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The Second Regular July meeting of the Danville City Council was held on July 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., Adam J. Tomer and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken F. Larking, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Jones recognized the graduates from the Danville Police Department First Annual Youth Police Academy. Chief Booth thanked Council for having them here tonight, thanked the Youth Academy members and stated that Officer Brooks and Captain Merricks did an outstanding job. Council Members congratulated the members of the Youth Police Academy, and thanked Chief Booth, Officer Brooks and Captain Merricks, and the new recruits, for their work on the Academy. Council Members encouraged the Youth Academy members to continue to be active in their communities as they grow up.

Mayor Jones recognized Ashton Foddrell, a DRF Intern, who explained her project was to capture the voices in response to the crime that is going on in Danville. After speaking with the youth, as well as community members, she decided to really focus on something Council was trying to focus on, partnerships, and put on an event called Rock D' Block. It was a huge success with a lot of activities for the youth, over twenty partners and about seven hundred sixty four people attending. Ms. Foddrell thanked Council for their support. Council Members congratulated Ms. Foddrell on a great event and thanked her for her work.

Mayor Jones recognized Robert David, the City Gang Prevention Coordinator. Mr. David explained he used a tier approach to connect with the community. He started at the top meeting with administrators, directors and superintendents to understand the needs and some of the barriers they might be facing. The first thing he found was a lack of communication, there are a lot of good people in the City doing a lot of good things, but are operating out of a silo-type effect. He went to pastors, supervisors, case workers and providers and found more information to try to get into the community. He visited the Housing Authority and youth coordinators to develop relationships, and then went to the grass roots level, at the barbershops and beauty salons, getting information, finding out what is on the minds of the people and what they think are some of the needs in the community. He has been able to foster some relationships where they trust him and what he says, and trusts the things the City is trying to do. They are working on partnering with the Workforce Center on getting some of the youth into employee/mentorships where they will receive a stipend; hopefully this will lead to less crime and they may be less apt to join gangs. They are working with the school system, probation and parole and the faith based communities on forging trust. Mr. Larking explained one of Council's focus areas is reducing violent crime and part of that initiative was starting a Youth Task Force and a Gang Task Force. The Gang Task Force adopted the

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Comprehensive Gang Model and the key component of that is to have a coordinator for those efforts. Mr. David will be coordinating all the City's efforts in the Comprehensive Gang Model; it has been recognized nationally as the best way to deal with gang issues in communities. Mr. Larking noted the Council and the leaders in the community deserve a lot of credit for allowing the City to have this position and for Mr. David to do what he is doing. Council Members thanked Mr. David and noted they are there to assist him in any way they can.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Tamira Bennett, Cesthiny Bennett, and Kinsley Waller who discussed suggestions they would like to make about Galileo High School. They believe Galileo should move to Langston for more space and offer more electives such as another language, band or chorus. They also suggested the students from Langston move to Woodrow Wilson and the fourth and fifth graders move to the Galileo building. They also discussed the meals at Galileo and suggested more variety. Mayor Jones introduced the girls to school board member Ty'quan Graves to give him their suggestions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 19, 2018. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

Amending the FY 2019 BAO to Provide for Federal and State Transit Capital Assistance Funds for Regional Bus Service

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-07.03, presented by its First Reading on July 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Federal and State Transit Capital Assistance Funds Related to the Provision of Regional Bus Service by the Danville Transit System to Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties.

Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Danville in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$16,000,000

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-07.02, presented by its First Reading on July 5, 2018, Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia, in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$16,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Projects.

Amending the FY 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant to Fund the Gang Prevention Coordinator

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-07.04, presented by its First Reading on July 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue for a Department of Criminal Justice Services, Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Attorney General Grant for Establishment of the Danville Crime Prevention to be Used to Fund the Gang Prevention Coordinator.

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

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VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Jones **moved** for adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2018-07.04 – Reappointing Sherman M. Saunders as a Member of the Danville Development Council.

Resolution No. 2018-07.05 - Reappointing Sherman M. Saunders as a Member of the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 2018-07.06 – Reappointing Gary P. Miller as a Member of the Roanoke River Basin Association.

Resolution No. 2018-07.07 – Appointing Madison J. Whittle as a Member of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

Resolution No. 2018.07.08 – Reappointing James B. Buckner as a Member of the Dan River Business Development Center.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.09

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, OF A SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

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APPROVAL OF A MORAL OBLIGATION WITH VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.10

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AND VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BAO TO PROVIDE FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE GRANT FUNDS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Miller and **second** by Council Member Buckner, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07.05

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE VIRGINIA 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 \$16,719 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$116,719 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME

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

CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSING SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS TO VDOT

ENDORSING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION BY THE DANVILLE MPO TO VDOT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A CONNECTOR ROAD TO THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEGA SITE AT BERRY HILL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.11

ENDORSING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION BY THE DANVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A CONNECTOR ROAD TO THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEGA SITE AT BERRY HILL

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

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VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

ENDORISING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO VDOT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT ON MOUNT CROSS ROAD AT DIMON DRIVE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.12

ENDORISING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT ON MT. CROSS ROAD AT DIMON DRIVE

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

ENDORISING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO VDOT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD LANE ON ROUTE 58 WEST BOUND FROM KENTUCK ROAD TO AIRPORT DRIVE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.13

ENDORISING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD LANE ON ROUTE 58 WEST BOUND FROM KENTUCK ROAD TO AIRPORT DRIVE.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

ENDORISING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO VDOT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PIEDMONT DRIVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.14

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ENDORING A SMART SCALE APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PIEDMONT DRIVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

CODE CHANGE – AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE III, SECTION 25 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07.06

AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED “ANIMALS AND FOWL”, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “ANIMAL WELFARE”, MORE SECTION 5-25, ENTITLED “ADEQUATE SPACE FOR ANIMALS; TIME RESTRICTION ON TETHERING COMPANION ANIMALS”.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

CONSIDERATION OF SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.15

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER’S CONTRACT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.16

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APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07.17

CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018.

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

Council Member Miller urged citizens to go out on National Night Out, participate in activities and talk to the Council Members. Vice Mayor Vogler noted it is a great time, various neighborhoods participate, with a huge party every year at Cardinal Village and hopes to see everyone out there. Council Member Saunders hoped the community would get out and support the event, it all about the City, keeping it safe, having a bright future and encouraged citizens to participate.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking thanked Council for placing their confidence in his abilities by their action earlier this evening. Mr. Larking noted he was proud to work for this organization, with this group of Council Members, to help improve the City; every one of them cares very much about Danville. Mr. Larking stated there are times when he is extra proud to serve Danville and earlier in this meeting there were forty young people, who with the work the Police Department to put on that event, is one of those examples of why he is proud to work for Danville, what they are doing to for the youth and the people who live there.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted he went to the graduation of the Youth Police Academy and as good as he felt about the City that morning before the graduation, that just expanded and he has had a smile on his face since he attended that graduation. Mr. Whitfield

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commended all the graduates; all forty that started, finished the program, and thanked Officer Brooks and Captain Merricks who spearheaded that along with all of the new recruits.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Miller noted that the Third Street Police Station is now being regularly staffed with an officer there forty hours a week with another officer to be added later. One of DRF interns' initiatives is communities and they noted that Cardinal Village has a nice community center, many of the communities don't. He talked to the Mayor, Vice Mayor and others about possibly using that Third Street Police Station as a community center on nights and weekends; that is something that needs to be looked at. Ty'quan Graves Peak performance group will be presenting a play on the 20th, at 11:00 a.m. in multiple performances at 212 Murphy Circle.

Council Member Saunders noted to the City Attorney and City Manager, congratulations on what they do for the City, and is very pleased that both votes this evening were unanimous. Mr. Saunders noted to Captain Jones, thank you for what his people do every single day putting their lives on the line.

Council Member Tomer noted he was proud of Council tonight for looking at issues related to rightsizing the City and also for unanimously passing the most progressive tethering ordinance in the state, and hopes it is a model for other communities. Council helped give a voice to the voiceless, the companion animals, to protect them, and gave the Humane Society a better law to enforce. To the City Manager and City Attorney, the unanimous vote tonight shows Council is committed to them and their excellent representation of the City. Mr. Tomer noted he has asked the City Manager to look into the creation of a public safety memorial and for it to be put on the next City Council work session agenda. To Marc Aron and the Police Department, all those that took part in the lip sync challenge, it was fantastic and thanked them for doing that.

Vice Mayor Vogler noted the lip sync challenge was tremendous with at least 1.5M views, they did a great job. Mr. Vogler stated the City's unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in over a decade, there has been over \$150M of private sector funds invested in the River District, the YMCA was ranked as one of the top ten athletic facilities in the world, the City's Mountain Bike Trail has been ranked in the top twenty-five in the world and Danville has an award winning River City TV; Marc Aron does a great job. As great as those things are, they don't define Danville, Danville is not defined by buildings or parks or ranking, it is defined by their people. Danville is a great City with challenges and he proud to live there.

Council Member Whittle noted he attended the King Community Round Table at High Street and got a tutorial of the last fifty years and how things have grown; it wasn't out of a book but by the people who went through those times in the City. He was glad to be able to attend.

Council Member Buckner congratulated all the graduates of the Youth Police Academy, it was done with a zero budget, hopes that Council can make sure that is not the case next year and makes sure Officer Brooks has all the resources to continue that work.

Council Member Campbell noted he remembered in a Council session in 2016, the high volume of homicides in the community, and repeatedly during that year, that was not Danville. It was very disturbing and a sad year. To see what is happening now, Danville is moving in the right direction.

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Mayor Jones noted since July 2nd when this Council appointed him as Mayor, he has received 193 phone calls, returned all 193 calls; attended 39 events since July 2nd and every call he has received, people are singing the praises of Danville and this Council. Mayor Jones thanked Council for their support, it takes all of them working together in unity. To the City Manager and City Attorney, they are amazing to work with. There are a lot of wonderful things happening in the City and he is very excited about it. Council's thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Attorney Williams, a former Council Member and Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

DRAFT