, interest earnings have provided about \$3M more than last year. Consumer driven taxes also contributed about \$3.5M more this year than last year. Sales tax was \$9.7M, nearly 82% of budget and an increase of about \$1.1M over last year. In March, the City received retail activity from January; historically that was the lowest month of the year. This year, it was still probably going to be the lowest at \$961,000; last year, it was \$867,000, that was a \$100,000 increase in sales tax for that one month. In order to generate \$100,000 in sales tax, that required \$10,000,000 of retail activity; there was an additional \$10,000,000 of retail activity during the month of January this year compared to last year. Business licenses were at \$7.2M, that was \$400,000 over budget or 105% of budget and an increase of \$1.2M over last year. As far as the number of business licenses, they were seeing an increase of 130 over last year at this time. Meals tax was also performing well at \$9M collected for the first nine months, 79% of budget, and an increase of \$840,000 over last year. Lodging tax was at \$2.3M, 94% of budget, almost 100% of budget and several months to go before the end of the fiscal year; that was an increase of \$438,000. Looking at the average monthly stays for the first nine months compared to last year, that increase went from 17,703 per month to 20,735 per month; an increase of about 3,000 nightly stays per month compared to last year. On the expenditure side, Departmental Spending was currently at 72% of budget, trailing by about 3%, where they typically see it through the year. Non-departmental expenses were primarily debt service and group health insurance. Debt services were right on target and group health insurance was running ahead of budget; Mr. Adkins anticipated it finishing about 10% over budget, but the extra earnings in interest earnings will take care of that and he does not have a concern. They ended March with a deficit of \$3.3M, which sounds bad but it was much better than where they normally were; the next influx of revenue will happen at the end of May, first of June as they go through the tax collection cycle. That will be when they see that rebound and hopefully show a surplus for this year.

Council Member Vogler asked unless something drastically changes, the City was looking at a surplus at the end of this year, and asked if he knew how much; Mr. Adkins stated there were a lot of things that happen in the last month, they will have to wait and see. If they stay on this path, he believed he will have some surplus to add to the fund balance. Council Member Campbell asked when Mr. Adkins summarized the statements, he was saying that Danville right now was in a state of prosperity, and Mr. Adkins stated they were seeing growth especially in consumer driven taxes, some of that was the product of inflation; a lot of these were based on a percentage of the cost of goods. They were seeing an increase in tourism through the hotel stays, so there was some prosperity, and they were experiencing some growth in the economy. Council Member Saunders noted according to this report the City was doing great, the city had a list of priorities to spend the funds on; in that list there may be items that have not been done yet. As they get these surplus funds, can they go back to that list and allocate some funds to those. Council Member Whittle asked if the sales tax for January included internet sales, and Mr. Adkins stated that would include all sales, in person and online.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04.02

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS, AND PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Council Member Whittle asked about the \$5,265,000 from 2022 of unused bonds, and Mr. Adkins stated that every year Council opens the possibility of issuing bonds; that maximum amount was \$6M for general government projects. If the City does not use all of that capacity, it can be carried over for one year. The City had some carryover from last year that they can add to their bonding ability this year in order to fund the projects that were in the Fiscal Year 2024 adopted budget.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN UPDATE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE'S PROCUREMENT CODE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04.11

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REORDAINING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 30, ENTITLED "PROCUREMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED.

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

Council Member Campbell asked the City Manager to explain this item, and Mr. Larking stated that staff was requesting a total update of the procurement code; the highlights include adhering to state law and additional updates to help make procurement easier for businesses trying to do business with the City, and for minority owned businesses to do business with the city as well. Assistant City Attorney Ryan Dodson explained the last time Chapter 30 of the Code was updated in its entirety was in 2009; during their review process, they updated it so everything was in compliance with state law; all the bills that just passed in Richmond this past week were incorporated in this. Rev. Campbell asked if the City was hitting the quota for SWaM that they were required to hit. Division Director of Purchasing Carol Henley stated that their continued efforts in updating the procurement code will allow them to continue those efforts to create more opportunities for small and SWaM certified businesses. This will also increase performance bonds from 100,000 to 500,000 because small businesses have a very hard time getting those payment performance bonds and being able to bid on City projects of that size. Ms. Henley noted they have added some language on the Purchasing website, and a link to the Department of Small Business Suppliers and Diversity so they can learn more about how to become SWaM certified. In response to Rev. Campbell, Mr. Larking explained Amanda Paez, the Assistant to the City Manager, was the City's Chief Equity Officer; she was in charge of making sure the City was doing everything

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they can to make sure they were inclusive. The City of Danville was one of a handful of participants in the National League of Cities, Southern Cities Economic Inclusion program. One of their big projects was to look at the City's procurement policies and see how the City can help engage minority owned businesses to do more business with the community.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING DANVILLE CITY CODE CHAPTER 24 REGARDING PARADES AND OTHER ASSEMBLIES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04.12

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, REPLACING, AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 24, ENTITLED "PARADES AND OTHER ASSEMBLIES" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ANTICIPATING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF UTILITY REVENUE BONDS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04.13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF UTILITY REVENUE BONDS AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ANTICIPATING THE PROCEEDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04.14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ANTICIPATING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND APPROPRIATING SAME FOR ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$326,615

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,447 FOR A RECREATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL IN-KIND SHARE OF \$262,168 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$326,6115 AND APPROPRIATION OF SAME.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Lonnie Jones who spoke on behalf of the Danville Historical Society. The DHS was recognized on April 1st as one of the region's best businesses for interns; the recognition comes from Virginia Talent and Opportunity Partnership (VTOP). Mr. Jones noted there was a lot of interest from local students, and internships begin in June. Mr. Jones spoke to Council about additional donations to DHS, and upcoming programs and events.

Mayor Jones recognized Lisa Jones from Virginia Organizing who addressed Council about housing and the need for more diverse housing opportunities in the City that will include affordable subsidized housing. Ms. Jones noted they needed land donated by the City to private developers to build affordable subsidized housing on the land and asked that the city consider working with organizations that can help bring this to the city.

Council Member Campbell noted he appreciated what she said, and asked the City Manager to explain what the City was trying to do. Mr. Larking stated the City has had multiple housing studies, the most recent was by Ken Danter and it identified some gaps in the City's housing market. Housing in Danville was actually 18% lower than the national average; that doesn't mean there aren't people that still have needs to be met. Part of what they were doing as a community was to try to make sure that there was continuum of housing at all income levels so that people who want to live and participate in Danville's success, have a place that they can afford to live. The City was aware of the housing issues, they were doing what they can to address them, trying to find developers to help build new multi-family, and rehab existing building into multifamily as well as single family.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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Mr. Larking noted, the fact that the City can show such growth year over year in revenues, especially consumer driven revenues, was unique for a City like Danville that was isolated from large metro areas. What had to be done over many years, taking risks, investing in Council's goals of education, economic development and public safety, has made Danville a place that people want to invest in; they were seeing that happen. It was a team effort by Council, leaders in the community that advocate and support that, and the City staff implementing the policies.

Council Member Mayo noted he had the opportunity to tour the museum, they have done extraordinary work there, and encouraged them to continue. Mr. Mayo thanked Ms. Jones for coming and speaking for Virginia Organizing. The Family Reunification workshop will be held tomorrow at DCC in the Foundation Building from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm., and Mr. Mayo noted Reflections held a ribbon cutting ceremony this past Saturday on North Main Hill.

Vice Mayor Miller stated Katie Fines with Best Friends Animal Society, an organization for animal welfare, do a lot of projects around the country for animals; they will be spaying cats this Friday in Chatham. Dr. Miller noted improving the City has been a long time coming, there were some mistakes along the way, but the overall trajectory has been up, and the City continues to grow. Greenville warned Council years ago, with their city, it was a twenty-year period to improve. They told Danville that they would make mistakes, but overall the upward trajectory has been positive.

Council Member Saunders sent a special thank you to Police Chief Wiles for everything he was doing for the city; his men and women were great. Last Saturday, there was a fundraiser, Men Cooking with Delta, raising money for charity. Council Members Mayo and Hood and School Board Member Tyrell Payne were there. Mr. Saunders thanked the Mayor, Council, City Manager, and staff for all that was done for the City and how proud he was to be among this successful group.

Council Member Vogler thanked Lonnie Jones and Lisa Jones for coming out and speaking tonight, and noted there has been a lot of positive buzz about the new bus shelter on Riverside Drive. People want to know if the City was going to have more. Mr. Vogler asked the City Manager, out of all the bus stops in the city, how many have benches and how many have covered shelters, and Mr. Larking stated that there were thirty-four covered shelters and eighteen stops with benches. Mr. Vogler asked what were the plans for more of these shelters, where does the funding comes from and the general cost of these shelters and Council Member Buckner stated that any time one of these shelters was ordered it takes anywhere between 6 to 11 months for them to be built due to demand all over the country. Once a site was determined it must be surveyed along with other factors like applying for grants, approvals from VDOT and so forth. Mr. Vogler asked about the traffic on Craghead Street and safety concerns due to the amount of traffic; what precautions can be put into place to help slow down traffic and ease concerns. Mr. Larking stated there were options that can be looked at, and safety was important. Mr. Vogler noted there will be a fundraiser for Donnie Hunt and his wife Pam who have had some very serious health issues, on Saturday, May 4 at Bro Pete's from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information or to help, call Rhonda Vogler at 434-203-0081. Mr. Vogler stated it was an amazing and exciting time in this city; there was still some work to do to make sure this prosperity was shared throughout.

Council Member Whittle commented on the lunch with the new police cadets. Mr. Whittle stated they have two or three years to play catch up in the city, and they will do well at it. They stopped building houses twenty-five years ago, the old developers have moved on, and new ones were coming in. Their concerns were the high interest rates and high inflation. Maybe the City can suggest to the IDA if they have some tracts, they could work with these new developers as incentives to build here.

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Council Member Buckner noted Danville and Pittsylvania County lost some wonderful friends this past weekend, please keep the families and friends of Kenyan Scott and Karen Cotta in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Buckner encouraged everyone to take time to tell their friends, family, and those they care about how much they mean to them because they never know when they will have an opportunity to again. Mr. Buckner welcomed the new cohort to the ADTM program at the Institute; it seemed like they were turning folks in and out of that program as fast as they can get them there.

Council Member Campbell noted that he was glad to see the Virginia Organizing in Chambers tonight, and thanked Dr. Franks for all that she does in the city with Averett University. Rev. Campbell noted he was very impressed with the turnout at the procurement fair; people were concerned about prosperity being shared and also about being certified. It was important to look at the quality of life in Danville and to enhance it to make it better.

Council Member Hood gave special thanks to the Deltas for a successful fundraiser, and a shout out to Virginia Organizing, their meetings were always proactive. Mr. Hood noted today he had the pleasure of facilitating the DRHA conversation luncheon for the new police recruits along with Council Member Whittle. They talked about everything from mental health to youth; this was a very promising group of recruits. Mr. Hood recognized Willis Ferrell for hosting the Danville warming center, and noted he went to a Governor's Housing Conference this past weekend and it showed that homelessness and affordable housing was the topic of the nation.

Mayor Jones noted he received a call from the city attorney about a dear friend of his that passed, they were still praying for his family. Mayor Jones also encouraged citizens to love their neighbors and their family, to take time to do so. Mayor Jones stated he wanted to let the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Council, and Staff know that he appreciated them and noted they were about to celebrate Council Member Hood very soon, he and his fiancé.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on April 16, 2024 at 9:04 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.

Vice Mayor Miller presided.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

PLAN DANVILLE PRESENTATION

Division Director of Planning Renee Burton noted she had provided Council with a handout that outlined the top eight topics staff was looking at for the Comprehensive Plan for PLAN Danville. The eight policies were what they heard from the citizens, from which they developed their policies and principles. Ms. Burton stated this was the first draft, and asked Council to review them; if they had any concerns to let her know. They were going to move forward with writing the first section, which was Chapter 2, Transportation. The reason for that was that the transportation chapter must be approved by VDOT and they have a ninety day review period; staff was going to get that out first.

Mayor Jones asked why Community wasn't Chapter 1; he would like that to be the first chapter, and Ms. Burton noted that can be changed. City Manager Ken Larking stated his agreement with the Mayor; Danville was a finalist for the All American City Award this year because of its community engagement related to this plan in particular; having Community first fits with that. Council Member Vogler questioned where billboards would fall into this, and Ms. Burton stated it would ultimately go into the Land Use section which will talk about the zoning code; the updates would be included in the zoning code. Council Member Campbell questioned affordable housing, how much it costs to build, and Ms. Burton stated it was about \$200 per square foot right now. Rev. Campbell asked what affordable housing was, and Ms. Burton noted she would get Rev. Campbell more information on that.

Ms. Burton explained this document will be available to the public beginning May 22nd, which will be their next big, community event; it will be an all-day event, with office hours during the day as well as a block party in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Union Street. This was almost exactly a year since they did their kickoff.

Council thanked Ms. Burton for the information.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY SUCH PROPERTY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Assistant City Attorney Ryan Dodson explained this and the next item both relate to a project staff had been working on in partnership with the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. There was some land on Lee Street directly across the street from the Veterans cemetery. The City had been working for several years to get ownership of it after doing demolitions of blighted houses.

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The goal was, if the City donates it to them, they intend to construct a parking lot to provide off street parking on Veterans Day and Memorial Day when they have ceremonies there. Veterans Affairs in Washington stated if the City passed these resolutions they would construct a parking lot and permanently maintain it. Mr. Vogler noted he was in favor of this, and during events, there were very few places to park. Mr. Dodson stated they were looking at four lots, the City owns two, a third will be donated to them if the City does the other proposal which was to release the tax liens to allow this, and the fourth they were buying outright. Mr. Saunders thanked Mr. Dodson for doing this, it was very helpful for parking.

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF THE RELEASE OF LIENS AND TAXES AGAINST PARCEL 22973 LEE STREET TO FACILITATE ITS TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda.

PROGRAM UPDATES

City Manager Ken Larking noted he emailed council members about the scoreboard at the American Legion Baseball stadium; the cost was \$310,000 which does not include running electrical and fiber for communication purposes. Currently, the City would have to have a budget amendment because there was not enough money in contingency to pay for it within the current year. There were multiple revenue categories that were coming in better than expected, if that was something Council wanted to accomplish this current year, so that it could get installed hopefully before the season starts. Mr. Vogler noted he would like Council to do this now; the current scoreboard was the original and was over thirty years old. The City was looking at other improvements at the ballpark, there has been a lot of excitement over the last few years, the video board would give something new and exciting for people coming into the ballpark this year while they were still working on the long-term items. Mr. Vogler noted he would vote in favor of it.

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Whittle questioned the status of the budget, was there a final mockup of it and Mr. Larking noted he sent an email with suggested revisions and had asked for feedback. Mr. Whittle questioned when Council would vote on it and Mr. Larking explained the next version of the budget was supposed to be out by April 30th, but does not get voted on until June. The city manager recommends a budget in March; there was a version that comes out by the end of April which was the Council Budget to the Public, that was there for people to comment on. There were public hearings for the school budget, and the city's budget. Mr. Vogler noted once the Council gets presented it gets hard to change anything significantly from that point. Mr. Whittle noted he believed the budget they had was good, and just thinks they were missing one little spot, it would be tax cuts straight across the board. Mayor Jones suggested Mr. Vogler and Mr. Whittle meet with the City Manager and discuss this.

CLOSED MEETING

At 9:18 p.m., Mayor Jones **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 purpose: discussion, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for

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employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, salaries, disciplining of specific public employees or appointees as permitted by Subsection (A)(1) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider: the performance reviews of the City Clerk City, Manager and City Attorney.

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 (0)

Upon unanimous vote at 10:01 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Mayor Jones **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;

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 Campbell and carried by the following vote:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:02 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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CL - 1298

CONSENT AGENDA B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation for the Victim Witness Grant Program

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

n Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the State for a Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$164,687, with a Local Match of \$2,000 for a Total of \$166,687, and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The City received notice from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services of the approval of Federal funding in the amount of \$164,687, with a local match of \$2,000, for the continuation of the City's Victim/Witness Assistance Program which is operated through the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program provides assistance to victims of criminal offenses (e.g. rape, felonious assault, child sexual and physical abuse, homicide, domestic violence) occurring in Danville. The program provides direct and referral services to meet specific needs (e.g. mental health, social services, legal, medical) and files claims for crime victim's compensation. The program also provides a court escort, an explanation of criminal court procedures, intervenes with employers, collection agencies and landlords when a victim's injuries result in loss of income, and monitors court related restitution payments.

BACKGROUND

The goal of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program is to alleviate the confusion, pain, and suffering experienced by innocent victims of violent crime occurring in Danville. This is an annual grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council adopt the attached ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____._____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR A VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,687, WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$2,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$166,687, AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and it is hereby, amended by increasing revenues to provide for a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services, in an amount of \$164,687, with a local match of \$2,000, for the purpose of operating a victim witness program within the City of Danville, and appropriating same within the Special Grants Fund, such revenue and appropriation to be a follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Victim Witness Grant Federal Aid	60301350-48055	\$164,687
Local Share Transfer in from General Fund	60301352-6101	2,000
	Total	<u>\$166,687</u>

EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Victim Witness Grant		
Salaries & Wages	60301350-51100	\$130,837
Salaries & Wages	60301352-51100	2,000
Other Taxable Compensation	60301350-51155	1,247
FICA	60301350-51450	9,874
Retirement VRS	60301350-51500	15,905
VRS Disability Insurance	60301350-51636	446
Print Shop – Office Supplies	60301350-52655	2,025
Postage	60301350-54050	500
Telephone/Internet	60301350-54100	400
Travel/Training	60301350-54900	988
Subsistence	60301350-54905	465
	Total	<u>\$166,687</u>

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a transfer from Special Grants
Unallocated revenue and appropriation is hereby authorized to cover the local share as follows:

TRANSFER FROM

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Revenue Fund		
Transfer In from General Fund	60098000-6101	(\$ 2,000)
Unallocated	60098000-6999	(\$ 2,000)

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all other accounts and provisions of the
Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall
continue in force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

**Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia**



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CONSENT AGENDA C.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant for School Resource Officers.

From: Steve Richardson, Police Captain

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department Criminal Justice Services Fiscal Year 2024 School Resource Officer Grant Program in the Amount of \$88,117 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$29,749 for a Total Appropriation of \$117,866 and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

BACKGROUND

This is a continuation of a Department of Criminal Justice Services grant from Fiscal Year 2023 which provided for the hiring of two School Resource Officers, one for George Washington High School and one for Westwood Middle School.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2024 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,117 AND A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,749 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$117,866 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

WHEREAS the City of Danville has been awarded a grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services SRO-SSO Grant Program and Fund in the amount of \$88,117; and

WHEREAS the funding will used to hire two School Resources Officers, one assigned to the George Washington High School and the other assigned to the Westwood Middle School, and the School Resource Officers will respond to calls for service and deal with incidents on school property during school hours or during school sanctioned events. They will attempt to identify at-risk juveniles and provide intervention, counseling, or other assistance as needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and the same is hereby, amended by increasing revenues to anticipate the receipt of funds in the amount of \$88,117 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services – SRO-SSO Grant Program and Fund and local match funds of \$29,749, for a total of \$117,866, such revenue and appropriation to be as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DCJS SRO Grant Categorical Aid – State Public Safety	61819000-47060	\$88,117
Local Share Transfer In from General Fund	61819000-6101	29,749
		<u>\$ 117,866</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DCJS SRO Grant	61819999-50	\$117,866

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a transfer from Special Grants Unallocated revenue and appropriation is hereby authorized to cover the local share as follows:

TRANSFER FROM

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Revenue Fund Transfer In from General Fund	60098000-6101	(\$ 29,749)
Unallocated	60098000-6999	(\$ 29,749)

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this appropriation shall be a continuing appropriation and shall carry forward from year to year until expended for the purpose for which appropriated; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved As To
Form and Legal Sufficiency

City Attorney

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City of Danville, Virginia**



CL - 1325

CONSENT AGENDA D.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Revenues to Fund Capital Projects.

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from Business Occupancy License Taxes to Fund Capital Projects an Appropriation in the Amount of \$600,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

Revenues from business occupancy license taxes are anticipated to exceed previously budgeted amounts. The additional revenues will be appropriated to various capital and special projects.

BACKGROUND

The City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance includes an estimate of revenues from business occupancy licenses using the best information available. Due to the effect of market forces, actual receipts are expected to exceed previously estimated amounts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - _____._____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES FROM BUSINESS OCCUPANCY LICENSE TAXES TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City anticipates the receipt of an additional \$600,000 in business occupancy license taxes to be used to fund capital and special projects ; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended, by increasing revenues in the General Fund and appropriating same to be as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Business Occupancy License	0100000-40530	\$600,000
Total		<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Support of /Transfer to/ Capital:		
Transfer Out to Capital Projects	0199501-6025	\$600,000
Total		<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and the same hereby

is, amended, by providing funding in the Capital Projects Undesignated Capital Improvement Funds and appropriating same to be as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Transfer In From General Fund	60000000-6101	<u>\$600,000</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unallocated Funds	60000000-6999	<u>\$600,000</u>

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

**Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia**



CL - 1359

APPOINTMENTS A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

From: Susan DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

1. A Resolution Reappointing William Allgood to the Airport Commission.
2. A Resolution Reappointing Philip Hall to the Airport Commission.
3. A Resolution Reappointing Hampton Wilkins to the Airport Commission.
4. A Resolution Appointing Douglas Appleton to the Airport Commission.
5. A Resolution Reappointing Toshia Martin to the Danville Community College Board.
6. A Resolution Reappointing Tammy Warren to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.
7. A Resolution Reappointing Jerome Holman to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.
8. A Resolution Reappointing Anna Kautzmann to the Danville Utility Commission.
9. A Resolution Reappointing Steven Merricks to the Danville Utility Commission.
10. A Resolution Reappointing Mark Holland to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.
11. A Resolution Reappointing Kathy Andrews to the Social Services Advisory Board.
12. A Resolution Appointing Kelly Cunningham to the Social Services Advisory Board.
13. A Resolution Appointing Mattie Carter to the Social Services Advisory Board.

Attachments

1. Resolutions
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WILLIAM ALLGOOD AS A MEMBER OF
THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that William Allgood be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Airport Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PHILIP HALL AS A MEMBER OF THE
AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Philip Hall be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Airport Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING HAMPTON WILKINS AS A MEMBER OF
THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Hampton Wilkins be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Airport Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS APPLETON AS A MEMBER OF
THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Douglas Appleton be, and he is hereby appointed as a member of the Airport Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TOSHIA MARTIN AS A MEMBER OF THE
DANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Toshia Martin be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Community College Board for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TAMMY WARREN AS A MEMBER OF THE
DANVILLE COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Tammy Warren be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Community Policy and Management Team for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JEROME HOLMAN AS A MEMBER OF
THE DANVILLE COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Jerome Holman be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Community Policy and Management Team for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANNA KAUTZMAN AS A MEMBER OF
THE DANVILLE UTILITY COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Anna Kautzman be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Utility Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVEN MERRICKS AS A MEMBER OF
THE DANVILLE UTILITY COMMISSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Steven Merricks be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Utility Commission for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARK HOLLAND AS A MEMBER OF THE
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED LEARNING AND RESEARCH BOARD.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Mark Holland be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research Board for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KATHY ANDREWS AS A MEMBER OF
THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Kathy Andrews be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the Social Services Advisory Board for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLY CUNNINGHAM AS A MEMBER OF
THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Kelly Cunningham be, and she is hereby appointed as a member of the Social Services Advisory Board for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTIE CARTER AS A MEMBER OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, Mattie Carter
be, and she is hereby appointed as a member of the Social Services Advisory Board for a
four-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 1264

OLD BUSINESS A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: City Code Change - Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief

From: Michael Adkins, Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending Article IV, Entitled "Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons," of Chapter 37, Entitled "Taxation," of the Danville City Code to Allow for Revisions to the Real Estate Exemption and Deferral Program.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

This ordinance will change Danville City Code Sections 37-62 and 37-66 regarding the City's Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption Program. The maximum allowed income will be increased from \$35,000 to \$40,000, allowing increased participation in the exemption program.

BACKGROUND

Danville City Code Sections 37-62 and 37-66 provide for the exemption of real estate taxes for qualifying elderly or disabled citizens. Currently, those who are at least 65 years old and have household income of \$35,000 or less are able to apply for this program. An exemption of 100% of real estate taxes is granted to those with income of \$17,500 or less and a 50% exemption to those with income between \$17,501 and \$35,000. The original income limit for this program was \$20,000 and had not been adjusted since its inception several decades ago. Beginning with fiscal year 2023, the income limit was increased to \$30,000 with the intention of considering additional increases in future fiscal years, depending upon the budgetary impact of initial increases. In fiscal year 2024, the income limit was increased again from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Thus far, the impact of the income limit increases has resulted in the addition of 49 qualifying taxpayers, at an annual cost of \$24,000. Staff now suggests increasing the income limit from \$35,000 to \$40,000 and observing the resulting budgetary impact. Estimating the cost of this change is not possible as we do not have access to individual household incomes, which would provide an idea of the number of qualifying real estate owners.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached ordinance to incorporate the suggested changes to the City's tax exemption program for the elderly and/or permanently and totally disabled.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-_____.____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "REAL ESTATE AND MOBILE HOME TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS," OF CHAPTER 37, ENTITLED "TAXATION," OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR REVISIONS TO THE REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL PROGRAM.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Article IV, entitled "Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons," of Chapter 37, entitled "Taxation," of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia 1986 as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Chapter 37. TAXATION

Article IV. Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons

Sec. 37-62. General restrictions, conditions and qualifications.

- (a) The exemption and deferral provided by this article shall be subject to the following restrictions, conditions and qualifications:
 - (1) That the title to the property for which such exemption and/or deferral is claimed must, on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding the tax year for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed, be owned or partially owned by the person or persons claiming the exemption and/or deferral.
 - (2) That the property for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed must be occupied as the sole dwelling of the person or persons claiming the exemption and/or deferral.
 - (3) That the person or persons, claiming the exemption and/or deferral must, on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding the tax year for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed, be sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or be permanently and totally disabled.
 - (4) That the total income during the calendar year immediately preceding the tax year for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed, from all sources of the owners of the dwelling living therein and of the owners' relative living in the dwelling for which tax relief as set forth under this article is claimed does not exceed ~~thirty-five~~ **forty** thousand dollars

(~~\$40~~35,000.00); provided that the first four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) of income of such relative, other than a spouse, who is living in the dwelling shall not be included in such total income. An owner who is permanently and totally disabled shall deduct an additional seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) from their total income for a total of ~~forty-two~~seven thousand five hundred dollars (~~\$42~~7,500.00).

- (5) That the combined financial worth, including equitable interests of all owners of the dwelling for which the exemption is claimed, and of the spouse of each such owner, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) as of the thirty-first day of December next preceding the tax year for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed excluding:
 - a. The value of the dwelling and the land, not exceeding one (1) acre, upon which it is situated.
 - b. The value of furnishings, including furniture, household appliances and other items typically used in a home.
- (6) That a dwelling jointly owned by a husband and wife may qualify if either spouse is over sixty-five (65) years of age or is permanently and totally disabled.
- (b) The fact that persons who are otherwise qualified for the exemption and/or deferral provided for in this article are residing in hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes or other facilities for physical or mental care for extended periods of time shall not be construed to mean that the property for which the tax exemption and/or deferral is claimed does not continue to be the sole dwelling of such persons during such extended periods of other residence, so long as such property is not used by or leased to others for consideration.

Sec. 37-66. Amount of exemption and/or deferral.

- (a) The tax exemption and/or deferral determined by the total income of those applicants who meet the combined financial worth standard of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or less shall be determined as shown on the following schedule:

	Combined Financial Worth
Total Income	50,000 or less
0— 17 20,5000	100% exemption
17 20,5001— 35 40,000	50% exemption

- (b) The maximum annual exemption and/or deferral on any one (1) property shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).
- (b) Such exemption and/or deferral shall be determined and credited only to the tax liability of the person or persons claiming and otherwise qualified for the exemption and/or deferral and for only the property and tax year for which the exemption and/or deferral is claimed and any deferral shall continue to constitute a lien on the dwelling.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other provisions and Sections of said Article, Chapter. and Code be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

**Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia**



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OLD BUSINESS B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Danville Public Schools Budget.

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

A Resolution Approving the Budget of the School Board of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 School Board Budget is scheduled for May 7, 2024. The City's Budget for Support of Schools includes \$27,846,190 for Support of Operations, and \$1,877,780 for Debt Service, for a grand total of \$29,723,970.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council approve the attached Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Danville Public Schools Budget.

Attachments

1. Resolution
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- ____ - ____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Danville presented to the Council its estimate of the amount of money needed for the support of the public schools of the City during Fiscal Year 2025 which estimate reflected total proposed expenditures in the amount of \$93,259,785; and

WHEREAS, the City shall contribute \$27,846,190 for School Operations and \$1,877,780 for School Debt Service for a total appropriation of \$29,723,970; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does not intend by this resolution to guarantee to the School Board of the City of Danville any contribution for support of schools in future fiscal years above that amount required by Virginia law for support of schools; and

WHEREAS, a brief synopsis of the proposed Budget of the School Board for Fiscal Year 2025 was duly published, and, after public notice duly given, a public hearing with respect thereto has been conducted by the Council, after due public notice thereof, and upon consideration of which it is now necessary and desirable to approve the same as prescribed by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that, pursuant to Section 22.1-93 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the budget of the School Board of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 be, and the same is hereby, approved for educational purposes subject the above recited conditions.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

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OLD BUSINESS C.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Consideration of Fee Changes Effective July 1, 2024.

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending and Establishing and Increasing Certain Fees of the City of Danville Effective July 1, 2024, Except Where Otherwise Stated.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Introductory Budget contains recommendations for the following new fees or fee increases:

- The establishment of a short term rental fee in Community Development which is estimated to provide an additional \$105,000 in revenue.
- Various Planning and Inspection fee increases in Community Development are estimated to provide an additional \$38,170 in revenue.
- Sanitation fee increases are estimated to provide an additional \$404,760 in revenue.
- Cemetery fee increases are estimated to provide an additional \$299,800 in revenue.
- A public hearing was held May 7, 2024 for the above proposed rate and fee changes.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the fee establishment or increase in Community Development is to capture revenue from the customers who are using this service and to reduce the subsidy that the general taxpayer provides to make these available. Each of the proposed fees were benchmarked against peer cities to make sure they are competitive with what others charge for these services.

Sanitation fees are being increased due to the rising cost of providing this service. The Sanitation Fund is a self-supporting operation and, unfortunately, the rising costs associated with personnel and equipment require this increase. This is the second year of a multi-year plan to increase fees.

Cemetery fees are being increased due to the rising cost of providing this service. The Cemetery Fund is a self-supporting operation. Each of the proposed fees were benchmarked against peer cities and locally owned cemeteries. These fees have been at current levels for the last 12 years.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached ordinance establishing and increasing fees.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-____. ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING AND INCREASING CERTAIN FEES OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED.

WHEREAS, the city of Danville charges fees for services rendered, permits and applications; and

WHEREAS, fees for services rendered, permits, and applications are designed to help recoup a portion of the costs of providing those services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that certain fees, be, and the same are hereby, established and approved in accordance with the four schedules, which are hereto and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth within, as follows:

Schedule I. Planning and Zoning Fees

Schedule II. Inspection Fees

Schedule III. Sanitation Fees

Schedule IV. Cemetery Fees

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of July 1, 2024, except where otherwise stated.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

City Attorney

**CITY OF DANVILLE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING AND ZONING FEES**

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9 and Chapter 41, Art.13, § I, 5 and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

Effective July 1, 2024

FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Short Term Rental	\$0	\$250
Planning Commission – application, special use, code amendment	\$360	\$400
Zoning Clearance	\$11	\$20
Board of Zoning Appeals application	\$206	\$250

Effective January 1, 2025

FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Short Term Rental	\$0	\$500

**CITY OF DANVILLE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
INSPECTION FEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9, § 9-62, and § 9-87 and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Sign permit fee - minimum	\$42	\$50
Investigation Fee (work without permit)	\$72	\$200
After hours inspection fee	\$57	\$100
Minimum plan review fee (Commercial)	\$31	\$50
Plan Review Fee - Residential Addition	\$26	\$50
Plan Review Fee - Residential New	\$52	\$100
Demolition (Wrecking) fee	\$52	\$100
Relocation Fee (moving of any structure)	\$78	\$100
Temporary Certificate of Use & Occupancy	\$31	\$100
Permanent Certificate of Use & Occupancy	\$31	\$50
Change of Use Survey	\$42	\$50
Additional Inspection Fee (Re-inspection Fee)	\$29	\$50

**CITY OF DANVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SANITATION FEES
*EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024***

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9, § 17-25, § 17-26 and § 17-51, and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Residential Refuse Collection	\$17.50	\$18.50
Residential Refuse Collection – reduced fee	\$8.75	\$9.25
Commercial Refuse Collection	\$3.00	\$4.00
Commercial Refuse Collection – partial service	\$1.50	\$2.00

**CITY OF DANVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CEMETERY FEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9 and § 10-21, and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Adult Grave (Includes Perpetual Care)	\$849	\$1,300
Child Grave (Includes Perpetual Care)	\$335	\$600
Perpetual Care (Not Previously Paid)	\$129	\$150
Adult Grave - Open/Close	\$797	\$1,100
Child Grave - Open/Close	\$412	\$500
Adult Grave - Open/Close - Overtime	\$952	\$1,500
Child Grave - Open/Close - Overtime	\$515	\$700
Mausoleum Service	\$438	\$550
Mausoleum Service - Overtime	\$525	\$750
Cremated Service	\$438	\$600
Cremated Service - Overtime	\$525	\$800
Columbarium Niche	\$849	\$1,500
Columbarium - Opening	\$412	\$400
Columbarium - Service Fee	\$438	\$400
Adult - Disinterment/Reinterment	\$797	\$1,500
Child - Disinterment/Reinterment	\$412	\$1,100
Double Depth (First Opening)	\$206	\$200
Transfer Of Ownership	\$103	\$100
Late Notification Fee	\$103	\$100
Dirt Sale (Pickup Truck Load)	\$10	\$10
Monument Permit	\$103	\$150
Vault Permit	\$309	\$350

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OLD BUSINESS D.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Consideration of a Personal Property Tax Decrease

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Section 37-30 of the Danville City Code to Decrease the Personal Property Tax from \$3.60 per \$100 of Assessed Value to \$3.45 per \$100 of Assessed Value Effective January 1, 2025.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Introductory Budget includes a \$0.15 reduction in the Tangible Personal Property Tax rate from \$3.60 per \$100 of assessed value to \$3.45 per \$100 of assessed value.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached ordinance amending the City Code for the Tangible Personal Property Tax rate.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024____.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-30 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO DECREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FROM \$3.60 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO \$3.45 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Section 37-30, entitled "Tax on tangible personal property generally", of the Article II, entitled "Levy and Rate of Tax on Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property, etc.", of Chapter 37, entitled "Taxation", of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Chapter 37 – Taxation

Article II: Levy and Rate on Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property, etc.

Sec. 37.30. – Tax on tangible personal property generally.

Pursuant to sections 58.1-3000 and 58.1-3008 of the Code of Virginia, on all tangible personal property there shall be a tax of ~~three dollars and sixty cent (\$3.60)~~ three dollars and forty-five cent (\$3.45) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereon except for all aircraft which shall be taxed as a separate class of property pursuant to section 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia and as more specifically set forth in section 37-36 of this Code; provided, however, that the following household goods, personal effects and agricultural property are eliminated from such tax pursuant to sections 58.1-3504 and 58.1-3505 of the Code of Virginia:

(1) Bicycles.

(2) Household and kitchen furniture, including gold and silver plates, plated ware, watches and clocks, sewing machines, refrigerators, automatic

refrigerating machinery of any type, vacuum cleaners, and all other household machinery, books, and firearms and weapons of all kinds.

(3) Pianos, organs, phonographs and record players and records to be used therewith and all other musical instruments of whatever kind, and radio and television instruments and equipment.

(4) Oil paintings, pictures, statuary, curios, articles of virtu, and works of art.

(5) Diamonds, cameos, or other precious stones and all precious metal used as ornaments or jewelry.

(6) Sporting and photographic equipment.

(7) Clothing and objects of apparel.

(8) All other tangible personal property used by an individual, family, or household incident to maintaining an abode.

(9) Horses, mules, and other kindred animals.

(10) Cattle.

(11) Sheep and goats.

(12) Hogs.

(13) Poultry.

(14) Grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals.

(15) Grain, tobacco, wine produced by farm wineries as defined in section 4-2(10a) of the Code of Virginia, and other agricultural products in the hand of a producer.

(16) Farm machinery and farm implements, which shall include equipment and machinery used by farm wineries, as defined in section 4-2(10a) of the Code of Virginia, in the production of wine.

(17) Equipment used by farmers or farm cooperatives qualifying under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code to manufacture industrial ethanol, provided

that the materials from which the ethanol is derived consist primarily of farm products.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions and Sections of said Article, Chapter, and Code be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of January 1, 2025.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

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City of Danville, Virginia



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OLD BUSINESS E.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Consideration of a Transient Lodgers Occupancy Tax Increase

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Section 37-97 of the Danville City Code to Increase the Per Day Room Occupancy Tax from \$2.00 to \$3.00 Effective July 1, 2024.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Introductory Budget includes an increase in the Transient Lodgers Occupancy Tax rate from \$2.00 per night to \$3.00 per night. This increase is estimated to provide an additional \$225,000 in Fiscal Year 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached ordinance amending the City Code for the Transient Lodgers Occupancy Tax rate.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024____.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-97 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE PER DAY ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX FROM \$2.00 (TWO) TO \$3.00 (THREE) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Section 37-97, entitled "Levy and rate", of the Article VI, entitled "Tax on Transient Lodgers", of Chapter 37, entitled "Taxation", of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-97. – Levy and rate.

(a) There is hereby levied and imposed upon each transient, in addition to any and all other taxes and fees of every kind imposed by law, a tax equivalent to eight (8) percent of the total amount paid by or for such transient for the use or possession of a room or space occupied for lodging to any accommodations as well as an additional tax of ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ three dollars (\$3.00) per night of lodging.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions and Sections of said Article, Chapter, and Code be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of July 1, 2024.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

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NEW BUSINESS A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Consideration of Real Estate Tax Rate Decrease.

From: Henrietta Weaver, Budget Director

COUNCIL ACTION

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance Amending and Reordaining Sections 37-27, 37-28 and 37-29 of the Danville City Code Thereby Decreasing the Real Estate Tax from Eighty-Four (84) Cents on Every One Hundred Dollars to Eighty-Three (83) Cents on Every One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Value Effective July 1, 2024.
First Reading

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Introductory Budget includes a Real Estate Tax Rate decrease from \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.83 per \$100 of assessed value. This represents a \$0.01 decrease in the tax rate over the current rate.

The Real Estate reassessment is currently underway. Current projections anticipate an overall increase of not more than 12% in assessed values as compared to the current assessment.

BACKGROUND

Over the past decade, Danville has had, on average, a 0.84 percent increase in real estate tax values each year. If you include projections for the reassessment that is currently underway, the increase is about 1.8 percent. Typically, in order to maintain services, municipalities need an average increase in tax base of about 3 percent per year.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Code requires that reassessments resulting in an increase in assessment of 1% or greater be advertised as a tax increase. The advertisement for the real estate tax must be published 30 days in advance of the public hearing. At that time, the City advertised a real estate tax rate of \$0.83 per \$100 as an effective tax rate increase of no more than 12%. Current data anticipates that the proposed reduced rate of \$0.83 would represent an 8 cent increase from a revenue neutral rate of \$0.75. However, the assessment is not complete, and that amount may change.

Should the maximum average increase in values of 12% be realized, property assessed at \$100,000 in the current year would be reassessed at \$112,000 and the tax bill would increase from \$830.00 to \$929.60 annually, an increase of \$99.60 annually or \$49.80 per installment. In previous years, the closer staff got to concluding reassessment, the projected percentage increase in values declined.

In order to provide general tax relief for the residents of Danville, the current recommended budget includes a 15 cent decrease in the personal property tax rate. In addition, there is further expansion of tax relief for our most vulnerable citizens, seniors and persons with disabilities, by increasing the threshold to qualify for tax relief up to \$40,000 per year.

Any further decrease in the real estate tax rate or any other rate would require a reduction of City services in order to make that reduction sustainable over time.

The estimated increase is an overall average and individual properties may increase at a greater or lesser percentage. The increase in the general reassessment together with new construction is anticipated to generate a \$2,200,000 increase in real estate revenue for the FY 2025 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached ordinance amending the City Code for the Real Estate Tax rate.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024____.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTIONS 37-27, 37-28 AND 37-29 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE THEREBY DECREASING THE REAL ESTATE TAX FROM EIGHTY-FOUR (84) CENTS ON EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO EIGHTY-THREE (83) CENTS ON EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that for the purpose of imposing on all taxable real estate, land, and lots with improvements thereon, not exempt from taxation by law, an annual tax of ~~Eighty-four (\$0.84)~~ **Eighty-three (\$0.83)** on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value thereon, Section 37-27, entitled "Tax on real estate and improvements thereon generally," Section 37-28, entitled "Tax on real estate of railroads and utility companies," and Section 37-29, entitled "Tax on vehicles without motive power (manufactured homes)", of Article II, entitled "Levy and Rate of Tax on Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property, Etc.," of Chapter 37, entitled "Taxation," of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 37-27. Tax on real estate and improvements thereon generally.

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3000 of the Code of Virginia on all taxable real estate, land and lots, with the improvements thereon, not exempt from taxation by law, there shall be an annual tax of ~~Eighty-four (\$0.84)~~ **Eighty-three (\$0.83)** on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of the assessed value thereof.

Sec. 37-28. Tax on real estate of railroads and utility companies.

Pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 58.1 (Sections 58.1-2600 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia, there shall be levied an annual tax of ~~Eighty-four (\$0.84)~~ **Eighty-three (\$0.83)** on

every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of the real estate of all railroad, telegraph, telephone, power, heat, and light companies.

Sec. 37-29. Tax on vehicles without motive power (manufactured homes).

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, on all vehicles without motive power, as mentioned in such Section, there shall be a tax of ~~Eighty-four (\$0.84)~~ **Eighty-three (\$0.83)** on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of the assessed value thereof.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED that all other provisions and Sections of said Article, Chapter and Code be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of July 1, 2024.

Approved

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

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NEW BUSINESS B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Authorization of Bond Capacity.

From: Michael Adkins, Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia, in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$25,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Projects.
First Reading

SUMMARY

In anticipation of the need to expand electric infrastructure for economic development projects in Fiscal Year 2025, City Council has the ability to authorize use of the City's borrowing capacity under Section 9-7E of the City Charter. This would allow for the issuance of up to \$25 million in bonds for this purpose in the current fiscal year. Any unused borrowing capacity from FY 2024 will carry over into FY 2025 and can then be combined with additional borrowing capacity if needed. Doing so will provide City Council with the greatest flexibility to adapt and respond to utility infrastructure expansion should the need arise with our economic development efforts.

BACKGROUND

Section 9-7E allows City Council to utilize bond financing for capital expenditures relating to the City's water treatment, wastewater treatment, stormwater treatment, solid waste disposal or recycling facilities and any extraordinary maintenance improvements or expansions of transmission and distribution infrastructure for the electric or gas systems.

With ongoing efforts to recruit a large economic development project to our community, there will eventually be a need to expand utility infrastructure in order to service such a project. Authorizing a bond issuance under Section 9-7E will provide the ability to finance an expansion when the need arises. Expectations would be that utility revenues derived from such a project would easily cover any debt service related to a borrowing.

Approving this Ordinance does not authorize the issuance of bonds, it simply makes bond issuance a possibility. The actual issuance of bonds would require a future City Council resolution and would be done in conjunction with successful recruitment of an economic development project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Ordinance by City Council to best position the City for responding to

future utility expansion needs.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-____.____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Section 9-7E of the City Charter allows the City to issue each fiscal year up to \$25,000,000 principal amount of bonds to finance capital expenditures relating to the City's water treatment, wastewater treatment, stormwater treatment, solid waste disposal or recycling facilities and any extraordinary maintenance improvements or expansions of transmission and distribution infrastructure for the electric or gas systems, without submitting the question of their issuance to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City (the "Council") has not authorized or issued any bonds pursuant to Section 9-7E for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2023, and the Council now desires to authorize the issuance of up to \$25,000,000 principal amount of bonds in accordance with such Charter provision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that:

1. It is determined to be necessary and expedient for the City to plan, design, acquire, construct, extend, renovate and/or improve the Projects described below, all of which are determined to promote the development and public welfare of the City, to borrow money for such purposes and to issue the City's bonds therefor.

2. Pursuant to Section 9-7E of the City Charter, there are authorized to be issued bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$25,000,000 to provide funds, together with other available funds, for capital expenditures relating to the City's water treatment, wastewater treatment, stormwater treatment, solid waste disposal or recycling facilities and any extraordinary maintenance improvements or expansions of transmission and distribution infrastructure for the electric or gas systems (collectively, the "Projects"). The proceeds of such bonds may be applied to pay, in addition to the costs of the Projects, related financing and issuance costs. Such bonds may be issued as one or more separate

issues or may be combined with bonds authorized for other purposes and issued as a single issue.

3. The bonds shall conform to Section 9-5 of the City Charter and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such denominations and form, be executed in such manner, and be sold at such time or times and in such manner as the Council shall hereafter provide by appropriate resolution or resolutions. All bonds issued to finance capital expenditures shall be made payable within the average probable period of usefulness of the improvements or undertakings to be financed. The Council shall make such determinations pursuant to such resolution or resolutions.

4. As determined by Council pursuant to subsequent resolution, the bonds may be issued as general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith and credit shall be irrevocably pledged, or, in the alternative, such bonds may be issued as revenue obligations to which the revenues derived from any specified system undertakings shall be irrevocably pledged.

5. The City Clerk, in collaboration with the City Attorney, is authorized and directed to see to the immediate filing of a certified copy of this Ordinance in the Circuit Court of the City of Danville.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



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NEW BUSINESS C.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Subject: Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement for Arnett Hills Elementary School.

From: W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Approving and Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement Between the School Board of the City of Danville and Branch Builds, Inc. in Accordance with Virginia Code § 56- 575.16(5).

SUMMARY

As a part of the school bond referendum held on November 2, 2021, construction projects are planned for G.L.H. Johnson Elementary School, now Arnett Hills Elementary School.

City Council previously approved the Comprehensive Agreement between the School Board of the City of Danville and Branch Builds, Inc. to perform final design and construction of a new G.L.H. Johnson Elementary School, in accordance with Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5).

The School Board and Branch have now negotiated a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement, which makes material changes to the Project and the Comprehensive Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The School Board of the City of Danville chose Branch Builds, Inc. to perform final design services for construction of a new G.L.H. Johnson Elementary School, now Arnett Hills Elementary School. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5) City Council approved the Comprehensive Agreement between the Danville School Board and Branch Builds, Inc. for a new Arnett Hills Elementary School.

The Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement provides for the design and construction of a 23,600 square-foot addition to the currently under construction Arnett Hills Elementary School to allow for an increase in the student population of the completed Project from 580 to 900 students.

In accordance with Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5), the City Council of the City of Danville ("City Council") must approve the School Board's entering into this Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the accompanying Resolution approving and authorizing the Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Agreement which provides for the design and construction of a 23,600 square foot addition to the currently under construction Arnett Hills Elementary School.

Attachments

1. Resolution

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____._____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE AND BRANCH BUILDS, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIRGINIA CODE § 56-575.16(5).

WHEREAS, as a part of the school bond referendum held on November 2, 2021, construction projects are planned for Arnett Hills Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5) City Council previously approved the comprehensive Agreement between the Danville School Board and Branch Builds, Inc. to perform final design and construction of a new Elementary School to be named Arnett Hills Elementary School in accordance with Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5); and

WHEREAS, a Second Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement provides for the design and construction of a 23,600 square foot addition to the currently under construction Arnett Hills Elementary School to allow for an increase in the student population of the completed Project from 580 to 900 students; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and Branch Builds, Inc. have negotiated the Second Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Act and the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5), the City Council of the City of Danville ("City Council") must approve the School Board's entering into this Second Amendment to Comprehensive Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that it hereby approves and authorizes the Second Amendment to

Comprehensive Agreement between the School Board of the City of Danville and Branch Builds, Inc. for the design and construction of a 23,600 square foot addition to the currently under construction Arnett Hills Elementary School to allow for an increase in the student population of the completed Project from 580 to 900 students, in accordance with Virginia Code § 56-575.16(5).

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney