

May 7, 2024

A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on May 7, 2024, at 10:14 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, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi. Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds Jr. was absent.

Mayor Jones presided.

MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Mayo, Minutes of the Regular Work Session held on April 2, 2024, were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Jones noted the following Council Member appointments:

Dan River Business Development	-	Reappoint Bryant Hood
Danville Development Council	-	Reappoint Bryant Hood
Employee Retirement System Board	-	Reappoint Sherman Saunders
Metropolitan Planning Organization	-	Reappoint J. Lee Vogler and Dr. Gary Miller
WPPDC	-	Reappoint J. Lee Vogler and Dr. Gary Miller
Transportation Advisory Board	-	Reappoint James Buckner

Vice Mayor Miller noted the Committee on Appointments makes the following recommendations:

Airport Commission	-	Reappoint William Allgood, Philip Hall and Hampton Wilkins
		Appoint Douglas Appleton
Danville Community College Board	-	Reappoint Toshia Martin
Danville CPMT	-	Reappoint Tammy Warren and Jerome Holman
Danville Development Council	-	Appoint Janet Gwynn
Danville Utility Commission	-	Reappoint Anna Kautzmann and Steven Merrick
IALR	-	Reappoint Mark Holland
Social Services Advisory Board	-	Reappoint Kathy Andrews
		Appoint Kelly Cunningham and Mattie Carter

CLOSED MEETING

At 10:17 p.m., Vice Mayor Miller **moved** that this meeting of the City Council of the City of Danville, Virginia be recessed and that Council immediately reconvene in a Closed Meeting for the following purposes: discussion or consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the bargaining position of the city as permitted by Subsection (A)(3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider: discussion regarding the sale and/or potential purchase of a specific parcel of property for use by prospective industrial,

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commercial, and mixed use projects looking to locate to the City; and an Economic Development discussion and update concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made and/or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as permitted by Subsection (A)(5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and more specifically to consider an update on multiple prospective commercial, mixed use, hospitality, and industrial projects considering locating within the City and/or within the region in cooperation with the City's regional partners; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as permitted by Subsection (A)(8) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended and more specifically to consider: Conflict of Interest Waiver of legal counsel.

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 10:54 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Vice Mayor Miller **moved** for adoption of the following Resolution:

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Council convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Council that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of Virginia Law under Section 2.2-3711 were heard, discussed or considered, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK