



## DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

April 1, 2025

7:00 PM

REVISED

**PRESIDING:** Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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| James B. Buckner, Vice Mayor | Dr. Gary P. Miller  |
| L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr.   | Sherman M. Saunders |
| Bryant Hood                  | J. Lee Vogler, Jr., |
| Barry P. Mayo                | Madison J. Whittle  |

**STAFF:**

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| Ken F. Larking, City Manager               | W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney |
| Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., Deputy City Manager | Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk             |

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

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#### 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 - J. LEE VOGLER, JR.

## 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 held on March 4, 2025.  
Council Letter Number CL - 1971.

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2025.

- B. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Fund a Bonus Payment to City Retirees.  
Council Letter Number CL - 1933.

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from Interest Income to Fund a Bonus for City Retirees in an Amount not to Exceed \$725,000 and Appropriating the Same.

**Final Adoption**

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of the Release of City Liens on Chatham Avenue.  
Council Letter Number CL - 1920.

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Release of City-Held Liens Against Real Property Identified as Parcel #55564 on Chatham Avenue, to Facilitate its Donation to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation.

- B. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Grant Funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.  
Council Letter Number CL - 1919.

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Projects to be or Being Undertaken to Improve the Danville Community Financed with Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Estimated Program Income for a Total Appropriation of \$1,186,687.

**First Reading**

## 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 - 1971**

**CONSENT AGENDA A.**

**City Council REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2025

**Subject:** Approval of Meeting Minutes.

**From:** Susan DeMasi, City Clerk

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**COUNCIL ACTION**

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2025.

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**Attachments**

1. Meeting Minutes
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The Regular March meeting of the Danville City Council was held on March 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry P. Mayo, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

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

Mayor Jones presided.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor James B. Buckner gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for approval of the following Consent Agenda items:

Approval of Minutes from the Inaugural Meeting held on January 2, 2025 and Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2025. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Recreation Enrichment Program.

Ordinance No. 2025-02.05, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Funds in the Amount of \$67,738 for a Recreation Enrichment Program and the Local In-Kind Share of \$260,240 for a Total Appropriation of \$327,978 and Appropriation of Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Danville Sheriff's Office Jail-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program.

Ordinance No. 2025-02.06, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services – Jail Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Grant Program in the Amount of \$150,000 for a Total Appropriation of \$150,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for VDOT Project Appropriations

Ordinance No. 2025-02.07, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Capital Improvement Projects to be Undertaken within the City of Danville and to be Financed Anticipating Revenues from Virginia Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$4,483,772.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,

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Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of the following Appointment resolution:

**Resolution 2025-03.01** – A Resolution Appointing James Turner to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONS TO ORDINANCE 2021-05.02 AT PARCEL 21481 (411 CRAGHEAD STREET)**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit for Amendment to Conditions to Ordinance 2021-05.02. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 22, 2025 and February 25, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Austin Bond, who stated he was there on behalf of Garrett Shiflett to answer any questions. Mr. Bond noted this was regarding circumstances discovered since the surrounding properties were purchased. They originally had seventy-two parking spots; twenty-four of those were now owned by others due to easements that were undiscovered when they purchased the property. Mr. Bond stated there were still seventy-two spaces, they were just now owned by different parties. No one further desired to be heard, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.01**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ24-00655, FILED BY GARRETT SHIFFLETT, REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF MAXIMUM DENSITY AT PARCEL 21481 (411 CRAGHEAD STREET) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.L. SECTION C ITEM 13.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None (0)

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ABSENT: Whittle (1)

**CONSIDERATION OF REZONING PARCELS 77304 AND 77314 (SELLARS ROAD) FROM S-R SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning Parcels 77304 and 77314. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 22, 2025, and February 25, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Jeff McDowell along with his wife Heather, who stated his business partner in this project, Jim Farrugigo, was unable to attend. Mr. McDowell provided handouts to Council and noted he has lived in Danville his entire life, owned numerous businesses, as well as several residential properties; he and his business partner were looking to do more. They found this property six months ago and want to change the zoning for the purpose of getting more rental houses available. They were proposing sixteen single family homes, with three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, two story homes, around 1700 sf and the projected rent target was 1,600 to 1,800 per month. They were not for short term rental or lease; they were a minimum of a one-year lease.

Mayor Jones recognized Jeffrey Scott Jarrett, 166 Sellars Road, who spoke against the rezoning. Mr. Jarrett noted the road was only about fourteen feet wide in some places. They were not against building homes on Sellars Road but felt there was enough opportunity for the developer to make money on S-R zoning; to rezone it OT-R would be too many houses. Mr. Jarrett stated he believed this was spot zoning; all other parcels around there were S-R.

Mayor Jones recognized Danny Lewis representing the Lewis family who owned five properties on Sellars Road. Mr. Lewis stated he had measured the road in a couple places and it was between sixteen and seventeen feet wide. As it was now, when two vehicles pass each other, most of the time one has to pull over and let the other one go by. Moving in sixteen houses will more than double the houses on the road and more traffic.

Mayor Jones recognized a citizen who did not give his name who stated he thought putting houses on the property was a great idea, but sixteen was too many. Where the developer wants to put the road, was in front of his mother's home. A car parked on the outside of her road was thirteen feet, further up the road it was not that much and there was a blind side coming over the hill.

Mayor Jones recognized Lois Triplett, Sellars Road, who stated she felt sixteen houses was too many on that tiny street.

No one further desired to be heard, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.02**

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM S-R SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO OT- R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL PARCELS ID 77304 AND 77314 (SELLERS ROAD)

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

Mayor Jones questioned Renee Burton, Division Director of Planning, stating the Planning Commission passed this item 4-3, noted the conversations regarding the traffic, and asked why

the Planning Commission passed this. Ms. Burton noted there were conversations about the road and the condition of the road; that was an existing situation and was not something they believed needed improvement based on the projected housing for this particular development. The development itself was for sixteen houses, and staff did not believe it required a traffic impact analysis. It brings additional housing to the area, that was something that was needed within the City of Danville and ultimately the Planning Commission did vote 4-3 to approve. Mayor Jones noted when they said they wanted additional housing, the City was doing its due diligence with regard to the current structure of the neighborhood and traffic, and Ms. Burton noted that was correct. It has been reviewed, the street that they would actually do in the development would be built to current standards.

Council Member Campbell noted that it seemed like the major complaint was the street, was there was a plan to widen the street and Ms. Burton noted she was not aware of one. Rev Campbell asked the City Manager if it was possible for that to be done and Mr. Larking stated the City would have to see what kind of right of ways were available, and it would require more study. Rev Campbell noted in reference to the number of houses they plan on building, was it too congested and Ms. Burton stated it was not, the Planning Commission felt sixteen was appropriate; there would be 35 feet between each house.

Council Member Vogler noted the City talked about wanting a variety of housing options and to his knowledge this was the first project that came before Council for new housing that was specifically for rentals of single family homes and Ms. Burton noted that was correct.

Council Member Saunders questioned the number of houses being proposed, were there options available to widen that road, was there enough property there to widen it and if so, do they know if the owner would be amenable to the person trying to build the property. Ms. Burton stated she believed there was some opportunity within the right of way but that has not been discussed with any of the property owners along Cain or Sellars. Mr. Saunders noted he hoped that discussion could take place. Mr. McDowell noted there was not that much of that road to push on, but they have two entrances or two exits out of the development; the first entrance/exit was less than 200 feet to Route 58. Vehicles were not going to be passing on that route the residents were talking about; everyone will exit right onto 58 before anyone passed each other. Mr. Saunders noted if Council decided to ask the Planning Commission to look at this again and see if anything could be done with regard to widening the road, would that be possible, and Ms. Burton noted it was, if that was the desire of Council to send it back to the Planning Commission they will investigate that, do some research and work with the Engineering and Public Works Department.

Vice Mayor Buckner noted the new road that was going through there, what was the width of that and Ms. Burton stated the new road was a fifty foot right of way with a minimum of thirty feet of pavement. Mr. McDowell stated it was probably about 200 feet where it comes out, and it passes one house on each side of the road before getting to Route 58. Mr. Buckner stated it looked like there were no plans for Lot 11, was there a way they could cul-de-sac that. Ms. Burton stated Mr. Buckner's recommendation was to cul-de-sac Lot 11 which was on the north side, the connection between Sellars and Cain. Mr. Buckner noted the only portion they needed to widen would be the section that goes from the entrance of the project to Route 58. Mr. McDowell noted that was perfectly fine. Mr. Buckner asked if they could add that language to the Ordinance.

Mayor Jones stated he liked what Mr. Buckner was saying, to add that language, and Mr. Buckner stated it may be an appropriate middle ground for all parties involved. It will help the neighbors, the main flow of traffic will be in that first little section so the neighbors that live on the Cain Street side all the way down won't be affected until they get to the exit on 58 which will be twice as wide

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as it was now; he thought that was a decent compromise. Mr. Hood asked if any of the residents on the Sellars Street side would be able to enter Sellars Street from their property, and Mr. McDowell noted no, they would have to use that street.

Dr. Miller made a **Motion** to send this back to the Planning Commission, that way it would not be rejected and could come back. Mr. Whitfield noted the next Planning Commission meeting that it would be eligible for would be April. Dr. Miller noted he just wants to get a plan to solve this problem. The Motion was to send this back to the Planning Commission to come up with a better plan on the street. The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Saunders.

Mr. Vogler noted Mr. Buckner didn't make an official motion yet, but he liked what he was talking about, it sounded like there was solution there; Mr. Vogler noted he was not going to vote to send it back to the Planning Commission. Rev Campbell questioned whether in this motion to carry it back, that they have a clarity to see if the City was able to widen the road and Dr. Miller noted that was correct and that could be integrated into their plan. Rev. Campbell asked the City Attorney if it was possible to widen the road, the City wouldn't be able to use eminent domain for the land and Mr. Whitfield stated it was his understanding that the developer was volunteering Lot 11, the City would not be taking it. Mr. Saunders called for the question and Mayor Jones noted this was for Dr. Miller's motion to take this item back to the Planning Commission.

The Motion **FAILED** with the following vote:

VOTE: 3-5-1  
AYE: Campbell, Miller, Saunders (3)  
NAY: Hood, Jones, Mayo, Vogler, Buckner (5)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

Vice Mayor Buckner noted he would like to make a **Motion** that Council agree to do what they talked about and have Mr. McDowell go back and redesign the exit for the Cain Street side with a cul-de-sac on Lot 11 and have staff explore the option of widening the road from the new proposed street from Sellars' Road to Route 58.

Mr. Whitfield noted that would be an amended motion to Mr. Vogler's original motion.

The Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Vogler.

Mayor Jones noted to Ms. Burton, Vice Mayor Buckner's motion was not to send this back to the Planning Commission and Ms. Burton noted no, she believed the motion was to rezone with the condition of eliminating Lot 11, creating a cul-de-sac and further research to widening the road from the development to Route 58.

Mr. Saunders stated the property owners would have to agree to sell their property to widen the road and Ms. Burton explained unless there was enough right of way; she did not know exactly what the existing right of way width was right now. It may be that the existing right of way was sufficient, that the City could just pave an additional width within city owned property without having to acquire any property from private ownership.

Mr. Vogler stated whether the street gets widened or not, there could be at least seven houses put on there without Council taking any action tonight and Ms. Burton noted that was correct and that would still include that fifty foot right of way connection. Mr. Vogler stated the widening the street won't be happening if Council sends this back, there will be houses built on there whether

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it gets widened or not. If Council approves Mr. Buckner's motion, the cul-de-sac has to happen or the project doesn't move forward and Ms. Burton noted yes, in that motion. Mr. Vogler explained that was a concrete condition being voted that had to be met or the project doesn't move forward in this way. He thought this was a good middle ground, it looked at widening the street and if Council does not vote to approve this, the street may not get widened, and the difference was the owner will build seven houses with a narrow street leading into it. Vice Mayor Buckner noted they were only talking about 200 feet from Route 58 to the entrance of the project, and does not believe there was anything on the right hand side coming in there until getting to Mrs. Sellar's house. All they were doing was widening the road for 200 feet.

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

VOTE: 6-2-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,  
and Vogler (6)  
NAY: Miller, Saunders (2)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

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

VOTE: 7-1-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
and Vogler (7)  
NAY: Saunders (1)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

**CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FILED BY DAN HOTEL RIVER STREET LLC  
TO ALLOW A HOTEL AT PARCEL 01078 (RIVER STREET)**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit filed by Dan Hotel River Street LLC. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 22, 2025, and February 25, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.03**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00117, FILED BY DAN HOTEL RIVER STREET LLC, REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A USE (HOTEL) WITH LOT FRONTAGE ON THE DAN RIVER AT PARCEL 01078 (100 RIVER STREET) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.L., SECTION C., ITEM 11.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

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**CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT PARCEL 20327 (849 STOKES STREET)**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 849 Stokes Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 22, 2025 and February 25, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.04**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00118, FILED BY HARSHIL PATEL, REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT PARCEL 20327 (849 STOKES STREET) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.E. SECTION C., ITEM 1.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO VACATE A RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR COMMERCE STREET**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Vacation of a Right of Way near Commerce Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 20, 2025, and March 1, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Ryan Gatewood from LED Professionals in Danville, there on behalf of his client Danville LLC. They were proposing to construct a hotel along Riverside; this was an old alleyway that remains in the City right of way. He worked with City staff to request a vacation of this right of way. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.05**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.23 ACRES OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 52468, 53090 and 55464.

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

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

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### **CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO VACATE A RIGHT OF WAY NEAR SECOND STREET**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Vacation of a Right of Way near Second Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on February 20, 2025, and March 1, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Elias Cush, Pastor of the Glorious Church of Jesus Spiritual Ministry, who stated this was two different lots. Their church was trying to do a community center, to put a building there to help revitalize the community and try to bring some activities back to the youth in the area. They want to put a fence all the way around the entire property without having two separate lots. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.06**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.03 ACRES OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 01702 AND 01703.

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

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE RELEASE OF CITY-HELD LIENS ON PARCELS #22407, 22408, 23726, 25855 AND 25856**

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03.02**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CITY-HELD LIENS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS #22407, #22408, #23726, #25855, AND #25856, TO FACILITATE THEIR DONATION TO THE DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

VOTE: 7-0-2  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, Vogler, and Whittle, (7)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSTAIN: Hood, Jones (2)

I, Bryant Hood, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the Consideration of a Resolution Considering the Release of City Held Liens on Parcels #22407, #22408, #23726, #25855 and #25856 to Facilitate their Donation to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, listed on the agenda under New Business Item G. Therefore, pursuant to the State and

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Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

s/Bryant Hood

I, Alonzo L. Jones, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the Consideration of a Resolution Considering the Release of City Held Liens on Parcels #22407, #22408, #23726, #25855 and #25856 to Facilitate their Donation to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, listed on the agenda under New Business Item G. Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

s/Alonzo L. Jones

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR EROSION MITIGATION AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03.07**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AVIATION FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,744 PLUS LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,972 TO BE PROVIDED BY A TRANSFER FROM UNDESIGNATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Council Member Mayo noted hats off to Robert David and his staff with Project Imagine; last week they had a wonderful workshop where he talked about gang activity and violence within the City. His work in reducing the crime rate with the youth has been remarkable. Several Council Members attended, it was well organized, and thanked him for that.

Council Member Miller noted his congratulations to the GW Eagles Basketball Team for an outstanding season; they got to the tournament but were beaten by EC Glass. Hats off to Drew Herring the minister at West Main Baptist; the Saturday before last they prepared 2,800 breakfasts; volunteers packed the meals, and the breakfasts went to God's Storehouse. Dr. Miller noted Brenda Bowman of the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee was working on a plan to help reduce litter in the County and believed the City needed to do the same.

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Council Member Saunders noted he appreciated the discussion they had tonight regarding the road, the sixteen houses and the builder wanting to improve the City. As the City grows, they need to remember the people who may be affected by the change.

Council Member Vogler noted the City was currently putting together a page on the City's website where people who were interested in where the Casino money has been spent so far will be able to view that. Mr. Vogler noted people were interested in this information, and transparency was important to the City. Mr. Vogler stated he appreciated those who came to the Council meeting tonight so their voices could be heard. It was spring sports season with baseball and softball and he was at the GW Varsity and JV tryouts last week, and Middle School this week.

Vice Mayor Buckner wished his wife a happy birthday, they were able to celebrate her birthday this weekend, and a happy birthday to Anne Moore-Sparks.

Council Member Campbell noted the conference at the Institute was great, and praised Robert David for the hard work in putting that together. The City was moving forward.

Council Member Hood stated Tyree Barton did not get an official signing and noted his parents passed along a message that he had been selected to sign with Augsburg Centurions Professional Football Team in Germany, and there will be a celebration Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Straight Gate Apostolic Church.

Mayor Jones thanked Dr. Hairston and her team for practicing and promoting safety in the schools, having school virtual tomorrow because of the weather warnings, and encouraged everyone to be safe. It was a great meeting tonight with great dialogues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**Council Letter  
City of Danville, Virginia**



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**CONSENT AGENDA B.**

**City Council REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2025

**Subject:** Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Fund a Bonus Payment to City Retirees.

**From:** Michael Adkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**COUNCIL ACTION**

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from Interest Income to Fund a Bonus for City Retirees in an Amount not to Exceed \$725,000 and Appropriating the Same.

**Final Adoption**

**SUMMARY**

Revenues from interest earned on investments are anticipated to exceed the amounts originally budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025. This additional revenue will be used to fund a retiree bonus.

**BACKGROUND**

The City's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance includes estimates of interest earnings using the best available information at the time of budget development. Due to the effect of market forces, actual interest income is expected to exceed previously estimated amounts. Additionally, in accordance with the City's financial policies, all qualifying conditions for paying retirees a bonus have been met at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

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**Attachments**

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES FROM INTEREST INCOME TO FUND A BONUS FOR CITY RETIREES AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$725,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City anticipates the receipt of an additional \$725,000 in interest on investments during Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the City of Danville's Financial Policies entitled Pay Adjustments for City Retirees states that in the event criteria are met, City Council can approve a lump-sum bonus to qualified retirees; and

WHEREAS, the criteria necessary to approve a lump-sum bonus for retirees has been met; and

WHEREAS, based on the criteria as defined in the Pay Adjustments for City Retirees, at this time City Council can approve a lump-sum bonus up to one-half of the retiree's normal monthly benefit; and

WHEREAS, under Pay adjustments for City Retirees, retirees are not eligible for a bonus until the first-year anniversary of their retirement date; and

WHEREAS, under Pay Adjustments for City Retirees, the retirement date is defined as the first day of the month following the employee's separation date; and

WHEREAS, those retirees whose first year anniversary date is prior to the date the bonus is paid will be eligible for a bonus.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2025 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>    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Interest on Investments | 0100000-41750      | <u>\$725,000</u> |

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES**

| <u>Description</u>                          | <u>Account No.</u> | <u>Amount</u>    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Transfer To<br>Employees' Retirement System | 0199001-6075       | <u>\$725,000</u> |

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, authorizes the payment of the above-mentioned lump-sum bonus for retirees; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to  
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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City Attorney

# Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



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**NEW BUSINESS A.**

## **City Council REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2025

**Subject:** Release of City Liens on Chatham Avenue

**From:** Ken Gillie, Director of Community Development

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### **COUNCIL ACTION**

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Release of City-Held Liens Against Real Property Identified as Parcel #55564 on Chatham Avenue, to Facilitate its Donation to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation.

### **SUMMARY**

City Staff is seeking approval from City Council to release one nuisance abatement lien, and associated costs and delinquencies, affecting a parcel of land on Chatham Avenue to facilitate its donation to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City currently holds approximately \$31,000 in nuisance abatement liens, and associated collection costs and interest, against one Parcel on Chatham Avenue, identified as Parcel #55564. The lien and costs greatly exceed the market value of the Parcel, which is presently assessed at \$4,800.

The nuisance abatement lien relates to the demolition of an unsafe structure in 2016. The owners have no other assets, and interest is accruing faster than what can be collected through garnishment. The owners would like to donate the property to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation, who is focusing on redevelopment near the property. Partnering with the owner on this furthers the City's goals of blight eradication and new housing development, and saves the City any further legal costs and delays for what would otherwise be the same result. The donation is dependent upon the City releasing the recorded nuisance abatement lien and associated costs to allow clear title to transfer.

Under State law, City Council can release nuisance abatement liens to facilitate the transfer of an otherwise unmarketable lot. City staff has determined that releasing the outstanding nuisance abatement lien to facilitate the property transfer would be of benefit to the City by eliminating likely future maintenance costs, increasing the taxable value and productive use of the Parcel, and assisting the DNDC in developing new affordable housing.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

City staff recommends releasing existing liens, and associated collection costs and interest,

affecting Parcel #55564 on Chatham Ave., contingent upon the actual transfer of the Parcel for the stated purpose.

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**Attachments**

1. Resolution
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PRESENTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CITY-HELD LIENS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #55564 ON CHATHAM AVENUE, TO FACILITATE ITS DONATION TO THE DANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, there exists one (1) City-held lien and approximately \$30,783 in delinquent taxes, associated collection costs, and interest against certain real property in the City of Danville, identified as Tax Parcel #55564 (Chatham Avenue), "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the delinquent taxes, lien, associated collection costs, and interest greatly exceed the tax assessed value of some of the Property, making the Property presently unmarketable; and

WHEREAS, the present owners of the Property desire to donate the Property to the City and to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, under Va. Code § 15.2-906(4) a locality may release such lien against a particular property in order to facilitate its sale or transfer to an unrelated, bona fide purchaser.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that all delinquent taxes, abatement charges, City-held liens, associated collection costs, and interest of record against Tax Parcel #55564 be released to facilitate their donation to the City and to the Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation, provided such donation actually occurs.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to  
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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City Attorney

# Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



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NEW BUSINESS B.

## City Council REGULAR MEETING

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2025

**Subject:** Amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Grant Funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**From:** Susan McCulloch, Division Director of Housing & Development

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## COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Projects to be or Being Undertaken to Improve the Danville Community Financed with Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Estimated Program Income for a Total Appropriation of \$1,186,687.

### First Reading

## SUMMARY

The City of Danville is a participating jurisdiction under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under this designation, the City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) funds annually. The City has received its funding agreement from HUD in the amount of \$1,141,687 and needs to appropriate the money to be used for housing-related programs.

## BACKGROUND

A large majority of the CDBG funds have historically been used for neighborhood revitalization efforts, and it is proposed to continue focusing on this effort in the 2024-25 Action Plan. In addition, there is a public service category which can be funded with up to 15% of the annual allocation. It provides funding to assist non-profit organizations to carry out programs that benefit low- to moderate-income individuals and/or households. The City has received the program agreement from HUD for a total budget of \$1,186,687 for Fiscal Year 2024-25, comprised of \$857,190 in CDBG funds, \$284,497 in HOME funds, and \$45,000 estimated program income generated from loan repayments and the sale of houses currently under city programs.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached Budget Appropriation Ordinance appropriating \$1,186,687 from HUD for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for use in housing-related programs.

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## Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR PROJECTS TO BE OR BEING UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE THE DANVILLE COMMUNITY FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,186,687.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has made available \$857,190 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$284,497 in HOME Partnership Program (HOME) Entitlement funds to be used for projects to improve the Danville community; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that an aggregated amount of \$10,000 in CDBG program income and \$35,000 in HOME program income will be generated during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 from the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Entitlement funds which will be used to improve the Danville Community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the estimated/anticipated revenues and appropriation of funds to finance the Budget of the Community Development Block and HOME Partnership Program are hereby, as follows:

**CDBG/HOME FUND  
ESTIMATED/ANTICIPATED REVENUES**

| <u>Description</u>   |        | <u>Account No.</u> | <u>Amount</u>      |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Federal Aid-CDBG:    | FY2025 | 61979000-48025     | \$857,190          |
| Federal Aid-HOME:    | FY2025 | 61969000-48030     | \$284,497          |
| CDBG Program Income: | FY2025 | 61979000-44381     | \$ 10,000          |
| HOME Program Income: | FY2025 | 61969000-44361     | \$ 35,000          |
|                      |        | TOTAL:             | <u>\$1,186,687</u> |

**ESTIMATED/ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES**

| <u>Description</u>            | <u>Account No.</u> | <u>Amount</u>    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| H & D ADMIN                   | FY2025             |                  |
| Salaries & Wages              | 61970000-51100     | \$112,133        |
| FICA                          | 61970000-51450     | \$9,610          |
| Retirement                    | 61970000-51525     | \$6,410          |
| Group Hospital                | 61970000-51600     | \$12,815         |
| Group Life Insurance          | 61970000-51630     | \$1,600          |
| HSA Contribution Expense      | 61970000-51632     | \$1,603          |
| Maintenance Service Contracts | 61970000-52225     | \$1,600          |
| Advertising                   | 61970000-52275     | \$2,200          |
| Outside Services              | 61970000-52349     | \$1,000          |
| Vehicles                      | 61970000-52550     | \$4,000          |
| Print Shop                    | 61970000-52650     | \$800            |
| PS – Office Supplies          | 61970000-52655     | \$480            |
| Postal Service                | 61970000-54050     | \$500            |
| Telephone/Internet            | 61970000-54150     | \$350            |
| General Liability Insurance   | 61970000-54650     | \$640            |
| Travel/ Training              | 61970000-54900     | \$2,200          |
| Bank Charges                  | 61970000-56250     | \$400            |
| Materials & Supplies          | 61970000-55930     | \$349            |
| Dues/Membership               | 61970000-56242     | \$1,500          |
|                               | TOTAL:             | <u>\$160,190</u> |
| CDBG REHAB ADMIN:             | FY2025             |                  |
| Salaries & Wages              | 61971000-51100     | \$205,000        |
| FICA                          | 61971000-51450     | \$15,000         |
| Retirement                    | 61971000-51525     | \$10,000         |
| Group Hospital                | 61971000-51600     | \$20,000         |
| Group Life Insurance          | 61971000-51630     | \$2,500          |
| HAS Contribution Expense      | 61971000-51632     | \$2,500          |
| Legal Services                | 61971000-52170     | \$500            |
| Maintenance Service Contracts | 61971000-52225     | \$7,000          |
| AVL Service Contracts         | 61971000-52226     | \$500            |
| Vehicles Radio                | 61971000-52500     | \$5,000          |
| Vehicles                      | 61971000-52550     | \$12,000         |
| Print Shop - Supplies         | 61971000-52655     | \$2,500          |
| Postal Service                | 61971000-54050     | \$500            |
| Telephone                     | 61971000-54100     | \$1,500          |
| General Liability Insurance   | 61971000-54650     | \$500            |
|                               | TOTAL:             | <u>\$285,000</u> |

REHABILITATION: FY2025

|                             |             |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| CDBG Housing Rehab Projects | 61972999-50 | \$234,000        |
|                             | TOTAL:      | <u>\$234,000</u> |

FAIR HOUSING FY2025

|                    |             |                 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Fair Housing Admin | 61973999-50 | \$10,000        |
|                    | TOTAL:      | <u>\$10,000</u> |

PARKS AND RECREATION FY2025

|                |             |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| PRT Facilities | 61974999-50 | \$50,000        |
|                | TOTAL:      | <u>\$50,000</u> |

PUBLIC SERVICE  
ACTIVITIES (PSA): FY2025

|                               |                |                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Head Start/CIC                | 61975068-55005 | \$37,000         |
| College Bound                 | 61975069-55005 | \$10,000         |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters      | 61975122-55005 | \$11,000         |
| Neighbors Helping Neighbors   | 61975125-55005 | \$14,000         |
| Legal Aid                     | 61975415-55005 | \$18,000         |
| Temporary Shelter             | 61975135-55005 | \$14,000         |
| Danville Speech and Hearing   | 61975136-55005 | \$3,000          |
| House of Hope                 | 61975417-55005 | \$16,000         |
| Church and Community Tutorial | 61975418-55005 | \$5,000          |
|                               | TOTAL:         | <u>\$128,000</u> |

HOME ADMIN FY2025

|                          |                |                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries & Wages         | 61976000-51100 | \$23,000        |
| FICA                     | 61976000-51450 | \$2,500         |
| Retirement               | 61976000-51525 | \$1,500         |
| Group Hospital           | 61976000-51600 | \$2,500         |
| Group Life Insurance     | 61976000-51630 | \$1,000         |
| HSA Contribution Expense | 61976000-51632 | \$500           |
|                          | TOTAL:         | <u>\$31,000</u> |

HOME REHABILITATION: FY2025

|                             |             |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| HOME Housing Rehab Projects | 61977999-50 | \$245,823        |
|                             | TOTAL:      | <u>\$245,823</u> |

HOME CHDO/HABITAT  
FOR HUMANITY FY2025

|                                          |             |                    |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| CHDO Set Aside Rehab of Private Property | 61978999-50 | \$42,674           |
|                                          | TOTAL       | <u>\$42,674</u>    |
|                                          | GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$1,186,687</u> |

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a flexible budget is hereby authorized whereby appropriations may be increased to the extent that actual revenues from Interest and Program Incomes exceed the original budget amount;

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriations Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

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Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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City Attorney