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The Regular September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 2, 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: James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry Mayo, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Absent: J. Lee Vogler, Jr. (1).

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation: National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week
Presented to: Dr. Jessalyn Peterkin and Dr. Antonio Hairston

No one present to accept the Proclamation.

Proclamation: Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Presented to: Ashley Banegas

Ms. Banegas thanked Council for the recognition of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month. *Stay in the Game* was working within the community with local partners to spread awareness of early detection and treatment in the City of Danville. Mayor Jones shared his personal health experience, and the importance of prescreening and early detection. *Stay in the Game* will have an event on Saturday, September 13 at Loyal Baptist Church from 9 am to 11 am with a Bingo Brunch.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Budget Items on the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 26, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Campbell **moved** for adoption of the following Consent Agenda items:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on August 5, 2025.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant and Loan from the Virginia Department of Health

Ordinance No. 2025-08.05, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Virginia Department of Health \$2,604,620 Grant and \$1,596,380 Loan for a Total Amount of \$4,201,000 to Assist with the City's Water Main Replacement Projects and Appropriating the Same.

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Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Ordinance No. 2025-08.06, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) \$10,052,738 Grant to Assist with the City's Natural Gas Main Replacement Projects and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Ordinance No. 2025-08.07, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development – Industrial Revitalization Fund in the Amount of \$2,000,000 and to Provide for the Local Share in the Amount of \$3,020,310 for a Total of \$5,020,310 and Appropriating the Same.

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 Whittle
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Vogler (1)

APPOINTMENTS

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

Resolution No. 2025-09.01 - A Resolution Appointing Krystal Farmer to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.

Resolution No. 2025-09.02 - A Resolution Appointing Fred Shanks to the Danville Utility Commission.

Resolution No. 2025-09.03 - A Resolution Temporarily Appointing Gary P. Miller, as a Voting Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

Resolution No. 2025-09.04 - A Resolution Temporarily Appointing Alonzo L. Jones as an Alternate Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FILED BY PIYUSH PATEL AND KAVITA SHAH TO ALLOW A PRIVATE POST OFFICE AND DELIVERY SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT AT 3308 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 3308 Riverside Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 19, 2025 and August 26, 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. 2025-09.01

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00368 FILED BY PIYUSH PATEL AND KAVITA SHAH REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A PRIVATE POST OFFICE AND DELIVERY SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT AT PARCEL #55466 (3308 RIVERSIDE DRIVE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.N SECTION C ITEM 14.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY HYLTON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LLC TO REZONE 212 INGRAM ROAD

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Rezoning Application at 212 Ingram Road. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 19, 2025 and August 26, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Bob Echols from Wilkins and Company Realtors, representing Southside Mechanical Services who was in the process of purchasing this property to move their operations. This was once a school; the classrooms will be used as office space and also on the property was a gymnasium which will be a workplace or storage. There will not be any noise and air pollution on this property. 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. 2025-09.02

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM S-R SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO "CONDITIONAL" HR-C, HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL PARCEL ID 72270 (212 INGRAM ROAD).

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

VOTE: 8-0-1

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

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FILED BY RIVERMONT SCHOOLS TO ALLOW A SCHOOL AT 301 LOWES DRIVE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 301 Lowes Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 19, 2025, and August 26, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Dr. Tia Hairston, the principal of Rivermont Schools, along with their Regional Vice President and Assistant Principal, who spoke about Rivermont School and the need for growth within the community. 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. 2025-09.03

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00373 FILED BY RIVERMONT SCHOOLS REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL TO OPERATE AT PARCEL 72415 (301 LOWES DRIVE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M SECTION C ITEM 15.

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 Whittle
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Vogler (1)

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE CASWELL COUNTY WATER AGREEMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.05

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #7 OF THE CASWELL COUNTY WATER AGREEMENT TO REFLECT NEW TERMS AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

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

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

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING RESOLUTIONS FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1. Fiscal Year 2027 VDOT Revenue Sharing Applications

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ENDORSING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REVENUE SHARING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OF SEVERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

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

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

2. Fiscal Year 2027 VDOT Transportation Alternative Program Applications

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ENDORSING FISCAL YEAR 2027 VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OF SEVERAL PROJECTS.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFERRING PROJECT ADMINISTRATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ENDORSING SWITCHING TWO APPROVED PROJECTS FROM LOCALLY ADMINISTERED TO VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTERED.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF 6.87 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ALONG MEMORIAL DRIVE AND ALONG THE DAN RIVER TO THE CITY OF DANVILLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.09

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 6.87 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ALONG MEMORIAL DRIVE AND ALONG THE DAN RIVER TO THE CITY OF DANVILLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR AN AIRPORT MAINTENANCE GRANT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE GRANT FUNDS RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN AIRPORT PROPERTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$142,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR AN AVIATION PROMOTION GRANT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.05

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO PROMOTE AVIATION AWARENESS AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF GRANTS FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 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 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Campbell and **second** by Council Member Whittle, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING CERTAIN REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE III-B GRANT FUNDS AND LOCAL SHARE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS TO FUND AN AVIATION TRAINING FACILITY PROJECT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT AN AVIATION TRAINING FACILITY BUILDING AND HANGAR AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,390,859 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,020 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$7,603,879 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

Council Member Saunders asked Director of Transportation, Marc Adelman to explain how Danville received this grant. Mr. Adelman explained about three years ago DCC and Averett University sought state funding to establish an aviation maintenance training program. They secured start-up of almost \$2M and since then, a director and a program manager have been hired. Last year the City received an ADA grant for over \$4M; that was to help construct a building to support DCC and Averett and also allow for a hangar to be renovated so that DCC can use a hangar that Averett was currently using for aviation maintenance training. Averett University will be moving from their flight center building that was located adjacent to the terminal building into this building which will offer more classroom space to take on additional students. Mr. Adelman noted he believed they were planning on growing from 150 to 200 students. This was an exciting

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opportunity. This was the only other public aviation maintenance program in the State of Virginia, it was housed in very cramped quarters, they were looking at being state of the art, and the possibility of supporting other regional community colleges in the area so that their students might complete either online or in person classes at this school.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

No one signed up to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

City Manager Ken Larking noted a lot of different departments were mentioned and received several millions of dollars in grant funds, all for projects that were necessary for the City. Mr. Larking congratulated all the people who worked hard on getting those grants. Mr. Larking noted this weekend was the Three Sisters Marathon; the community needs to be aware that it will be disruptive, people will be running in the streets, the streets will be blocked and it will be inconvenient for people driving in Danville on Saturday. A press release will go out, the Police and Fire Departments were working closely on this and will maintain emergency access throughout the event. The Three Sisters Marathon was a Boston Qualifier Marathon, and they were expecting to see hundreds of runners for this race. This will be the first time they have tried to have a marathon in Danville, they will learn from this one and will get better next time.

Council Member Campbell noted the importance of screening for cancer, and was happy to hear about what the Airport was doing with DCC and Averett. Danville was full of opportunity; and he was happy to see how Danville was moving forward.

Council Member Hood noted the *Stay in the Game* event was on Saturday, September 13, stated the importance of pushing awareness of prostate cancer and asked that men schedule their checkups. Mr. Hood congratulated Council Member Campbell on the addition of his new son-in-law and wished his granddaughter, Nayla, a very happy birthday.

Council Member Mayo thanked everyone for coming out tonight and noted the importance of screening for Prostate cancer. Mr. Mayo noted the Three Sisters Marathon was a big event for Danville, and in November there will be a Job and Resource Fair, with more information to come as details are finalized. Mr. Mayo congratulated Council Member Campbell on his daughter's marriage.

Council Member Miller commented on the marathon this coming weekend, and recognized Tommy Bennett and Reverend Keen for coming tonight. Dr. Miller noted the Department of Education announced results of spring testing; Danville moved up considerably, and congratulations to the School Board, teachers, and everyone who worked in the school system.

Council Member Saunders recognized Beth Ann Chaney and stated she has experience working through insurance and healthcare to help people receive services they need. Mr. Saunders questioned the City Manager on VML possibly coming to Danville, and gave a special thanks to the City Attorney and City Clerk for the work they do, as well as the 1,100 city workers for keeping the City running smoothly. Mr. Saunders spoke about public safety and the great job that they do; Danville was a wonderful city with a lot happening and going on.

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Council Member Whittle commented on a national news announcement on C-SPAN where the Secretary of the Navy spoke about the programs going on in Danville at the Institute. Mr. Whittle noted the Three Sisters Marathon was a Boston qualifier and how great that will be to watch.

Vice Mayor Buckner talked about the Three Sisters Marathon, the events happening this weekend associated with the marathon, stating more information can be found at www.threesistersmarathon.com including events on Friday night. Mr. Buckner invited everyone to the community prayer meeting for Council Member Lee Vogler at Compassion Church, Saturday, September 6; doors open at 2:30 pm and the prayer service starts at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Jones commented on the marathon events, Council Member Hood's granddaughter's birthday, Council Member Campbell daughter's wedding and recognized Tommy Bennett. Mayor Jones reminded men of the importance of being screened for prostate cancer and commented on Danville Public Schools and the exciting events that are happening in the school system. Mayor Jones thanked everyone that came out tonight for the meeting and asked everyone to continue to pray for Council Member Vogler and his family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK