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The Regular June meeting of the Danville City Council was held on June 2, 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: City Manager Ken Larking, 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.

Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gary P. Miller 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 May 26, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for approval of the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 5, 2026, and Special Council Meeting held on May 11, 2026. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

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

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2026-05.10, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for GO Virginia Grant Funding to Complete Data Network Installation Requirements for the Aviation Training Facility Project at the Danville Regional Airport in the Amount of \$92,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the Comprehensive Services Act

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2026-05.11, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Appropriating Comprehensive Services Act Funds and Providing Local Matching Funds for a Total Amount of \$8,469,539 and Appropriating Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2026-05.12, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Additional Federal Funding to Complete Architectural and Civil Engineering Services to Construct

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a Hangar at the Danville Regional Airport in the Amount of \$62,871 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$3,309 for a total of \$66,180 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)

APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of the following Appointment Resolutions:

Resolution 2026-06.01 - A Resolution Appointing William Robinson to the Airport Commission.

Resolution 2026-06.02 - A Resolution Reappointing Robert Jiranek to the Airport Commission.

Resolution 2026-06.03 - A Resolution Appointing Miguel Castillo to the Architectural Review Board.

Resolution 2026-06.04 - A Resolution Reappointing Michael Sheetz to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Resolution 2026-06.05 - A Resolution Reappointing Tammy Warren to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.

Resolution 2026-06.06 - A Resolution Appointing April Jones to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.

Resolution 2026-06.07 - A Resolution Reappointing Geary Davis to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution 2026-06.08 - A Resolution Reappointing Pamela Saunders to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution 2026-06.09 - A Resolution Appointing Michael Mondul to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution 2026-06.10 - A Resolution Appointing Shelby Irving to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution 2026-06.11 - A Resolution Appointing Kitteria Mayo to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution 2026-06.12 - A Resolution Reappointing Christopher Franks to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution 2026-06.13 - A Resolution Appointing Sheila Williamson-Branch to the Danville Utility Commission.

Resolution 2026-06.14 - A Resolution Appointing Tina Leone to the Public Arts Commission.

Resolution 2026-06.15 - A Resolution Appointing Charles Crumpler to the Public Arts Commission.

Resolution 2026-06.16 - A Resolution Reappointing Kenny Gillie to the Rural Transportation Citizens Advisory Board.

Resolution 2026-06.17 - A Resolution Reappointing Christopher Franks to the Rural Transportation Citizens Advisory Board.

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)

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NAY: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of the Real Estate Tax Rate

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05.09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AFFIRMING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE OF EIGHTY-THREE CENTS (\$0.83) ON EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUE.

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

VOTE: 6-3
AYE: Hood, Jones, Marshall,
Mayo, Miller, and Saunders (6)
NAY: Buckner, Campbell, and Vogler (3)

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FILED BY DA VILLE MANAGEMENT TO ALLOW INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION AT 401 SOUTH RIDGE STREET, WITH CONDITIONS

Mayor Jones asked Ms. Burton to present the recommendation and Ms. Burton stated the Ordinance they prepared was a conditional approval for a special use permit under six specific conditions. The conditions were:

1. The hours of operation are limited to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
2. Security must be on site during each event and no less than one hour after the event has ended;
3. The parking lot must remain lit from dusk to dawn;
4. No trespassing after business hours signage must be posted at the property;
5. The Property Owner was required to enter and maintain a written and signed agreement with the Danville Police Department to enforce trespass violations at 401 South Ridge Street, pursuant to City Code Section 27-9; and
6. Address identification signage was to be installed and maintained in compliance with the Fire Code and the UDC for the City of Danville.

Mayor Jones recognized Amelia Kent, who stated *she was the authorized representative responsible for operational oversight, regulatory compliance, licensing matters, communications with city departments and day-to-day business affairs related to Kafe Da Ville Bar and Grille and special use permit application. For purposes of the public record, I would like to clarify that throughout this process, I have been the individual responsible for coordinating compliance efforts, communicating with city officials, responding to inquiries, attending meetings, addressing operational concerns and ensuring that Kafe Da Ville operates in accordance with applicable requirements. I would first like to thank Mayor Jones and members of City Council and staff and the Planning Commission for the considerable time and effort devoted to this matter throughout*

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what has become a lengthy review process. Before I conclude, I respectfully want to emphasize several important points reflected within the public record. First, Kafe Da Ville does not serve alcohol. Second, the record before Council does not reflect adjudicated zoning violations, adjudicated licensing violations, criminal findings, court-imposed penalties, documented violence or ongoing public safety incidents attributed to Kafe Da Ville operations. The record further reflects statements from the Planning staff that the concerns being discussed earlier involve advertisement and zoning interpretation. The record also reflects that those same matters were acknowledged later as not being active violations. I guess you already considered our approval, but as the Council considers the request we respectfully ask for reasonable flexibility regarding small scale hospitality and community oriented activities associated with the property, including outdoor dining accommodations, culinary tastings, food focused community events, cornhole gatherings, church fellowship activities, prayer gatherings, family appreciation events and similar family oriented community functions compatible with the property's primary restaurant use. Finally, given the extensive review already conducted by the city staff, the Planning Commission and City Council, we respectfully ask that any operational clarifications or reasonable conditions Council believes appropriate, be addressed within the context of these proceedings so that Kafe Da Ville may move forward with certainty and continue investing in the River District without the need for repetitive future review of substantially similar issues. Thank you for your consideration and your service to the City of Danville and the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Jones noted the conditional operations that were heard from Ms. Burton, if passed, was Ms. Kent opposed to those conditional operations and Ms. Kent noted her only opposition was, they have to have security for like a birthday event too and Ms. Burton explained if it was an event that qualifies as indoor commercial recreation, meaning that they were to sell tickets, to charge at the door, charge rental, yes there would be security required.

Council Member Saunders noted this issue has come to Council before; the Planning Commission had a 4-1 recommendation and Council decided to send it back to the Planning Commission. Now, it had a 3-3 recommendation, the numbers changed. Mr. Saunders stated he believed in time this issue will resolve itself and thought that the applicant, the City and Planning Commission would be agreeable with that in time. Mr. Saunders recommended that the Council not take any action; let time work this out and then it can come back to Council if they choose to do so.

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Saunders if that was his motion and Mr. Saunders stated, he **moved** that Council take no action, let this issue continue, let the parties work out their differences and come back at some point, with no deadline. The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Miller.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted that before they go to the Motions, they should conduct the public hearing.

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 401 South Ridge Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026 and May 26, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Ianta Jeffries, 240 Oakwood Circle, who spoke in support of Kafe DaVille Bar and Grille and the special use permit application, and submitted a petition to be included in the record.

Mayor Jones recognized Frank Leist who spoke in support of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Beverly Richardson, 731 Grove Street who spoke in support of this item.

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Mayor Jones recognized Rev. William A. Keen, who noted one of his concerns was how many restaurants in the city of Danville have the same identical restrictions that were proposed to put on this restaurant.

Mayor Jones recognized Maxine Lee, 245 Garfield Street, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized April Jones, who spoke in favor of this item, and stated she would like to sign the petition.

Mayor Jones recognized a gentleman, no name given, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Avery Ferguson, 123 Searcy Street, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Felicia Cully, 325 Ross Street, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Kaley Asher, 412 South Ridge Street, who spoke in opposition of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Kimberly Walker, 312 Garfield Street, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Christian Asher, 416 South Ridge Street, who spoke in opposition of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Marvin Warner who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Katherine Wall, 127 Fairway Drive, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Tony Howerton, 187 Grandin Drive, who spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Jones recognized Stan Lawton, former police officer, who spoke in favor of this item.

No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Jones noted when he started the meeting, Ms. Burton presented conditions and Ms. Kent agreed with those, therefore he would be voting against the motion of Council Member Saunders.

Council Member Campbell noted his agreement with the Mayor. The circumstances of the complaints were not dealing with the person who was operating the restaurant. His question was does the owner have anything to do with the operation of the restaurant. Ms. Kent noted he does not; she was the owner, the operator and deals with the day to day; as far as running the business, it was her business. He owns the building and nothing else.

Council Member Saunders stated that he stands by his motion; he never said yay or nay, but did say this was the second time this had gone through the Planning Commission, 4-1 in favor and now 3-3; that changed. He said to give it more time to work itself out and move forward.

Vice Mayor Buckner noted his agreement with the Mayor and stated that he understands Mr. Saunders' point of view. As a City Council, they need to look at what has been presented, what has been asked of the owners of the establishment. They asked for a special use permit, they were in compliance with what was asked, and she has agreed with what Ms. Burton has asked for. He will be supporting the special use permit.

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Council Member Hood noted he has learned this wasn't a nightclub and thinks that was something that has been lurking within communication. They understand the citizens and their concerns. What was unfair was the stigma placed on the place from prior things and that was what people were looking at. He would say give it an opportunity. He appreciated Ms. Burton because she has laid out restrictions that have been agreed on but the term nightclub and the term bar was fearful to people and that was not what this was.

Council Member Miller noted he was a little confused, this originally started out as Da Ville Bar and Grille, a bar means a place that served alcohol and non- alcoholic beverages, but then Ms. Kent said no alcoholic beverages served; Ms. Kent noted it was just the name. Dr. Miller asked why put it in there, people think of a bar as where alcohol was served. What was to prevent them from a year from now applying for a permit to get alcohol, did they intend to get alcohol, and Ms. Kent noted maybe down the road, but for now she just wanted to sell food.

Council Member Vogler noted he appreciated all the comments and the people who came up who spoke tonight for and against. With the notion of giving it more time, as stated, Council sent it back to the Planning Commission; it had more time and thru that time, sounded like a compromise had been reached between the staff and the ownership; he was ready to move forward.

Mayor Jones noted there was a motion on the floor by Council Member Saunders and asked Mr. Saunders to share his motion again.

Mr. Saunders noted his motion was to give this matter time to work out some concerns, some expressed tonight, some have not been expressed tonight. Mr. Whitfield asked for clarity, that the motion was to postpone this item for an indefinite period of time and Mr. Saunders noted that was correct.

The Motion was **seconded** by Dr. Miller and **failed** by the following vote:

VOTE: 1-8
AYE: Saunders (1)
NAY: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Marshall, Mayo, Miller, Vogler, (8)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE VIRGINIA GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ26-00194 FILED BY DA VILLE MANAGEMENT LLC TO ALLOW INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION AT PARCEL ID #22399 (401 SOUTH RIDGE STREET) *WITH THE ADDED CONDITIONS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING*

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

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

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CONSIDERATION OF A CODE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED “CODE DANVILLE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA” SPECIFICALLY, AMEND ARTICLE 5 “SIGNS.”

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding an Amendment to Chapter 41. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026, and May 26, 2026. 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. 2026-06.02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY ARTICLE 10, ENTITLED “SIGN REGULATIONS”, OF CHAPTER 41, ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AND ADOPTING ARTICLE 5 ENTITLED “SIGNS”, OF CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED “CODE DANVILLE, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA”.

The Motion was **seconded** by Vice Mayor Buckner.

Council Member Vogler asked for an overview and Ms. Burton explained this was a revision to the sign code; it would be in the current UDC which was effective in January. There were changes to take into account the new zoning classification, some also expand the opportunity for temporary banner permits. It also provides some opportunity for campus, which was the school systems, to allow individual identification there and expansions.

The **Motion** was 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 REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 3 SECTION B ITEM 24 TO AMEND “DWELLING, MANUFACTURED HOME” AND ARTICLE 3.A TABLE 3. A-2 “COMPREHENSIVE USE PERMISSIONS TABLE” TO AMEND “DWELLING, MANUFACTURED HOME” AND “DWELLING, SINGLE-UNIT DETACHED.”

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41 of the Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026 and May 26, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Frank Leist, 291 Turpin Street, who noted manufactured homes were a big opportunity for the City; one of the main things needed were homes. No one else desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING

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CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "CODE DANVILLE, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA" MORE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ITEM 26 ENTITLED "DWELLING, SINGLE-UNIT DETACHED" OF SECTION B OF ARTICLE 3 AND TO AMEND TABLE 3.A-2 ENTITLED "COMPREHENSIVE USE PERMISSIONS TABLE", OF ARTICLE 3.A RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOMES.

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

Council Member Marshall questioned if manufactured homes was defined in Danville's code, and Ms. Burton explained a manufactured home was a dwelling that was manufactured within a facility and then transported to real property. They were constructed to a HUD label design, those that were stick built was a Virginia USBC code label.

Vice Mayor Buckner questioned if there were certain areas in the City where this was permitted or not permitted under the Code. Ms. Burton noted currently manufactured homes were only allowed in manufactured home parks, those designated as such by the zoning classifications; this would expand that to allow them by right in agricultural and if they were converted to real property, they would be allowed in any zoning classification that was allowed by right as a single family dwelling. Mr. Buckner noted converting into real property, did that mean it had a foundation and a brick underpinning and Ms. Burton stated conversion to real property meant that the title was converted from a DMV title to that of a deed with the real property and placed on that of the same ownership of land. There were conversions, meaning they have to remove all the wheels, the axles and the things that make it commutable, and there was a difference in the deed. Mr. Buckner stated that could only occur on a modular home and Ms. Burton explained it could happen on a manufactured home; they must sign an affidavit with the DMV for a conversion and it was reviewed by the court before it was a complete turnover from manufactured home to real property. Mr. Buckner questioned with this change, this will deregulate where a single wide mobile home could go and Ms. Burton stated it does have provisions in the state law that become effective July 1 that allow this change anywhere that a single-family dwelling and manufactured home may be placed. There was a caveat for regulations for design criteria or historic districts.

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

VOTE: 7-2
AYE: Campbell, Hood, Jones,
Mayo, Miller, Saunders and Vogler (7)
NAY: Buckner, Marshall (2)

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED "CODE DANVILLE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA" SPECIFICALLY, AMEND ARTICLE 9 "GLOSSARY" TO ADDRESS FORTHCOMING STATE CODE CHANGES

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41 of the UDC. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026, and May 26, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.04

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "CODE DANVILLE, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA", MORE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 ENTITLED "GLOSSARY" BY ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING EXISTING DEFINITIONS RELATING TO CANNABIS AND TINY HOUSES.

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

Council Member Marshall questioned if what he was reading was that cannabis would be allowed in agricultural areas in the City and Ms. Burton explained they were creating definitions to specifically define what cannabis was, the operation of growth, what production and sale was and that was the limitation. They do not have any area that it was allowed within the City of Danville; staff was simply defining it. There was a state bill for retail of cannabis, this was in preparation for that, if that had passed, but it was vetoed.

Vice Mayor Buckner asked for a definition of a tiny house and Ms. Burton noted it was 400 square feet, and they would be allowed anywhere a single-family dwelling was allowed.

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

VOTE: 7-2
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones,
Mayo, Miller, Saunders and Vogler (7)
NAY: Marshall, Miller (2)

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED "CODE DANVILLE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA", TO SPECIFICALLY AMEND RESIDENTIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE 4.B

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41 of the Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026 and May 26, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Frank Leist who noted he believed the reduction in parking space was more toward mixed use developments and lessening the parking requirement; what that typically means was there was more walking than driving. If they were going to reduce the number of parking for mixed use developments it was a great idea. 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. 2026-06.05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "CODE DANVILLE, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA", MORE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ITEM 2 ENTITLED "MINIMUM NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES" OF SECTION B OF ARTICLE 4.

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

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Council Member Vogler noted this was coming from the state and it was reducing the number of off-street parking spaces required for a development. Ms. Burton noted the actual bill allowed for a locality to establish an administrative review process in which developers may request a reduction in minimum off street parking. Mr. Vogler questioned how that differed from what they have been doing and Ms. Burton stated currently there was an opportunity to request a waiver under specific conditions. This specifically lays out a different set of conditions that the zoning administrator may grant waivers.

The **Motion** was 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 REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED “CODE DANVILLE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA”, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 SECTION B ITEM 5, “AGRICULTURAL USE.”

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41 of the Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 19, 2026 and May 26, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “CODE DANVILLE, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA” MORE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION B, ITEM 5 ENTITLED “AGRICULTURAL USE”.

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 CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION, AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS OF THE CITY.

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

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the City Budget, Capital and Special Projects Plan and Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 26, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Frank Leist who spoke on the transfer of funds from the utility funds into the general fund and would suggest this practice stop and the city stop reducing its dependence on the utility transfers. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Buckner and **second** by Council Member Mayo, 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.

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

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

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Buckner and **second** by Council Member Mayo, a Resolution entitled:

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.

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

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia Approving the Budget Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2027

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.08

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DECREASE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Personal Property Tax Decrease. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on May 26, 2026, and June 2, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Frank Leist who spoke on the Personal Property Tax reduction stating the reduction amount was modest savings at best and there should be an elimination of the tax in three to five years. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon **Motion** Council Member Vogler and **second** by Council Member Campbell, 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.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ELIMINATING THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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

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.

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 BY INCREASING REVENUES FROM CASINO GAMING TAXES TO FUND A REIMBURSEMENT TO DANVILLE UTILITIES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06.11

June 2, 2026

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.

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 VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION MARKETING LEVERAGE PROGRAM

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Campbell and **second** by Council Member Mayo, 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.

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 addressed Council regarding a company locating in Greensboro and suggested economic development reach out to the company for possible partnerships with Danville companies.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking noted last Wednesday he had the privilege of representing the City of Danville in Richmond at the Urban Land Institute, Virginia Chapter. In 2010 the City Council went to Greenville, SC because Danville had experienced some hard times with the closure of the mill and were struggling. Council went to Greenville to find out what they did to transform their community to the better. They learned that Greenville decided to make investments in their community, transform their downtown and were known now as a model of how to redevelop a downtown community. A few years later he was able to go to Chattanooga, TN where they learned how they developed their riverfront which included public spaces and private development, very much the same way Danville was considering and have accomplished with private development and public spaces like the Riverfront Park. It was an honor and privilege to be able to represent the City of Danville on the same stage as Greenville, SC and Chattanooga, TN as examples of cities that have done what they needed to do, have made investments, made tough choices on allocating resources to really make a difference economically for their communities. It was a team effort; none of that happened without investments from the citizens, through the City Council making tough choices that may not be seen at first, but over a decade can be seen. Mr. Larking thanked Council for all their support over the past decade to make that happen.

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

Council Member Hood noted this past week they had the honor of attending the '85 George Washington Lady Eagles presentation of their championship rings; it was long overdue. Tonight was just one example, to hear news the City Manager delivered and the different things they see going on throughout the city. When they say a team effort, they really mean it.

Council Member Marshall noted he had a question for the City Manager that several citizens have asked him, about the homeless on the street and panhandlers; what was the policy of the City of Danville. Mr. Larking explained there was a city ordinance that prohibits aggressive panhandling; if someone approaches your vehicle or approached a person in an aggressive way and asks for money, that was something they can be charged with. Someone standing on a corner with a sign asking for money was legal; it crosses the line when it becomes aggressive. There was another city ordinance with regard to homelessness, or encampment on public property which was not allowed unless it was permitted. Mr. Marshall questioned if someone was aggressively panhandling should the citizen call 911 and Mr. Larking noted they could.

Council Member Mayo thanked everyone for coming out tonight; Council has a lot of tough decisions on a lot cases. When it comes down to the citizens, Council wants the best for them, and they appreciated citizens coming out and voicing their opinions. Mr. Mayo noted he went to a conference in San Diego and learned more and more about the homeless population. Mental health was one issue with homelessness, as well as coming out of incarceration, or drug addiction. Somewhere in those processes they have hit rock bottom, have ended up in the streets.

Council Member Miller noted the homeless shelter was in a bit of a crisis right now; the shelter has been there since 2009; for years it averaged between 100 to 125 individuals a year. They expanded and made a place for women and children, but now the number of homeless have quadrupled; in 2025 alone, they had 429 people and it will be more this year. There were increased costs, and there will be grant money but not until October; they were about \$70,000 short. Dr. Miller noted he would like to get the fundraising started; he will give \$250 to the House of Hope and challenged every other Council Member to give \$250 and if they do, he will match their donation.

Council Member Saunders thanked all the citizens that came out tonight and those that spoke and expressed their thoughts. Mr. Saunders stated regarding Caesars being sold, what impact if any would that have on the City of Danville. Mr. Larking explained the City of Danville has a development agreement with Caesars Virginia and he has been told there will be no change to anything they have in Danville related to the casino, any plans they have were ongoing and was just business as usual. Mr. Saunders noted congratulations to all the school graduates, and special thanks to law enforcement in the City.

Council Member Vogler noted for the second time in a few months, they were having water pressure issues in different parts of the city and asked the City Manager for an update. Mr. Larking noted the high turbidity in the water was again a problem, and in one of the reservoirs, the lining was damaged when too much pressure hit a deflector and it hit the lining. They had to take the entire reservoir down to repair it, and unfortunately at the same there was a high turbidity event in the river which made it harder to treat water, and when there wasn't enough water stored it could create an issue with not enough water in the system. Mr. Vogler noted the City has an alert system when they can send out alerts, but does not believe it happened this time, citizens did not know what was going on. Was there something in place where they can get that message out.

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Mr. Larking stated the City does have a system and for a lot of it, people have to sign up in order to receive it. Mr. Vogler stated the personal property tax was on the agenda tonight and will be voting on it at the next meeting; that will be the second time in four years that Council has voted to lower the car tax. This Council will be eliminating the decal fee; that has existed for a long time. Two years in a row, utility increases have been put in front of this council, and Council said no they were not going to do it. A few years ago Council looked at the senior citizen tax relief on real estate and permanently disabled, and made that relief available to more senior citizens and disabled. On the next agenda, it will go from \$40,000 to \$45,000. In the last few years there has been substantial movement in these items and believed they will continue to go down that road.

Vice Mayor Buckner asked the City Manager how citizens sign up for alerts and Ms. Evans noted it was on the city's website at danvilleva.gov/notify. Mr. Buckner noted he to shot a segment of Visit SoSi with Lisa Meriweather, and talked about the Bridge Street Food Truck Rodeo this Saturday; it was the 10th anniversary of that event. Mr. Buckner noted they talk about casino funds and citizens want to know where those funds were going, where people can find out where the casino funds were spent. Mr. Larking explained they can go search Danville Virginia Casino Spending and one of the first links will take you to the website that shows actual spending for previous years, and also budgeted for any year after that.

Council Member Campbell stated he was glad to see the citizens come down and speak to Council this evening. Rev Campbell noted he was one of the council members who went to Greenville, and to see where the City was today and to hear the City Manager on the stage with the other cities was great. Rev Campbell noted he was for cutting taxes but Council has to make sure they were able to provide the services to the community, and things that make the City have a good quality of life, and commended the City Manager and his staff for what they do.

Mayor Jones thanked the citizens who came to Council tonight, they appreciated them attending, and thanked them for the respect they had for the other people speaking. Mayor Jones thanked Renee Burton for the great job she does.

Council Member Marshall questioned what the procedure was to change his vote and City Attorney Clarke Whitfield explained once the vote was cast, it cannot be changed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK