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The Second June meeting of the Danville City Council was held on June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, Danville, Virginia. The following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Daniel W. Marshall, Barry P. Mayo, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, and J. Lee Vogler, Jr. (9).

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

Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sherman M. Saunders gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 June 9, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Campbell **moved** for approval of the following Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 19, 2026. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from Casino Gaming Taxes to Fund a Reimbursement to Danville Utilities

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2026-06.11, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenues from the Casino Gaming Taxes to Fund a Reimbursement to Danville Utilities for an Appropriation in the Amount of \$4,700,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing Leverage Program

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2026-06.12, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 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 Mayo and carried by the following vote:

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

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APPOINTMENTS

Vice Mayor Buckner noted the Appointments Committee met earlier this evening and make the following recommendations, which will be voted on at the next Council meeting:

Social Services Advisory Board

Reappoint Venee Mayo and Andrea Burney

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Appointment Resolution:

Resolution 2026-06.20 - A Resolution Appointing Kathleen Mullin to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team as the Juvenile Court Representative.

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

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

Vice Mayor Buckner stated the City Council was looking for candidates for the Danville Utility Commission. The Utility Commission meets approximately once a month on the last Monday at 4:00 p.m. Candidates should be citizens of the City of Danville and have a background in finance, engineering or industrial management; it was preferred but not required. If any citizen would like to apply at the city's website, please go to: danvilleva.gov/boards.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE BUDGET, CAPITAL AND SPECIAL PROJECTS PLAN, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Approval of the Budgets of the Various Funds of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.18

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

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

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

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital and Special Projects Plan for the City of Danville, Virginia

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.19

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL AND SPECIAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

Approval of the Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

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

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

Consideration of a Personal Property Tax Decrease

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-30 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO DECREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FROM \$3.45 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO \$3.35 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

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

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

Consideration of Eliminating the Vehicle License Fee Effective January 1, 2027

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ELIMINATING THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIALS AS OF MAY 31, 2026

Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Michael Adkins gave the Financial Report through the end of May, the eleventh month of the fiscal year, and 92% of the fiscal year complete. Total Revenues collected as of the end of May were \$163M, representing 83% of budget and a good place to be at the end of the year. Mr. Adkins noted for the rest of the report, instead of talking about May, as they were so close to the end of the year with just two weeks left, he had financial information about how the City was at this point in time.

Property tax collections have been underway, current Real Estate collections were \$26.25M, at 99.4% of budget with about \$170,000 more to collect. Mr. Adkins noted he felt certain over the next couple of weeks they will meet that budgetary requirement. Delinquent collections of real estate have outperformed budget at about \$26,000 over, collecting about \$1.16M. Personal Property tax has also done well; they have collected \$16.1M, about \$673,000 more than budgeted. Machinery and Tools, which was most of the industrial citizens in the City, was at \$1.66M, and \$22,000 over budget. Collection of Delinquent Personal Property taxes has gone well; they have collected \$1.9M which was \$250,000 more than budgeted. The only area in property taxes that were under budget, and not a real concern at this time, was Public Service Real Estate. These were entities that provide cable and telephone, and Norfolk Southern was another example; it takes a while for those bills to get formulated because the City has to get information from their corporate headquarters, get the bill out and get payment. Mr. Adkins stated he felt that would be caught up by the end of June, but right now they were at 50% and short about \$339,000. By the time he gives another report, that will have corrected itself.

Regarding local taxes, as mentioned previously, Sales Tax was not performing up to budget; at the end of June, they should be about \$900,000 short, which was a decrease of \$400,000 from last year. Mr. Adkins noted he believed it was due to all the construction that went on last year, all the contractors and subcontractors, their purchase of goods and services made a difference. Business Licenses were similar; they were very close to budget at 94%, and he suspects they will be \$400,000 short of budget. That does not mean there has not been growth; they have had about 65 additional business licenses issued through the first eleven months of this year compared to last year. At the end of May, the City's Meals tax was at \$12.6M, just over 90% of budget and he felt they will finish close to budget. In comparison to last year, even though they were meeting budget they were still in excess of what was collected last year; they were seeing growth of about \$667,000 in meals tax compared to last year. Lodging taxes at the end of May were 89% collected with \$3.3M realized, and will probably be about \$100,000 short of budget,

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however, it still shows economic growth of about \$32,000 over last year. For casino related taxes, Caesars had a record month for May, their net gaming revenue was \$38M which was about \$2M more than the previous record. Mr. Adkins stated he was forecasting their casino related revenues will be about \$43.6M for the year. The City had budgeted through the original budget, and additional appropriations, \$41.7M so that will leave about \$2M that will end up in the Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund that Council created. Interest and Investment Income has been outperforming budget; they expected Interest rates to fall a little this year, but they held steady, so they were looking at \$900,000 over budget this year. Departmental spending was about 85% for May, 7% under budget and a very good position. Non-Department Spending, which was mostly health insurance, was very close to budget, May was a little over budget but nothing too material.

Mr. Adkins noted his thoughts for Fiscal 2026, if they tried to add up all the overages and the unders for revenues, things will be pretty close; he was coming up with about \$200,000 in extra revenues. If they see a contribution to the fund balance, it will be because the departmental spending being under budget; a lot of that was vacancy savings, unfilled positions throughout the year that add up. They started the year with \$54M in fund balance, he does not see that going down, they may see a small increase as they finish up the year. This will be the last report for this fiscal year until they get closer to closing out the year and closer to audit; there will not be a financial report in July, but in August he will bring some preliminary unaudited numbers for 2026.

Mayor Jones noted that there was \$2.3M which could be used at Council's discretion and Mr. Adkins explained the City started the year with a budget of \$35M, added to it later in the year to \$37M in expected casino revenues. Tonight, Council will vote on the appropriation of excess casino revenues to offset the proposed utility increases, that was about \$4.7M. At the end of the day, the City has used \$41.7M and he was expecting \$43.6M, so it was about a \$2M excess in casino based revenue that will fall to the capital expenditure reserve that was set up. That reserve was being started with \$3M that used to be budget stabilization money, that will now be part of the capital reserve and this \$2M that will be added to it. There will be about \$5M in capital expenditure reserve which Council can allocate.

Council Member Vogler stated the City has 781 current retirees and Mr. Adkins noted that was the count on June 30th of last year. Mr. Vogler stated if Council were to give a \$300 bonus to all 781 retirees, that would be \$234,300 which sounds like the City has if they wanted to do that. Mr. Adkins stated the last bonus was in the spring of last year, about twelve months ago.

Mr. Vogler made a **motion** that Council provide a \$300 bonus to the 781 retirees of the City of Danville. The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Campbell.

Council Member Campbell questioned if that would affect the reserves and Mr. Adkins noted it was late to do this in the June retiree payroll, it will have to be done in July, in the new fiscal year. Council will need to appropriate additional revenue and staff can come up with ideas on how to do that. Rev Campbell noted several months ago he asked for an increase for retiree benefits, and a report was being prepared and asked about the status of that. If Council does this bonus will that affect the other item and Mr. Adkins noted this can be a standalone action, it would not inhibit any other decisions in the future.

Council Member Saunders questioned what impact if any this will have on the budget, and Mr. Adkins explained they will have to identify a source for the funds; it will take an additional appropriation of revenue at a meeting in July or August in order to do that. Based on the current bonus policy, the retirees will qualify next fiscal year for a bonus, for FY 2028. For clarification this action does not impact the normal policy. Council Member Marshall questioned the 781

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number, was that a good number and Mr. Adkins noted that was the count as of June 30, 2025; it has been almost a year since that count was tallied and published. The current bonus policy only pays bonuses to those that have been retired at least a year. If it was Council's wish to pay every current retiree a bonus, he doesn't have the exact number, but it was close to the 781 figure.

Council Member Miller noted Caesars reported record intake this month; they were well above Portsmouth or Bristol, and stated \$300 seems like a small amount. He would recommend Council do \$500 at least; he believed they were going to get more money from Caesars and the retirees deserve more money than \$300. Mr. Vogler noted he had no objection to making the bonus \$500. In response to Rev Campbell, Mr. Adkins stated there has been no action on a COLA for retirees. Mr. Vogler noted a \$500 bonus would be \$390,500.

Dr. Miller noted his **Motion** was to Amend Mr. Vogler's Motion and give retirees a \$500 bonus. The Motion to Amend Mr. Vogler's Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Buckner, and carried by the following vote:

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

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** to approve the *Motion as Amended*, a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A \$500 BONUS FOR CITY OF DANVILLE RETIREES.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN AIRPORT LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding an Airport Land Lease Agreement. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 9, 2026. 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. 2026-06.21

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE AIR METHODS CORPORATION FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A MODULAR BUILDING AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT TO SUPPORT AIR AMBULANCE OPERATIONS.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A STADIUM LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE DANVILLE BASEBALL CLUB

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Stadium Lease Agreement. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 9, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.22

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A STADIUM LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT WITH DANVILLE BASEBALL CLUB, LLC.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH 530 MAIN STREET LLC

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Lease Agreement with 530 Main Street LLC. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 9, 2026. 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. 2026-06.23

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AT 530 MAIN STREET WITH 530 MAIN, LLC FOR USE BY THE CITY'S REGISTRAR.

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

Council Member Marshall questioned if the State paid for this lease and Mr. Adkins noted the City pays for this and does not receive reimbursement from the State.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Marshall

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Mayo, Miller, Saunders and Vogler (9)
NAY: None (0)

CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Public Transportation Funding. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 2, 2026, and June 9, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.24

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.25

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ENDORSING SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEGASITE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06.26

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING

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THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF NATURAL GAS LINE EXTENSION TO THE BERRY HILL MEGASITE.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV, "REAL ESTATE AND MOBILE HOME TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS" OF CITY CODE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 9, 2026 and June 13, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "REAL ESTATE AND MOBILE HOME TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS," OF CHAPTER 37, ENTITLED "TAXATION," OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR REVISIONS TO THE REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION AND DEFERRAL PROGRAM.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A FEE CHANGE REDUCING THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING FEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CITY OF DANVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SANITATION FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

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

Council Member Vogler questioned how this would be implemented and Mr. Adkins explained there were multiple ways to handle it; if someone has already paid the fee, the City can credit it back on their bill for the year, it was an annual fee. For those have not been billed, the City would use the new rate. Dr. Miller stated he thought this was a great way to get more people involved in curbside recycling. Vice Mayor Buckner noted in 2011 it cost \$260 a year for curbside recycling, in 2013 it was reduced to \$195 per year, in 2016 it was reduced to \$90 per year and

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was happy that Council decided to reduce it this year to \$52 a year. Rev Campbell noted since it started it has not been profitable and Mr. Adkins noted that was correct. Council Member Marshall questioned Mr. Adkins for an update on the money and noted the glass part of it, the Brockway Glass cannot run a whole year because they were mandated by DEQ to use a certain percentage of recycled glass and they cannot get enough glass to run 12 months. For the citizens of Danville to keep those people employed they should try to give more recyclables.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR AN AIRPORT MAINTENANCE FEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 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 \$45,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$145,000 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 A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT EDI- CPF AWARD RELATED TO THE REHABILITATION OF 351 HOLBROOK STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,742,000 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 Frank Leist who noted his thanks to City Council for their work on behalf of the citizens of Danville, and staff members for their service.

Mayor Jones recognized Daniel Burs, who discussed his tour of the City Jail with Sheriff Mondul and stated he was pleased to tell Council that the jail was old, but the information that was posted online was not correct. There was a lot of work in progress, a lot of things being done for the inmates and positive programs at the jail.

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Mayor Jones recognized Matthew Fowler, House of Hope, who spoke about the House of Hope financial challenges and funding sources. They have made some adjustments at the shelter due to cost increases, inflation and high energy costs; the adjustments enabled them to not have any disruptions in services. Mr. Bur stated they do need funding and support, and were working with some of the community partner agencies, and with the City of Danville. They were also looking to do a study to find ways to be more efficient in their operations.

Mayor Jones recognized Stan Lawton who noted Council was giving retirees a \$500 bonus this year, and thanked Council for that. Mr. Lawton noted it has been eighteen years since the retirees had a permanent raise; that was not acceptable. Mr. Lawton stated he wanted Council to consider a substantial, permanent raise, at least one time, for the retirees because they need it. Mr. Lawton stated he was not talking about a 5% raise, they were already 40% behind.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Assistant City Manager Adkins noted staff was glad the budget was adopted, appreciated the direction City Council provided and will get started on the next one soon.

Assistant City Manager Evans reminded citizens of the new newsletter the City has put out, with information on upcoming events.

Council Member Saunders thanked staff; they had met with people looking to make some major investments in the City and the region. Several department directors and deputy city managers were at the meeting and he was very impressed by the way the staff represented the City. Danville was growing with a lot of things happening; it was a great City.

Council Member Vogler noted it was a great meeting tonight and appreciated everyone's input and work, and thanked Council Member Saunders for his prayer that started the meeting.

Vice Mayor Buckner noted the City newsletter was phenomenal, and recognized Lisa Meriweather with Visit Sosi, the fastest growing brand in the country. Some of the upcoming events from the newsletter included for Juneteenth, Thursday the 18th at Ballou Park Recreation Center, and on the 20th was the Children's Festival at the Carrington Pavilion. Mr. Buckner thanked Council for their actions tonight which equaled savings for all Danvillians.

Council Member Campbell noted this has been a wonderful night and he enjoyed seeing the citizens engaged. Vance Street was having a luncheon dealing with the navigation of cancer; it was so important that men and women get a checkup. Rev Campbell noted he would like to have a consultant to look at the City Auditorium, what should be done with it, and also to look at a COLA for the retirees.

Council Member Hood noted he would like to see more assistance for House of Hope. The West Piedmont Fair Housing Coalition meeting was today. After the meeting, they spoke to him and stated it was amazing that Danville had a homeless shelter and a warming center, showing compassion to the citizens. Mr. Hood acknowledged Angie Dixon and Hoops, Don't Shoot, with ten years of this ministry.

Council Member Marshall noted he had a couple questions with his utility bill; he made two different calls on two different days and spoke to two different people. He had great customer

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service, and the person he dealt with was very helpful in resolving the issue. It was refreshing the great customer service that was provided.

Council Member Mayo asked everyone to keep the family of the late Carrie Ashe in their prayers. He met Mrs. Ashe when he was in first grade at Westmoreland, and recognized her work in the Danville Public Schools. Mr. Mayo noted that Vance Street was doing the Lunch and Learn Navigation of Cancer; citizens can register online or call the church.

Council Member Miller noted he loved the newsletter and carried extra copies to give to people who say there was nothing to do in Danville. Dr. Miller noted the City was finally doing the sidewalks on Kemper Road, from College to Arlington have new sidewalks. Dr. Miller noted they needed a crosswalk at the College Express Convenience store.

Mayor Jones thanked Council Member Saunders for his prayer and acknowledged the school board members attending tonight. Mayor Jones noted this Sunday was Father's Day and to all of the fathers, they pray they have a wonderful day and Happy Father's Day.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK