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The Regular November meeting of the Danville City Council was held on November 6, 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, Barry Mayo, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr. and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Absent: Mayor Alonzo L. Jones (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 Saunders gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Annual Report
Presented by: Pamela Saunders and Jim Bebeau

Ms. Patricia Saunders, a member of the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board of Directors, presented the annual report for Fiscal Year 2025. This year's theme was, *Your Path, Your Pace, Our Commitment*. Ms. Saunders noted the report contains stories of the journeys of individuals who receive services, with DPCS as their provider. Ms. Saunders reviewed several of the stories contained in the report (copies were provided to Council Members and Staff), of substance use, severe mental health symptoms, incarcerations and hospitalizations. The individuals' stories show others their hope through treatment and wanting to change their path; DPCS was there and committed to helping. Ms. Saunders stated DPCS operates nearly fifty unique programs that align the adults and children served across the behavioral health, developmental disability and prevention services divisions. In the past year, their commitment to 4,689 individuals through more than 147,000 distinct units of service within clinical treatment programs, has left many footprints in recovery and wellness journeys. DPCS employees' work has always been to meet people where they were, on their path, matching their pace and not leaving them where they were found. DPCS Health Care and Prevention Services, providing for those with mental health, substance abuse or developmental disabilities, was meaningful and unmatched. Ms. Saunders noted on behalf of the Agency staff and board, they invite Council to explore the annual report in detail to learn more about the transformational work they have accomplished. Mr. Bebeau noted they appreciated Council's support as they continue to support all the residents of the City and County. Council thanked Mr. Bebeau for all that he does.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Buckner 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 October 30, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Victim Witness Grant Program.

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An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.07, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the State for a Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$189,205, with a Local Match \$1,275 for a total of \$190,480 and Appropriating Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.08, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in an Amount of \$150,000 to the Danville 9-1-1 Emergency Services Communication Center for a Total Appropriation in the Amount of \$150,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for One Southern Virginia Program Grant from the Virginia Tobacco Regional Revitalization Commission.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.09, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for One Southern Virginia Program Grant #4275 in the Amount of \$2,333,095 from the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide Funding to the Danville Lifesaving Crew.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.10, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide Funding from Unassigned General Fund Balance to Provide Additional Funding to the Danville Life Saving Crew in the Amount of \$500,000 and Appropriating Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Anticipating the Proceeds from the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.11, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Anticipating the Proceeds from the Issuance of Bonds and Appropriating Same for Anticipated Expenditures.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Department of Criminal Justice School Resource Officer Grant.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2025-10.12, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department Criminal Justice Services – Fiscal Year 2026 School Resource Officer Grant Program in the Amount of \$103,415 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$32,855 for a Total Appropriation of \$136,270 and Appropriating Same.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Mayo, Miller,
Saunders, Vogler, and Whittle (8)

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NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Jones (1)

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY WAYNE BOHL, JR., TO REZONE PARCEL 59744 (WOODSIDE DRIVE).

Vice Mayor Buckner opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning Parcel 59744. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 23, 2025, and October 30, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11.01

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM A-R ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL TO HR- C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL PARCEL ID #59744 (WOODSIDE DRIVE).

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY ANA ORTEGA-CORDOVA TO REZONE 453 PARKER ROAD

Vice Mayor Buckner opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning 453 Parker Road. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 23, 2025, and October 30, 2025.

Vice Mayor Buckner recognized Helen McKenzie, the realtor who sold the applicants the property, and was here to answer any questions. No one further desired to be heard, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11.02

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM PS-C PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL TO S-R SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL PARCEL ID #73198 (453 PARKER ROAD)

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

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

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ABSENT: Jones (1)

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION REQUESTED BY DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES TO WAIVE YARD REQUIREMENTS AT 366 PINEY FOREST ROAD

Vice Mayor Buckner opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Waiver of Yard Requirements at 366 Piney Forest Road. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 23, 2025, and October 30, 2025.

Vice Mayor Buckner recognized Dodie Hudson, Project Manager for Dewberry, John White, Architect with Dewberry and Jim Bebeau, Executive Director of Danville Pittsylvania Community Services. Mr. White noted they were there to answer any questions.

Mr. Whittle questioned the yard requirement and Mr. White explained DPCS seeks to construct an addition to their facility at 366 Piney Forest Road in order to separate the child and adult services; they currently do not have the space to do that. The only feasible location for this addition requires them to encroach on the current front yard and side yard setback. They were here to ask for a waiver of the setback. 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. 2025-11.03

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00471 FILED BY DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES, TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF SIDE YARD REQUIREMENTS AT PARCEL #50415 (366 PINEY FOREST ROAD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M SECTION C ITEM 21

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A REZONING APPLICATION FILED BY DARRYL AND GWENDOLYN AVERETT TO REZONE PARCELS 76487 AND 76488 (SOUTH BOSTON ROAD).

Vice Mayor Buckner opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning Application for Parcels 76487 and 76488. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on October 23, 2025, and October 30, 2025.

Vice Mayor Buckner recognized Gwendolyn and Darryl Averett, residents of Ringgold. Ms. Averett noted she was the owner and operator of Little Prince and Princess Childcare Learning Center, currently a state licensed, home based childcare service. Ms. Averett noted she was interested in purchasing the property located at 76587 and 76488 Halifax Road to locate her childcare center.

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Vice Mayor Buckner recognized Brenton Kyles, who stated he owned the house adjacent to the property the Averetts were purchasing, and noted several of his neighbors were with him. He presented a petition signed by twenty-four people who were opposed to the rezoning. Mr. Kyles noted his opposition to the rezoning citing increased traffic to the neighborhood. 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. 2025-11.04

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM S-R SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO “CONDITIONAL” TO-CC TRANSITIONAL OFFICE COMMERCIAL PARCEL IDS #76487 AND #76488 (SOUTH BOSTON ROAD)

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

Council Member Vogler asked Director of Planning Renee Burton to review how this went through the Planning Commission, and Ms. Burton noted the Planning Commission members voted 4-0, that was everyone that was present, to approve this conditional rezoning.

Rev Campbell questioned if there was a consensus of the community within the 300’ surrounding area, how many houses was that and was it a majority. Ms. Burton noted they sent out fifty-one notices and received five responses of opposition and ten unopposed. Rev Campbell noted the people here tonight had a petition and questioned Mr. Kyles how many signatures were on his petition; Mr. Kyles noted twenty-four.

City Manager Ken Larking stated the City does not always get a 100% response rate from people from the notices that were sent out to adjoining property owners, so it may not line up exactly with what was being seen in Chambers tonight. Likely the residents did not respond initially but have since responded.

Council Member Mayo noted there was always a need for childcare and this was something that was going to help working families.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT FUNDING
APPROPRIATION**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11.05

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,999 AND A LOCAL SHARE OF \$39,830, FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$126,829, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND OUTREACH DETENTION PROGRAMS, ONLINE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, AND PRO- SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE AT THE W. W. MOORE JR. DETENTION HOME 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 Deputy City Manager or City Clerk.

City Manager Ken Larking welcomed Michael Adkins as the Assistant City Manager; he has been with the City for twenty years, starting as the Assistant Finance Director, was promoted to Finance Director and most recently promoted to the Assistant City Manager. He will be overseeing the Finance Department, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Budget Office. Mr. Adkins noted his appreciation for the opportunity; the past twenty years have been the most fulfilling, and he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the team.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted continued thoughts and prayers to Mayor Jones and his family.

Council Member Mayo asked everyone to keep Mayor Jones and his family in their prayers. Mr. Mayo noted November 13th was the Job and Resource Fair at the Community Market from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be over eighty-seven vendors and 450 jobs available; this fair not only has jobs available but resources in the community.

Council Member Miller welcomed Mr. Adkins, remembered the Mayor in his loss and noted his prayers were with him. Dr. Miller noted the election was a tough one, and thanked everyone that voted for him and Council Member Whittle; he was thankful for all their support.

Council Member Saunders noted his thoughts were with Mayor Jones and his family during this time of loss, and congratulated Mr. Whittle and Dr. Miller for offering to serve the citizens of the State. Mr. Saunders asked Officer Kayla Robinson to approach the podium, recounted Officer Robinson's line of duty incident, and thanked her for her service. Officer Robinson thanked Council for their support. Mr. Saunders congratulated Mr. Adkins and encouraged citizens to pray for the country and pray for each other.

Council Member Vogler thanked God, he would not be here without Him, sent his thoughts to Mayor Jones and his family, and noted his congratulations to Council Member Whittle on his win, and strong showing by Dr. Miller as well. Mr. Vogler thanked the citizens of Danville who continued to pray for him and his family

Council Member Whittle noted his prayers go out to Mayor Jones and his family, stated Dr. Miller ran a great campaign, and noted Vice Mayor Buckner did a great job tonight.

Council Member Campbell noted their prayers went out to Mayor Jones and his family, stated his congratulations to Mr. Whittle and thanked Dr. Miller for his campaign; they were proud of both of them. Rev Campbell noted they had a great council and staff.

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Council Member Hood noted his prayers go out to Mayor Jones and his family. Youth models from Kazelle and Co., walked in a Los Angeles fashion show a few weeks ago. The work Ms. Cunningham does with the youth, to get them to California so they could see and experience different things was awesome. Mr. Hood noted one of the young girls who modeled was also on the girl's flag football team that traveled to Washington DC for the NFL Washington Commanders Regional Flag Football Tournament. Mr. Hood stated his congratulations to Delegate Elect Whittle on a great run, noted Dr. Miller ran a great campaign, and congratulated Mr. Adkins. Mr. Hood reminded citizens the Veterans' Day Parade was Sunday.

Vice Mayor Buckner noted his condolences to Mayor Jones and his family, and recognized Dr. Miller and Mr. Whittle for great campaigns; both have big hearts to serve this region and look forward to seeing what both do next. Mr. Buckner noted the Brightleaf Brewfest was this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Market; this was its 18th year. Mr. Buckner noted he attended the opening of DCC's Diesel Mechanic Program; they were doing great work out there, and noted his congratulations to Jack Thompson, the new Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Danville.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK