



DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

PRESIDING: Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor

**CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS:** James B. Buckner, Vice Mayor
L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr.
Bryant Hood
Barry P. Mayo

Dr. Gary P. Miller
Sherman M. Saunders
J. Lee Vogler, Jr.,

STAFF: Ken F. Larking, City Manager
Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., Deputy City Manager

W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney
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 - JAMES B. BUCKNER

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.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025.

B. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant.

Council Letter Number CL - 2482.

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Anticipate Grant Funds from the Virginia Department of Forestry for Virginia Trees for Clean Water in the Amount of \$100,000 and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

C. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority to Fund Activities Associated with the Treatment Court.

Council Letter Number CL - 2490.

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Individual Distribution and the Gold Standard Incentive Program in the Amount of \$74,069 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$17,673.73 for a Total Appropriation of \$91,742.73 and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

APPOINTMENTS

A. Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Letter Number CL - 2538.

1. A Resolution Reappointing Sherman M. Saunders as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.
2. A Resolution Reappointing J. Lee Vogler, Jr., as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.
3. A Resolution Reappointing Gary P. Miller as an Alternate Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of General Fund Financials as of December 31, 2025.

Council Letter Number CL - 2493.

Review of General Fund Financials as of December 31, 2025. Financial Statements are included.

B. Consideration of a Mass Transit Fee Ordinance Revision.

Council Letter Number CL - 2494.

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending and Increasing Fees for the Danville Transit System Effective February 2, 2026.

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 - 2527

CONSENT AGENDA
A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Approval of Meeting Minutes.

From: Susan DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025.

Attachments

1. Meeting Minutes
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December 16, 2025

The Second December meeting of the Danville City Council was held on December 16, 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 Mayo, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken F. Larking, Assistant City Manager/CFO Michael A. Adkins, Assistant City Manager Briana Evans, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi. Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds Jr., was absent.

Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Presentation: Dan River Region Out-of-School Time (OST) Network
Presented by: Cathy Gore, President/CEO
United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County

Cathy Gore, President/CEO of the United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County, introduced a new initiative to help create a strong unified voice for out of school programming that extends beyond the typical school day. Ms. Gore reviewed a case study that showed how this network will increase information sharing and cooperation for defined activities in projects. Council was invited to a breakfast on January 8, 2026 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at Averett's North Danville campus, to meet members of the network and learn first-hand the importance of this initiative.

Presentation: School Accreditation and Performance Rating Report
Presented by: Dr. Angela Hairston

Mayor Jones recognized Dr. Angela Hairston and members of the Danville School Board; School Board Chair Tyquan Graves gave opening remarks. Dr. Hairston presented the status of accreditation and performance rating of the schools within the City of Danville, noting all schools in the City have been deemed fully accredited by the state, with eight of those schools on track to be distinguished. There were also several schools on the Region 6 leaderboard for growth, mastery, and attendance. Council was thanked for their support, partnership, and belief that the work in the system was moving forward. Dr. Hairston introduced members of staff and the principals of each school, and Council congratulated Dr. Hairston and all staff for being dedicated to turning the school system around. Council Members presented school principals with City Seal pins and Mayor Jones presented Dr. Hairston with a brochure created for her, and a framed picture. Mayor Jones also presented Keys to the City to Dr. Hairston and City Manager, Ken Larking, for their tireless work on behalf of the Schools and the City of Danville.

Mayor Jones gave a brief "State of Danville" address, highlighting awards the City has received, including the thirty-three awards the City won in 2025. Mayor Jones thanked the residents of the City for believing in Danville's future, and the City employees for their creativity and commitment to help build a stronger, safer, more hopeful City each day.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Buckner and second by Council Member Mayo, Minutes from the November 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of General Fund Financials as of November 30, 2025

Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Michael Adkins reviewed the General Fund financials as of November 30, 2025, five months into the fiscal year or 42% of the fiscal year complete. Total revenues were \$57.7M or 31% of budget, which was about the same as last year. Property taxes went out in November and were due December 5; through the end of business today, the City had collected just over 50% of real estate taxes, where it should be at the end of December. Delinquent real estate collections continue to perform well with \$812,000 collected or 71% of budget. Personal property was at \$8.6M out of the \$17M budgeted or 50%. Sales tax was a little sluggish at \$5.4M or 38% of budget, about \$450,000 short; that gap should be tightened as holiday sales taxes come in around January or February. Mr. Adkins noted he was not too concerned, the City had other items that were over budget that would cover that shortfall if it persisted at the end of the year. Meals tax was \$5.7M or 41% of budget, and Lodging taxes were at \$1.7M or 47% of budget. Casino related taxes reached \$15.6M at the end of November or 44% of budget. Mr. Adkins noted as the City goes through the year, the percentage of collections on the net gaming revenue for the direct payment increases from 2.5% to 6%; there will be more collections as they head into the second half of the fiscal year, and believes the City will be \$5M over budget at the end of the fiscal year. Interest on investments was another area that was outperforming expectations; the City has collected \$1.4M in investment earnings out of a \$2.15M budget, which was 66% of budget at this point. State and federal income was right on track with budget with no concerns there.

Under General Fund Expenditures, Departmental Spending was currently at 38% which was trailing budget. Group health insurance was the only line item that a close watch was being held on; it was a bit ahead of budget at 46%. There were increased employee contributions that will start in January and should help to close that gap. The 2025 audit was substantially complete; there were a few items that need to be finished regarding the school system but no changes to the City financials they were aware of. Brown Edwards plans to be there on January 20 to formally present the audit report. As a reminder, at the end of the last fiscal year the fund balance was \$54M and the current policy requires a minimum of \$46M, so there was about an \$8M buffer as they entered Fiscal Year 26.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PLAN TO FINANCE CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE REVENUE NOTE BY THE IDA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.10

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING A PLAN TO FINANCE CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THROUGH THE

December 16, 2025

ISSUANCE OF A LEASE REVENUE NOTE BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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)

CONSIDERATION OF THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMERCIAL SUBLEASE WITH THE IDA FOR SUITE 201 OF THE DAN RIVER FALLS BUILDING

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.11

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA (OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM), AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMERCIAL SUBLEASE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, FOR A PORTION OF THE DAN RIVER FALLS BUILDING, 9,361 SQ. FT. OF UNIT 1 (SUITE 201), LOCATED AT 420 MEMORIAL DRIVE, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA 24541.

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 NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMERCIAL SUBLEASE WITH THE IDA FOR SUITE 101 AT THE DAN RIVER FALLS BUILDING

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.12

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA (DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION), AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMERCIAL SUBLEASE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, FOR A PORTION OF THE DAN RIVER FALLS BUILDING, 13,205 SQ. FT. OF UNIT 1 (SUITE 101), LOCATED AT 420 MEMORIAL DRIVE, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA 24541.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,

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NAY: Saunders, Vogler, and Whittle (9)
None (0)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mr. David Weslowski from Best Friends Animal Society addressed Council about data collected regarding the Danville Area Humane Society. Multiple offers of help have been given to the animal shelter; Council was asked to encourage the shelter officials to accept help.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communication from the Assistant City Managers, or City Clerk.

City Manager Ken Larking thanked the Mayor for the Key to the City and thanked Dr. Hairston for the kind words that were spoken in his honor.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Mayo congratulated Ken Larking and Dr. Angela Hairston on their teamwork and the success being shown. Mr. Mayo wished a Merry Christmas to everyone, to enjoy time with their families, and asked everyone to pray for the family of Reid Taylor.

Council Member Miller noted the Christmas parade was great and the crowd was outstanding. Dr. Miller spoke about the ribbon cutting at the Dog-Eared Page bookstore, with a great turnout for a local business, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Saunders noted tonight has been a great night; a citizen's highest honor was receiving a key to the city. To the City Manager and Dr. Hairston, thank you for all their hard work and dedication. Mr. Saunders stated he hoped everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas.

Council Member Vogler commented on the loss of Reid Taylor and to keep his family in everyone's thoughts and prayers. Mr. Vogler encouraged everyone to attend the Harry Johnson Holiday Classic at GW High School December 28, 29, and 30. The Ballou Park Christmas light show was still open from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm every night until December 23, and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Council Member Whittle wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice Mayor Buckner commented on the thirty-three awards won by the City in 2025 and thanked City employees for all their hard work. Mr. Buckner noted the newly renovated Langston campus looks magnificent, and thanked Council Member Madison Whittle for everything he has done for the citizens of Danville. Mr. Buckner wished every family, neighbor, and friend a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Council Member Campbell thanked Dr. Hairston and Danville Public Schools for all their hard work, and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Hood thanked the entire Danville Public School system for all that they do and continue to do, thanked the City Manager for everything he does and for keeping Council up to speed. Mr. Hood asked citizens to keep the family of Michael Boston in their thoughts and prayers, and thanked Wilkins and Co., for their coat drive collecting 1,100 coats for those in need.

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Mr. Hood stated The Virginia Board of Historical Resources has given final approval for a state historic highway marker recognizing the Hippodome Theater and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Jones announced that proceeds from "Wine Down Wednesday" at Two Witches Brewery from 5 pm to 9 pm will go to the Danville Boys and Girls Club. To the family of Reid Taylor, their thoughts and prayers were with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 2482

CONSENT AGENDA
B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant.

From: Rick Drazenovich, Director of Public Works

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Anticipate Grant Funds from the Virginia Department of Forestry for Virginia Trees for Clean Water in the Amount of \$100,000 and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) has awarded the City of Danville a Virginia Trees for Clean Water grant for planting trees and shrubs throughout the City. The funds are placed in a Special Grants Fund and are appropriated in the Citywide Tree Planting Program; the amount of the Fiscal Year 2026 grant is \$100,000. The grant requires a 50/50 match of which cash and in-kind services are eligible. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the 50/50 match has been appropriated for the adopted fiscal year 2026 Capital and Special Project Plan budget. The City has been awarded Virginia Trees for Clean Water grant funding by VDOF in prior years 2022 and 2024 for tree planting.

BACKGROUND

The Virginia Trees for Clean Water grant supports Public Work's Grow in Danville Initiative, which is focused on improving the management and long-term sustainability of the city's green spaces with tree planting as a central priority. As part of the fiscal year 2026 Citywide Tree Planting Program, Public Works will plant 349 trees and 19 shrubs in public areas throughout the City. The planting areas are organized into six district projects: Community Engagement, Residential Street Tree Program, Street Medians and Interchanges, City Buildings, Parks, and Schools. See below for a summary of each planting project:

1. **Community Engagement**

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of Danville's urban forestry efforts. Four community tree planting events will be held in parks and public areas, planting a total of 33 trees.

- **Ballou Park Reforestation Project (Fall 2025, April 2026):** Schoolfield Elementary's third grade class will plant ten native trees and participate in educational activities hosted by Danville Outdoor Partners and the local Forestry Department. A second public event will be held to plant five additional trees, again featuring educational stations led by Danville Outdoor Partners.
- **White Rock Park (March 2026):** Eight native trees will be planted during a public event to educate the White Rock community about the importance of trees.

- **Camp Grove (April 2026):** Eight trees will be installed by the Energy Afterschool Club and Camp Grove Recreation Therapeutics participants.
- **Old West End Community Food Forest (April 2026):** The City will partner with the Friends of the Old West End, Averett University Sustainability Club, Danville Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the Afterhours Rotary to establish a community Food Forest in the public greenspace between Green Street and Pine Street. The project will include 24 fruit and nut trees, 19 fruit shrubs, and a fenced area to protect smaller trees.

2. **Residential Street Tree Program**

The Residential Street Tree Program will provide up to 95 trees to Danville residents on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one tree per property. Trees will be planted in the public right-of-way along the streets at no cost to the resident. If planting in the right-of way is not feasible due to space limitations or utility conflicts, residents may opt to have the tree planted in their front yard, provided the resident agrees to acknowledge ownership and assume responsibility for long-term maintenance of the tree. The Public Works Department will assist in selecting an appropriate planting location, install the tree at no cost, and provide a maintenance plan as a reference.

3. **Street Medians and Interchanges**

To mitigate urban heat along key transportation corridors, 112 trees will be planted throughout the U.S. 58 East/South Boston Road corridor. This effort supports the city's broader environmental and beautification goals.

4. **City Buildings**

In collaboration with other city departments, ten trees will be planted in partnership with the Economic Development Office around the picnic area at the Danville Welcome Center. Additionally, the Danville Police Station will receive 17 trees (2 to replace those lost during the July 2023 tornado, and five to be planted along the rear parking lot).

5. **City Parks**

Based on data provided by the Green Infrastructure Center, several parks have been identified as suitable locations for tree planting. As part of this initiative, a total of 26 trees will be planted: six at Third Avenue Splash Pad, ten at Sandy Creek Park, and ten at Westmoreland Park.

6. **City Schools**

Half of Danville schools were identified to have 11% tree canopy or less. Through this project we will plant a total of 32 trees. In 2025, the city organized an interdepartmental project to conduct an Arbor Day event at all Danville schools. This project includes planting a tree at every Danville school for Arbor Day in 2026. In addition, eighteen trees will be planted at OT Bonner Middle, Schoolfield Elementary, and Activ8 Stem Academy to increase tree canopy to benefit the children attending Danville Public Schools.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve the attached Ordinance appropriating funds from the Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant for the purpose of planting trees and shrubs city-wide.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____.____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO ANTICIPATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY FOR VIRGINIA TREES FOR CLEAN WATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

WHEREAS the City of Danville applied for a Virginia Trees for Clean Water grant through the Virginia Department of Forestry to fund tree planting citywide; and

WHEREAS the City of Danville has received notification from the Virginia Department of Forestry has approved a grant in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be appropriated for use in Fiscal Year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and is hereby amended by using anticipated revenues from the Virginia Department of Forestry Virginia Trees for Clean Water grant in the amount of \$100,000 and such funds to be appropriated as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citywide Tree Planting Program	62014000-43630	\$100,000

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citywide Tree Planting Program	62014999-50	\$100,000

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

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 2490

CONSENT AGENDA
C.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

From: Aisha Gwynn, Grant Administrator

COUNCIL ACTION

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Individual Distribution and the Gold Standard Incentive Program in the Amount of \$74,069 and a Local Share in the Amount of \$17,673.73 for a Total Appropriation of \$91,742.73 and Appropriating Same.

Final Adoption

SUMMARY

The City of Danville applied for and received grant awards from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority: \$59,286.00 from the Individual Distribution Grant Award Program and \$14,783.00 from the Gold Standard Incentive Program. Combined with a local match share amount of \$17,673.73, the total award is \$91,742.73 to fund opioid abatement activities at the Danville Pittsylvania Treatment Court.

BACKGROUND

Danville Pittsylvania Treatment Court is a collaborative project between City of Danville, Pittsylvania County and Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services. Treatment Court is a diversion program providing treatment for opioid use disorders and substance-use disorder as an alternative to incarceration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve this Budget Appropriation Ordinance.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2025____.____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL DISTRIBUTION AND THE GOLD STANDARD INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,069 AND A LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,673.73 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$91,742.73 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Danville has been awarded a grant from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority – Individual Distribution and Gold Standard Incentive Program of \$74,069.00; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to fund an opioid abatement initiative, managed by Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services, called Treatment Court. Treatment Court is a diversion program that helps those suffering from opioid use and substance use addictions avoid incarceration by empowering individuals to achieve recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and the same is hereby, amended by increasing revenues from Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, Individual Distribution and Gold Standard Incentive Program of \$74,069, and Local Share from direct distributions of \$17,673.73 for a total amount of \$91,742.73 for the purposes of funding activities associated with Treatment Court, and appropriating the same within the Special Revenue Fund, such appropriations to be as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Opioid – Danville Pittsylvania Treatment Court Individual Distribution	62085000-43821	\$ 59,286.00
Gold Standard	62085000-43822	<u>14,783.00</u>
		74,069.00

Local Share		
Opioid Direct	62085000-43820	17,673.73
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 91,742.73</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Opioid – Danville Pittsylvania Treatment Court	62085999-50	\$ 91,742.73

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a transfer from the Special Revenue Fund revenue and appropriation in the Virginia Opioid Fund project is hereby authorized to cover the City of Danville's local share as follows:

TRANSFER FROM

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Virginia Opioid Fund Opioid Direct	61792000-43820	(\$ 17,673.73)
Project Expenditures	61792999-50	(\$ 17,673.73)

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this appropriation shall be a continuing appropriation and shall carry forward from year to year until expended for the purpose for which appropriated;

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 2538

APPOINTMENTS
A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

From: Susan DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

1. A Resolution Reappointing Sherman M. Saunders as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.
2. A Resolution Reappointing J. Lee Vogler, Jr., as a Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.
3. A Resolution Reappointing Gary P. Miller as an Alternate Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

Attachments

1. Appointment Resolutions
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING J. LEE VOGLER, JR., AS A VOTING
MEMBER OF THE DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY
AUTHORITY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that J. Lee
Vogler Jr., be, and he is hereby, reappointed as a voting member of the Danville-Pittsylvania
Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a Four Year Term commencing January 1, 2026 and
ending December 31, 2029.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHERMAN M. SAUNDERS AS A
VOTING MEMBER OF THE DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL
FACILITY AUTHORITY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that
Sherman M. Saunders, be, and he is hereby, reappointed as a voting member of the
Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a Four Year Term commencing
January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - ____ . ____

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GARY P. MILLER AS AN ALTERNATE
MEMBER OF THE DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY
AUTHORITY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Gary P. Miller, and he is hereby, reappointed as an alternate member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a Four Year Term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 2493

NEW BUSINESS
A.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Review of General Fund Financials as of December 31, 2025.

From: Michael Adkins, Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

Review of General Fund Financials as of December 31, 2025. Financial Statements are included.

Attachments

1. Financial Statements
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CITY OF DANVILLE

Department of Finance

To: Ken F. Larking, City Manager

From: Michael L. Adkins, Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Summary of Preliminary General Fund Financial Results for December 31, 2025

After completing the first half of the fiscal year, revenues are tracking well with budget and are ahead of the previous year. As of December 31, General Fund revenues were \$79,105,492. This represents 43% of the FY 2026 budget. Last year at this time, we collected \$70,896,185 or 42% of budget. The increase compared to the prior year is primarily due to growth in local taxes, along with an increase in Other Local Taxes driven by tourism-related revenue. Notable increases were seen in Meals Tax, Lodging Tax, and the Caesars direct payments.

The first installment of property tax bills was due December 5, and collections for this installment were right on target with budget. Through December 31, 51% of current real estate and personal property taxes were collected. Real estate tax collections increased \$2.6 million compared to the prior year, primarily reflecting higher assessments associated with economic growth. Delinquent real estate tax collections also continued to perform well, totaling \$881,871 through December, which represents 77% of the current-year budget. Overall, local tax collections through December 31 amounted to \$21,275,840, or 37% of budget—exceeding FY 2025 collections for the same period by \$1.5 million.

Regarding local taxes, sales tax collections through December amounted to \$6,463,304, or 46% of budget. Meals taxes collected for the first half of the fiscal year amounted to \$6,677,153 or 48% of budget, an increase of nearly \$342,000 from last year. Business Licenses realized at the end of December were \$948,562. Lodging taxes received as of December 31 were \$1,983,604 or 54% of budget, an increase of nearly \$202,000 over the prior year.

Expenditures through December 31 totaled \$117,809,737, or 60% of the budget, representing an overall increase of \$32.6 million compared to December 31, 2024. Departmental spending for the first half of the fiscal year amounted to \$50.7 million, or 47% of budget, an increase of \$4.5 million over the prior year. This increase is primarily driven by an increase in salaries and benefits, budgeted increases for motor vehicle purchases and timing differences related to payments for the police department debt service. The remaining overall increase is attributable to increases in non-departmental expenditures related to increased debt service as well as an increase in group

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health insurance, and an increase in Transfers to Capital Projects and Other Funds due to timing differences of when the transfers occurred in FY 2025 versus FY 2026.

Fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$38,704,245, which is typical for most of the fiscal year because revenue recognition does not align with expenditure timing. At this point, the General Fund is performing as expected relative to the current budget.

CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
GENERAL FUND REPORT
50% OF YEAR LAPSED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025
****PRE-CLOSING FIGURES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE - UNAUDITED****

	Budgets & Appropriations For Current Year	Actual Revenues & Expenditures For Year-to-Date	Percent Realized/Expended This Year	Encumbrances	Balance to be Realized/Expended	Actual Revenues & Expenditures At This Date Last Year
REVENUES:						
Property Taxes	\$ 48,213,680	\$ 24,342,421	50.49%		\$ 23,871,259	\$ 20,890,737
Other Local Taxes	57,397,800	21,275,840	37.07%		36,121,960	19,741,078
License Permits & Privilege Fees	606,510	221,150	36.46%		385,360	261,139
Fines & Forfeitures	526,660	204,202	38.77%		322,458	103,721
Revenue From Use Money & Property	2,597,860	2,200,674	84.71%		397,186	2,059,969
Charges For Services	3,498,770	1,723,929	49.27%		1,774,841	1,839,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,100	144,258	574.74%		(119,158)	141,887
Recovered Cost	11,226,151	5,389,499	48.01%		5,836,652	4,689,562
Intergovernmental	44,801,669	15,761,518	35.18%		29,040,151	13,375,093
Transfers From Utilities	15,684,000	7,842,000	50.00%		7,842,000	7,794,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 184,578,200	\$ 79,105,492	42.86%		\$ 105,472,708	\$ 70,896,185
EXPENDITURES:						
General Government Administration	\$ 18,030,991	\$ 9,071,813	50.31%	\$ 366,124	\$ 8,593,055	\$ 8,781,557
Judicial Administration	10,155,844	4,770,068	46.97%	57,887	5,327,889	4,492,984
Public Safety	48,763,964	23,057,581	47.28%	472,231	25,234,152	20,729,579
Public Works	6,561,373	2,826,378	43.08%	191,301	3,543,694	2,656,089
Health, Education, Welfare & Soc. Svc.	11,815,722	5,110,472	43.25%	58,931	6,646,319	3,915,063
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	7,993,432	3,362,273	42.06%	62,315	4,568,843	3,196,778
Community Development	5,618,597	2,537,104	45.16%	231,424	2,850,069	2,373,238
Non-Departmental	16,493,910	9,638,728	58.44%	-	6,855,182	7,809,763
Education	34,383,070	27,068,272	78.73%	-	7,314,798	29,949,259
Transfer to Capital Projects	26,155,960	25,897,662	99.01%	-	258,298	397,498
Transfer to Other Funds	10,414,190	4,469,385	42.92%	-	5,944,805	940,972
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 196,387,053	\$ 117,809,737	59.99%	\$ 1,440,213	\$ 77,137,104	\$ 85,242,779
Revenue over(under) Expenditures	-	\$ (38,704,245)				\$ (14,346,594)
FUND BALANCE:						
Beginning Fund Balance 07/01/2025		\$ 69,777,103				\$ 63,543,750
Revenue over(under) Expenditures		(38,704,245)				(14,346,594)
Ending Fund Balance 12/31/2025		\$ 31,072,858				\$ 49,197,156
Composition of Fund Balance:						
Reserved for Encumbrances/Designated Funds		\$ 5,901,670				\$ 9,329,117
Unassigned		25,171,188				39,868,037
TOTAL FUND BALANCE 12/31/2025		\$ 31,072,858				\$ 49,197,154

**CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPOSITION OF FUND BALANCE
PRELIMINARY - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Beginning Total Fund Balance, July 1, 2025	69,777,102.74
Add: General Fund Revenues	79,105,491.88
Deduct: General Fund Expenditures	<u>(117,809,736.50)</u>
Ending Total Fund Balance, June 30, 2026	<u><u>31,072,858.12</u></u>

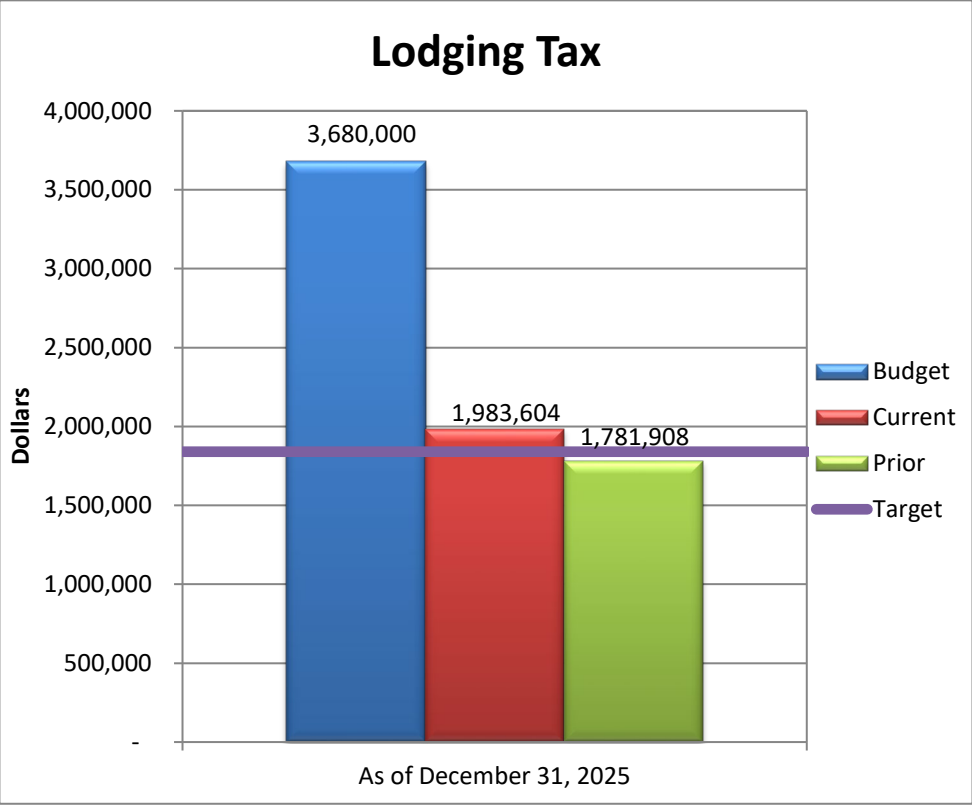
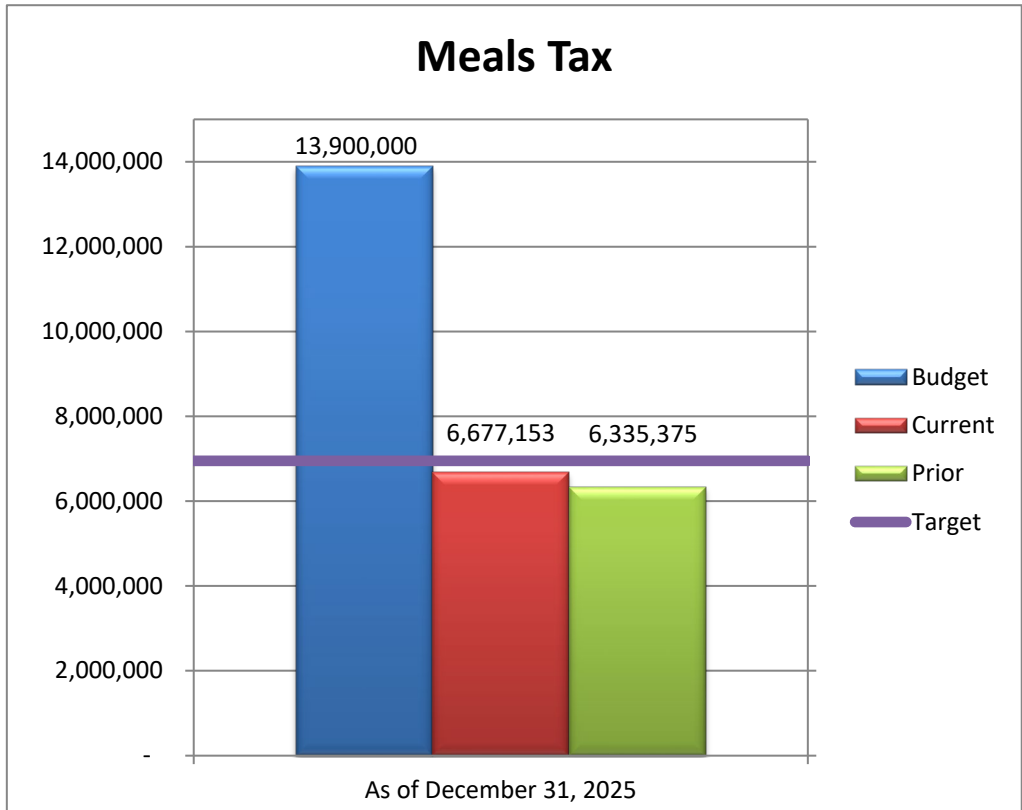
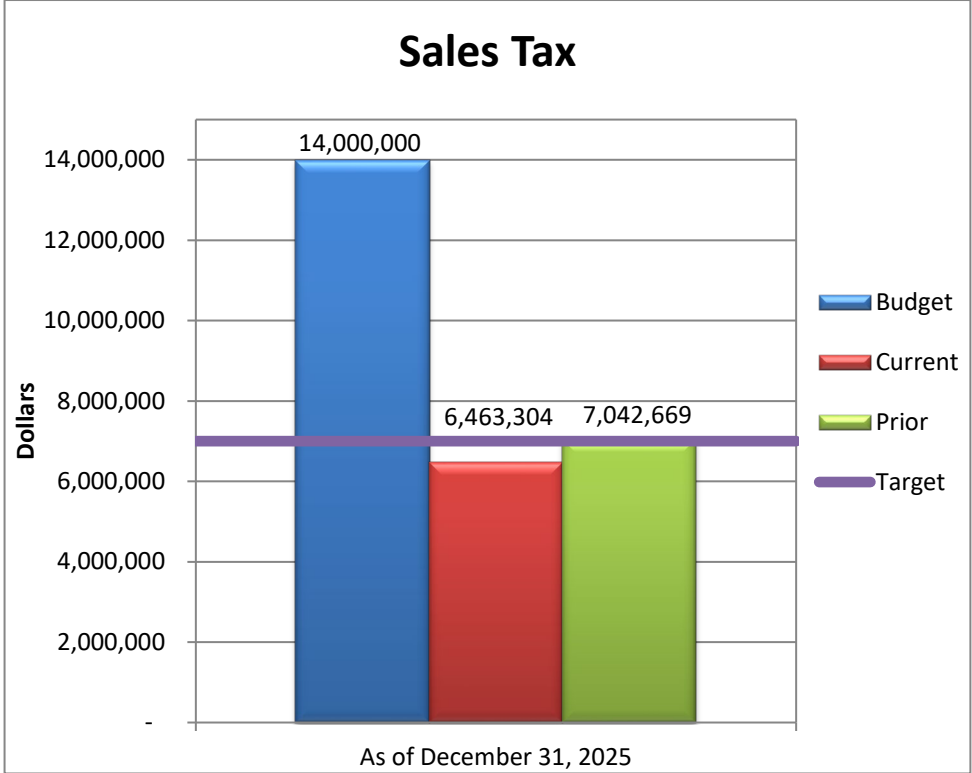
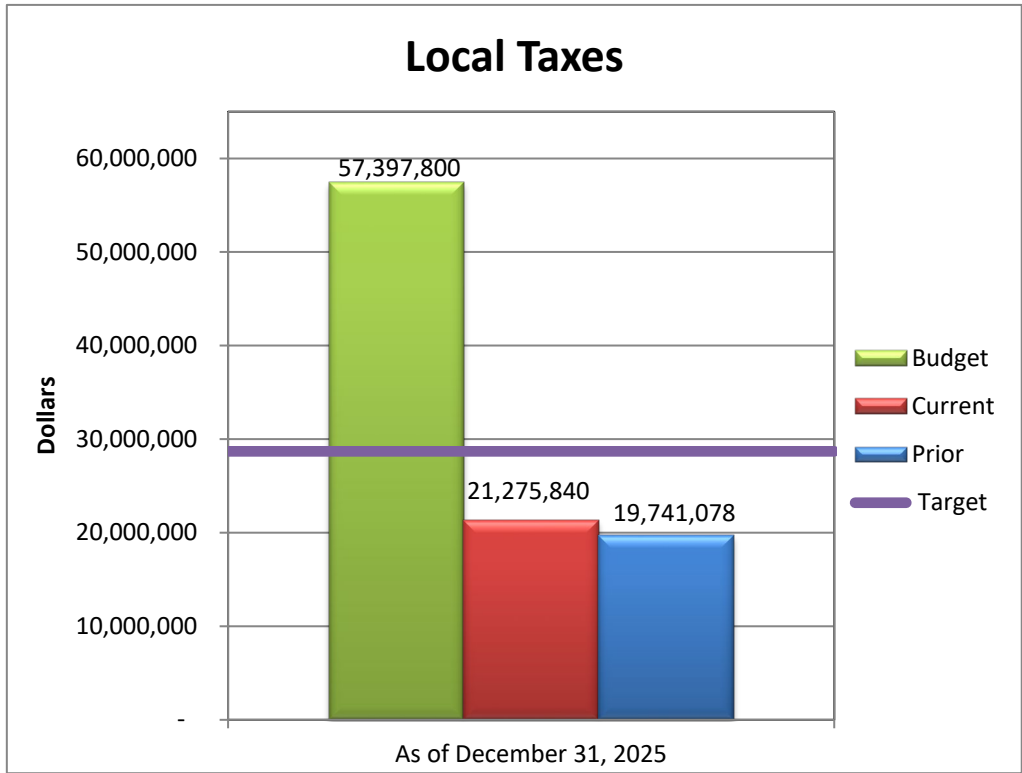
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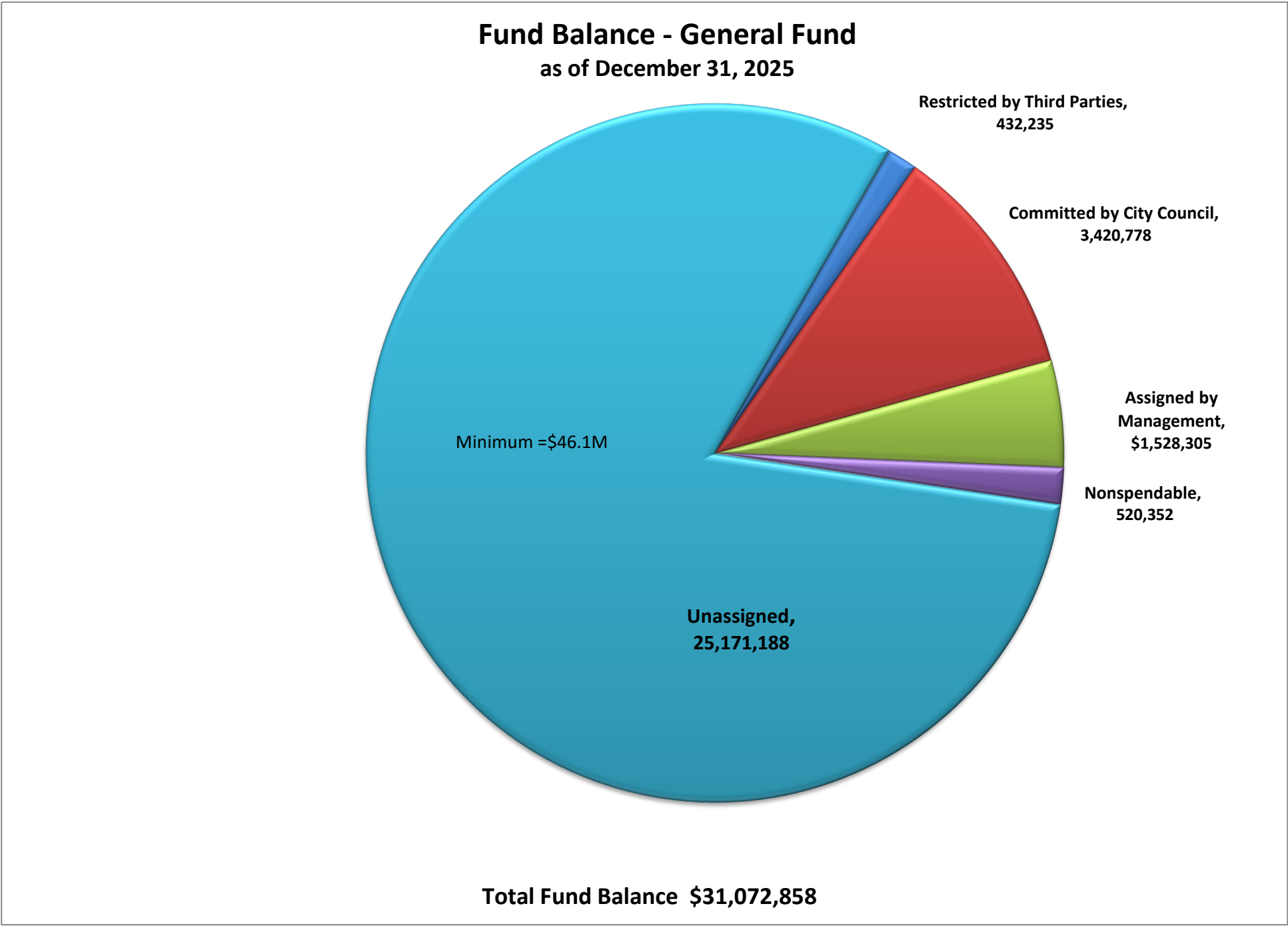
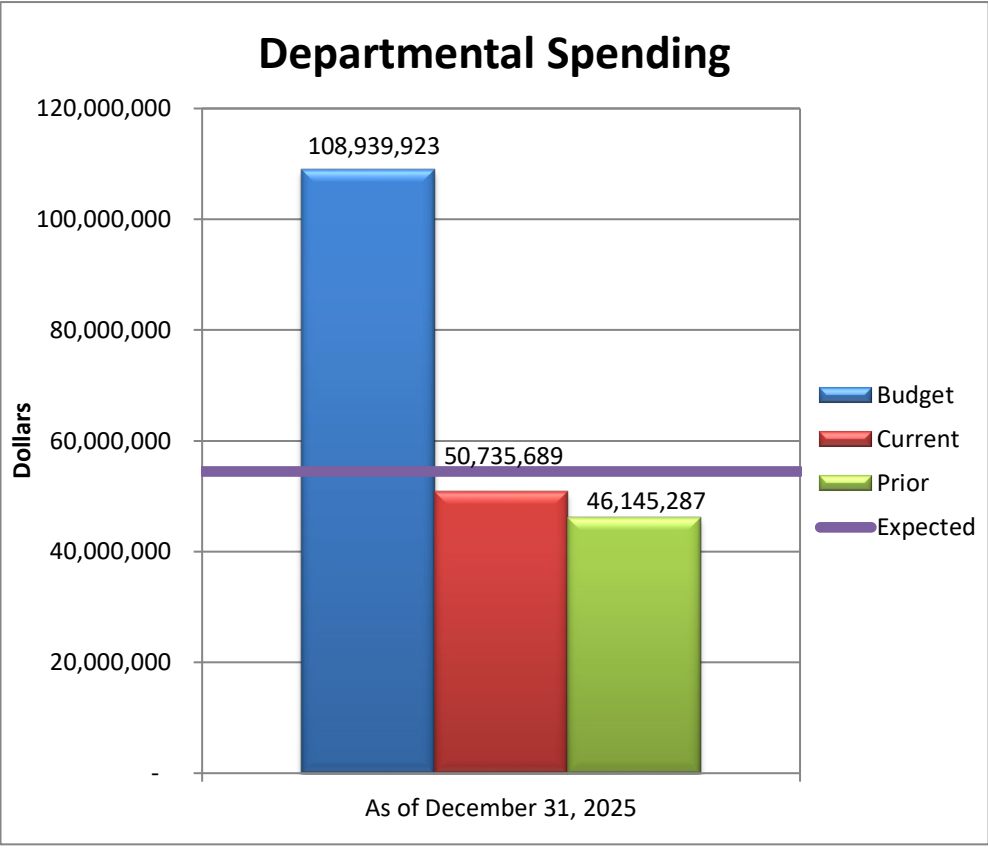
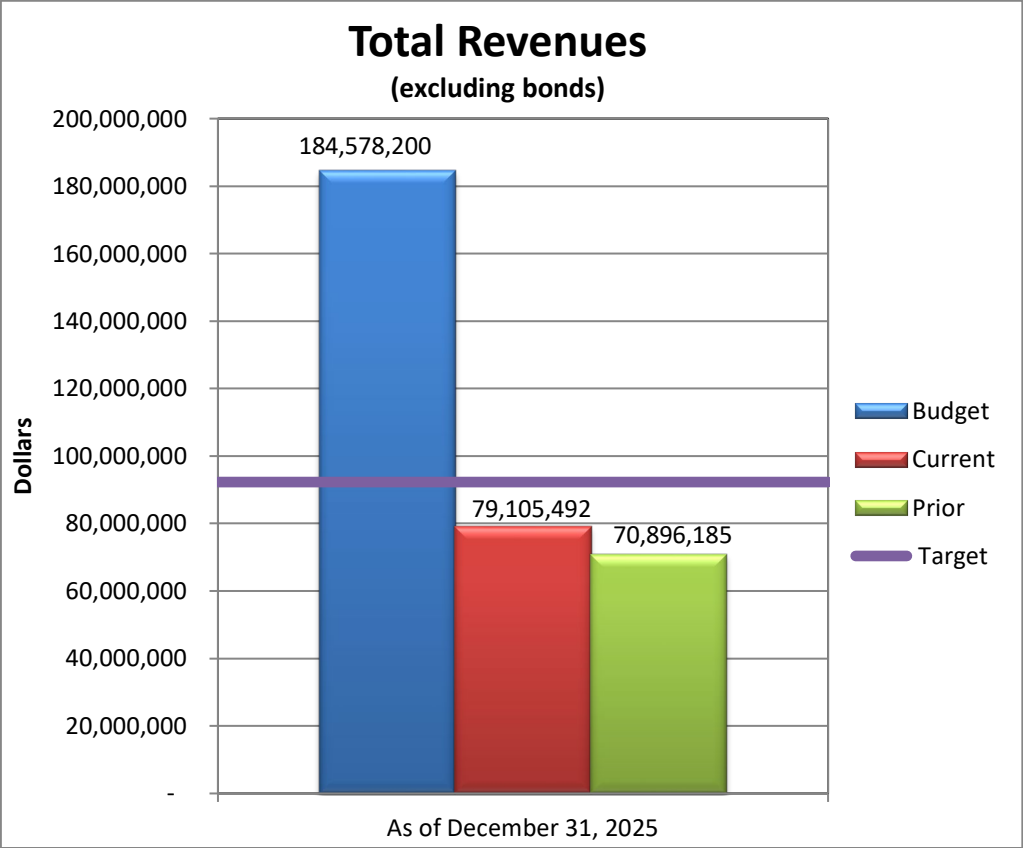
Restricted for Commonwealth Attorney	133,587.97
Restricted for Police Department	153,858.29
Restricted for Fire Department	144,788.35
Committed for Sheriff's Department	20,180.18
Committed to Schools	400,597.88
Committed to Budget Stabilization	3,000,000.00
Assigned to Sheriff's Department	17,182.13
Assigned to Community Development	70,909.84
Assigned for Encumbrances	1,440,213.23
Assigned Casino Revenue	-
Nonspendable (Inventory and Prepaids)	520,352.40
UNASSIGNED	<u>25,171,187.85</u>
Total Fund Balance, Dec 31, 2025	<u><u>31,072,858.12</u></u>
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Unassigned fund balance from above	25,171,187.85
Unassigned Minimum per policy (25% of General Fund Operating Revenues) based on FY 2026 budget	<u>46,144,549.97</u>
Current surplus (deficit) over (under) minimum	(20,973,362.12)

City of Danville, Virginia
Summary of Other Local Tax Revenues - PRE-CLOSING - UNAUDITED
For the period ending December 31, 2025

Description	Current Budget	Revenue Realized	Percentage Realized	Prior Year Budget	Prior Year Realized	Percentage Prior Year
Sales Tax	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 6,463,304	46.17%	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 7,042,669	54.17%
Business Licenses	8,582,000	948,562	11.05%	7,642,000	1,090,686	14.27%
Meals Tax	13,900,000	6,677,153	48.04%	12,100,000	6,335,375	52.36%
Utility Taxes	930,000	374,737	40.29%	930,000	447,836	48.15%
Vehicle License Fees	1,000,000	262,145	26.21%	1,025,000	249,705	24.36%
Bank Stock Tax	1,100,000	375	0.03%	1,100,000	-	0.00%
Recordation Tax	370,000	201,112	54.35%	370,000	180,469	48.78%
Hotel Motel Tax	3,680,000	1,983,604	53.90%	3,525,000	1,781,908	50.55%
Daily Property Rental Tax	20,800	24,586	118.20%	20,800	32,866	158.01%
Motor Vehicle Tax	240,000	108,299	45.12%	240,000	91,392	38.08%
DMV Fees	275,000	104,637	38.05%	275,000	100,162	36.42%
Ceasars Min Fee	13,300,000	4,127,327	31.03%	8,700,000	2,388,010	27.45%
TOTAL	\$ 57,397,800	\$ 21,275,840	37.07%	\$ 48,927,800	\$ 19,741,078	40.35%





Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



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NEW BUSINESS
B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Mass Transit Fee Ordinance Revision.

From: Marc Adelman, Director of Transportation Services

COUNCIL ACTION

1. Public Hearing
2. An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending and Increasing Fees for the Danville Transit System Effective February 2, 2026.

SUMMARY

Danville Transit's fixed-route bus service operates from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. The base fare for a one-way trip is \$1.00. Currently, persons with disabilities and seniors who use the fixed-route service can receive a half-fare discount from 6:00 am until 12:00 pm. Based on planning activities that were completed during the fall of 2025, it is proposed to extend the half-fare discount period from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm, effective February 2, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Planning activities were initiated this summer to improve transportation access and stimulate ridership activity for Danville Transit's fixed-route bus service and door-to-door operations. As part of the planning effort, a focus group met with Danville Transit staff to consider different strategies to improve service. One of the focus group's recommendations included extending the half-fare discount period for persons with disabilities and seniors from 6:00 am until noon to 6:00 am until 6:00 pm to increase fixed-route ridership. To confirm the level of interest in extending the half-fare discount period, Danville Transit staff surveyed passengers at the Transfer Center multiple days over a one-month period this fall. Survey results reflect that most passengers would ride more frequently if the half-fare discount period was extended. The proposed fee modification was reviewed with the Transportation Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached fee Ordinance to extend Danville Transit's fixed-route half-fare discount period.

Attachments

1. Ordinance
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PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2025_____ - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
AMENDING AND INCREASING FEES FOR THE DANVILLE TRANSIT SYSTEM EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville,
Virginia that on and after February 2, 2026, respectively, the charges for mass transit fees provided
by the Danville Transit System be, and the same are hereby established, authorized and approved
as follows:

MASS TRANSIT FEES

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Fixed Route base fare	\$1.00	No Change
one child 12 years old or younger		
- traveling with paying adult	Free	No Change
- each additional child regardless of age	\$1.00	No Change
Fixed Route Half Fare		
- Persons with disabilities and 60 years Old or Older	\$.50	No change
- Half Fare Discount Service Period	6 am – noon	6 am – 6 pm
Handivan Fare	\$2.00	No change
one child 12 years old or younger		
- traveling with paying adult	One child free	No change
- each additional child regardless of age	\$2.00	No change
Reserve A Ride Fare	\$4.00	No change
Children 12 years old or younger		
- traveling with paying adult	Up to Two (2) Children free	No change
- each additional child	\$4.00	No change
Students with a valid Identification card	\$2.00	No change
Roll of 20 tokens	\$9.00/10% discount	No change
Roll of 10 tokens	\$4.50/10% discount	No change

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other charges, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter amended or repealed.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney