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The Regular July meeting of the Danville City Council was held on July 7, 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, and J. Lee Vogler, Jr. (8). Sherman M. Saunders was absent (1).

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 James B. Buckner 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 30, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 2, 2026.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for an Airport Maintenance Fee

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.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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.

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

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

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APPOINTMENTS

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

Resolution 2026-07.01 - A Resolution Reappointing Venee Mayo to the Social Services Advisory Board.

Resolution 2026-07.02 – A Resolution Reappointing Andrea Burney to the Social Services Advisory Board.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Amending Article IV, “Real Estate and Mobile Home Tax Exemption and Deferral for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons” of the City Code to Allow for Revisions to the Real Estate Exemption and Deferral Program.

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of 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.

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

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

Consideration of a Fee Change Reducing the Curbside Recycling Fee

Council Member Vogler **moved** for adoption of 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.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED “CODE DANVILLE: THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA”; SPECIFICALLY, AMEND ARTICLE 9, “GLOSSARY.”

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending Chapter 41, Article 9 Glossary. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 23, 2026, and June 30, 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. 2026-07.01

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 AMENDING EXISTING DEFINITIONS FOR “SUPPORTIVE HOUSING” AND “ADULT DAY CARE” AND REMOVING “ADULT DAY SUPPORT SERVICES.”

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW ADULT DAYCARE AT 633 NEWTON STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 633 Newton Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 23, 2026, and June 30, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07.02

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ26-00297 FILED BY TORY FITZGERALD TO ALLOW ADULT DAYCARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 41.3.A AT PARCEL ID #23145 (633 NEWTON STREET, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA).

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

Council Member Mayo requested the applicant Mr. Fitzgerald to approach and give a brief description of his services. Mr. Fitzgerald noted his day support offered opportunities for individuals with mental disabilities to engage in the community, participate in daily activities, and socialize with their peers in a structured environment.

Council Member Campbell questioned why this item needed a special use permit and Associate Planner Shanika Williams explained currently adult daycare was only allowed by a special use permit in this zoning district.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 710 GROVE STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 710 Grove Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 23, 2026, and June 30, 2026.

Mayor Jones recognized Sheri Duarte, Vice President of Operations at WAKG/WBTM, who requested a special use permit in order to build a 100' tower on their property at 710 Grove Street, in order to relocate their antenna and a translator from Parker Road. This will allow them to get more height, and increase listenership around the city, and further, for WBTM.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07.03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ26-00319 FILED BY PIEDMONT BROADCASTING CORPORATION TO ALLOW A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 41.3.A AT PARCEL ID# 24135 (710 GROVE STREET, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA).

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Marshall

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Mayo, Miller, and Vogler (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Saunders (1)

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW ADULT DAYCARE AT 206 BELL DRIVE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 206 Bell Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 23, 2026, and June 30, 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. 2026-07.04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ26-00325 FILED BY TONY WHITE TO ALLOW ADULT DAYCARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 41.3.A AT PARCEL ID #59888 (206 BELL DRIVE, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA).

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 230 SOUTH RIDGE STREET TO THE DANVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Transfer of Property at 230 South Ridge Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 30, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07.03

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE, THE EXISTING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH RIDGE STREET, KNOWN AS PARCEL ID #24586 TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

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ABSENT: Saunders (1)

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR AIRPORT TERMINAL AREA PLAN FUNDING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07.05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AVIATION FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING A TERMINAL AREA PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,100 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,900 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$99,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SUBSTATION AT THE FORMER MORGAN OLSEN FACILITY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07.06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FROM UNASSIGNED ELECTRIC FUND BALANCE TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBSTATION AT THE FORMER MORGAN OLSON BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A ONE-TIME BONUS TO CITY RETIREES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07.07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FROM UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A ONE-TIME PAYMENT BONUS TO CITY RETIREES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Kathryn Reinhardt, who spoke about the negative conditions at the City Jail.

Mayor Jones recognized Renee Freeburn, who spoke about the speeding problem on Ruskin Street and asked for traffic calming measures to be installed.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Council Member Campbell noted he still had concerns about the City Auditorium, it was a jewel in the city, but it needed to be fixed up. Rev Campbell encouraged men to get their checkups.

Council Member Hood noted July 3rd was the unveiling of the Danville Canal marker, and thanked the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Board along with Travis Hackworth and Karice Luck-Brimmer; it shows the rich history of the City of Danville. The Fourth of July celebration was wonderful event.

Council Member Marshall noted it was a great Fourth of July celebration this past weekend in Danville; Happy 250th Birthday to the greatest nation in the history of the world, the United States of America. Mr. Marshall noted he was proud to be an American and was grateful for those who defended our freedoms so we could live in the best country; God Bless the USA.

Council Member Mayo noted it was good to be living in Danville and seeing everyone out here tonight. The Fourth of July celebration was great with an awesome fireworks display. Mr. Mayo congratulated the Williams' on their day support services, it was a needed service.

Council Member Miller noted it was a great celebration this weekend and the Riverfront Park has attracted a lot of people to Danville.

Council Member Vogler noted it was an amazing week for the celebration of the 250th birthday of the greatest nation in the world. On July 3rd, the Otterbots had a great fireworks display after the game and the Fourth of July celebration downtown was great. Mr. Vogler stated he appreciated Rev Campbell bringing up the study on the city auditorium and looked forward to the results. Mr. Vogler noted they had a study done on the baseball stadium, and asked what the result of that study was; the stadium has not had much done to it in its thirty-five years.

Vice Mayor Buckner thanked Ms. Freeburn for appearing before Council regarding Ruskin Street and hoped the City Manager will get in touch with her regarding that road. Mr. Buckner noted Danville Transit was planning its Black History Month wrap, they wanted citizens' input, and encouraged citizens to take a survey on who should be included in the next wrap. Mr. Buckner noted the Fourth of July celebration was amazing.

Mayor Jones noted to those in Chambers and those watching, it means a lot to Council that they were here. Mayor Jones stated they were getting ready for the Gratitude Tour of Danville Public Schools, they want to commend the School Board, Dr. Hairston and every employee of Danville Public Schools, they have been released from their Memorandum of Understanding. Council will be going to the schools to thank all of the staff and teachers, during Open House.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK