

July 1, 2025

The First July meeting of the Danville City Council was held on July 1, 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, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Absent: Barry Mayo (1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken 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

Council Member Dr. Gary Miller gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 3, 2025.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing Leverage Program

Ordinance No. 2025-06.15, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing Leverage Program Grant in the Amount of \$30,000, and to Provide for the Local Share in the Amount of \$60,000 for a total grant of \$90,000 and Appropriating the same.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY DANVILLE VENTURES, LLC TO REZONE PARCEL 55063 (WEST MAIN STREET)

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning Parcel 55063. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Evan Calhoun with WT Group, the civil engineering firm for this project, who introduced himself to Council and made himself available for any questions. No one further desired to be heard, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07.01

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL TO CONDITIONAL HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL PARCEL ID #55063 (WEST MAIN STREET).

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FILED BY LATASHA FITZGERALD TO ALLOW A DAYCARE CENTER AT PARCEL 52203 (2420 NORTH MAIN STREET)

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 2420 North Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized the applicant, Latasha Fitzgerald, 2420 North Main Street. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07.02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25-00262 FILED BY LATASHA FITZGERALD REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER AT PARCEL #52203 (2420 NORTH MAIN STREET) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M SECTION C ITEM 6.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY CEDARBROOK PARTNERS, LLC TO REZONE PARCEL 59803 (439 CEDARBROOK DRIVE)

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Request to Rezone 439 Cedarbrook Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Brent Cochran, Roanoke, VA, appearing on behalf of Cedarbrook Partners, who was available for questions. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07.03

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM TO-C TRANSITIONAL OFFICE COMMERCIAL TO M-R MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PARCEL ID #59803 (439 CEDARBROOK DRIVE).

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PLAN

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Request for Approval of the City's Environmental Stewardship Plan. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 17, 2025, and June 24, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING A CITY OF DANVILLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PLAN, DATED JUNE 2025.

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

Council Member Campbell asked the City Manager to explain to the public what this consists of. Division Director of Planning, Renee Burton, explained the Environmental Stewardship Plan was a plan created between a partnership with the City of Danville and George Mason University, as well as task force members comprised of citizens of Danville and business owners. It sets a ground base level of the City's emission levels for CO₂ and other emissions that have not been studied prior. It will help in the future to determine their growth and if they were doing it in a sustainable manner. Ms. Burton noted it will help drive some of the exchanges they will have throughout the zoning code update as well as some at the open house on July 17th; these topics will be discussed at those meetings.

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

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

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CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING THE CITY OF DANVILLE AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE

Mayor Jones recognized Jessica Smith, Horticulturist for the City of Danville, who spoke about the initiative of the City of Danville becoming a Bee City. Ms. Smith introduces Lisa Wintrode with the Danville Garden Club who approached Public Works about this initiative. Ms. Smith noted she was able to work with these organizations and thanked the Garden Club of Danville, Danville Master Gardeners, Gabriella Garden Club, Dan River Basin Association, Danville Outdoors and the Parks and Recreation Department. Special thanks to Ms. Wintrode, Brenda Rowland, Dana and Barry Regan, Chris Devigaro, Maggie Wiles and Sonja Wolen for their commitment to the initiative.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07.02

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF DANVILLE TO BE DESIGNATED AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACT AS THE LEAD SPONSOR.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GAS FUND TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COLEMAN SITE PROJECT.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY TRANSFERRING \$3,000,000 FROM THE GAS FUND TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COLEMAN SITE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Debra Smith, 442 Main Street, who passed out handouts to the Council regarding a parking proposal for residents in the Dudley building. This includes partnering with Pivot to come up with a system or app to keep residents from getting tickets for simply living in their homes.

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th .

Council Member Vogler noted the 4th of July was this Friday and there were a lot of things going on in the City including a dog in the park event this Thursday, July 3rd at Coates Bark Park. There will be a big fireworks show at the Otterbots stadium on July 3rd, and the City will have its annual fireworks show on Friday, July 4. Mr. Vogler noted the summer addition of *Our Town* magazine was out and that Tyrell Payne was on the cover. Mr. Vogler presented Mr. Payne with an enlarged version of the cover of the magazine.

Vice Mayor Buckner reminded citizens about the Danville 4th of July celebrations and to check out playdanvilleva.com for everything happening around Danville this weekend.

Council Member Miller gave a shout out to Julie Brown who was at the Institute for 16 years and now at Averett University. Dr. Miller spoke about visiting the parks and splash pads around Danville this week and noted some of the individuals had come from Roanoke, Stuart, Martinsville, and other local areas around Danville. Dr. Miller wished a Happy 4th of July to everyone.

Mayor Jones reminded people to have some fun on the 4th of July.

The meeting was Adjourned at: 7:29 pm.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK