



DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

October 20, 2020

7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: James B. Buckner
L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr.
Samuel A. Kushner
Barry P. Mayo

Dr. Gary P. Miller, Vice Mayor
Sherman M. Saunders
J. Lee Vogler, Jr.,
Madison J. Whittle

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

W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney
Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

The City Council is the City of Danville's legislative body and is composed of nine Council members. Council members are elected to serve a four year term of office and elects one of its own to serve as Mayor and presiding officer for a two year term.

Time and Place of Meeting

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings. The City Council meets in the City Hall, Fourth Floor, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

Communications from Visitors

Communication from Visitors is an opportunity for citizens to address Council on matters not on the agenda. Citizens who desire to speak on agenda items will be heard when the agenda item is considered. Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and address. Each individual speaker shall have five uninterrupted minutes. A representative of a group may have up to ten uninterrupted minutes to make a presentation. The representative shall identify the group and a group may have no more than one spokesperson. Time will be kept using the electronic timer on the podium.

Guidelines for Public Hearings

For Public Hearings the applicant or his or her representative shall be the first speaker(s). There shall be a time limit of ten (10) minutes for the applicant's or his or her representative's presentation. The presiding officer shall then solicit comments from the public, asking those in favor of the proposal to speak first, and then those opposed to the proposal. Each speaker must clearly state his or her name and address. There shall be a time limit of three (3) minutes for each individual speaker. If the speaker represents a group, there shall be a time limit of five (5) minutes. A speaker representing a group shall identify the group at the

beginning of his or her remarks. A group may have no more than one spokesperson. The presiding officer may limit or preclude comment which is repetitive, redundant, cumulative, or irrelevant to the subject of the public hearing. After public comments have been received, in a land use case, the applicant or the representative of the applicant, at his or her discretion, may respond with a rebuttal. There shall be a five (5) minute time limit for rebuttal.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION - Sherman M. Saunders

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Recognition: Recognition of City of Danville's Treasurer's Office for Achieving Accreditation
Presented by: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Danville City Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Citizens who desire to speak on matters not listed on the agenda will be heard at this time. Citizens who desire to speak on agenda items will be heard when the agenda item is considered.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, have previously been discussed by City Council and/or introduced for First Reading. There will be no separate discussion on these items and they will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by a Council Member or a citizen, the item(s) will be removed from the consent process and considered separately.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting and Regular Work Session held on September 15, 2020.
Council Letter Number CL - 2419.

B. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the US Department of Justice in the Amount of \$91,550.
Council Letter Number CL - 2393.

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from the United States Department of Justice Community Policing Development Program Grant in the Amount of \$91,550 for use in Establishing a Program for Proactive Police Response to Prevent Domestic Violence

FINAL ADOPTION

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review of General Fund Financials as of September 30, 2020.
Council Letter Number CL - 2413.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions.
Council Letter Number CL - 2424.
1. A Resolution Appointing Faye Brown as a Member of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
 2. A Resolution Reappointing Vanessa Cain as a Member of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
 3. A Resolution Reappointing Courtney Nicholas as a Member of the River District Design Commission.
 4. A Resolution Reappointing Andrew Hessler as a Member of the River District Design Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 24277 on Stokes Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2395.
- A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property Identified as Parcel 24277 for Streetscaping along Stokes Street.
- B. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 21548 on Paxton Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2396.
- A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property Identified as Parcel 21548 for Streetscaping along Berryman Avenue.
- C. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 20792 on Lee Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2397.
- A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property Identified as Parcel 20792 for Streetscaping along Lee Street.
- D. Consideration of Approval of Free Bus Service in the City of Danville on Election Day.
Council Letter Number CL - 2415.
- A Resolution Authorizing the Danville Transit System to Offer Free Bus Service on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

- A. City Manager
- B. Deputy City Manager
- C. City Attorney

D. City Clerk

E. Roll Call

ADJOURNMENT

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2419

Consent Agenda A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

From: Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting and Regular Work Session held on September 15, 2020.

Council Letter Number CL - 2419.

Attachments

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

The Second Regular September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 15, 2020, 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, Samuel A. Kushner, Barry P. Mayo, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Vogler asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mrs. Gail Gunn, a wonderful lady, always filled with joy and smiles. Following the moment of silence, the Invocation was given by J. Lee Vogler, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation entitled Constitution Week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Tommy Bennett, President of the Danville Branch of the NAACP who noted he had with him the youth branch of the NAACP. When he took over in July they had a total of 93 members, now they were at 250 and people were still joining. Mr. Bennett invited City Council to their Family and Friends Day at Westmoreland playground on September 26th at 2:00 p.m. There will be non-profit organizations, food, and a tent for COVID testing. The guest speaker will be Senator Louise Lucas, as well as Cameron Webb and Torrey Dixon. Mr. Bennett introduced the members of the Youth Council in attendance, Youth Coordinator Rebecca Campbell, Youth Director Darius Johnson, Shawn and Alia Ferrell, Secretary Michella Glass, Treasurer Mariah Edmonds, as well as Vice President of the NAACP, Norma Brower.

Mayor Jones invited Darius Johnson to speak about the youth events; Mr. Johnson noted they will make sure they attend the events that their youth participate in throughout the City so they can have a collective of unity. They will try to make sure that it stays safe and was inclusive for all young people. Mr. Johnson noted they were trying to push the importance of voting to the young people and get their children active and involved in the community.

Council Members thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bennett for the work they were doing.

Mayor Jones recognized James Dalton, Dryfork, VA, a landlord in the City. Mr. Dalton noted he has been having an issue with the Inspections Division and a citation he received on one of his rental properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Budget Appropriation items on the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 8, 2020. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 18, 2020. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Budget Amendment - Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Toyota USA Grant Funds in the Amount of \$30,000

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from the Toyota USA Grant Program in the Amount of \$30,000 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment - Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for DMV Alcohol Grant Program Funds in the Amount of \$19,222

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.02 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Selective Enforcement – Alcohol Grant Program in the Amount of \$19,222 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment - Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for the DMV Occupant Protection Grant Program - \$5,250

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.03 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office Selective Enforcement – Occupant Protection Grant Program in the Amount of \$5,250 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment - Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for DMV Speed Grant Program Funds in the Amount of \$9,100

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.04, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Revenue from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office Selective Enforcement – Speed Grant Program in the Amount of \$9,100 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment – Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for CSA Funds in the Amount of \$4,780,388

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.05, Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Appropriating Comprehensive Services Act Funds and Providing Local Matching Funds for a Total Amount of \$4,780,388 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Virginia Department of Aviation Airport Maintenance Funds

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.06 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 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 \$70,208 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$17,552 for a Total Appropriation of \$87,760 and Appropriating the Same.

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Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Title III-B Older American Act Grant Funds for Senior Citizen Transportation Services

An Ordinance Entitled, Ordinance No. 2020-09.07 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Certain Revenues to Provide for Title III-B Grant Funds and Local Share for Senior Citizen Transportation Services and Appropriating the Same.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09.04

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

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

Council Member Whittle noted there was \$3M included for the School system to do repairs and does not understand why that was not in their budget. Also, there were several million dollars included for electric work or working with the utility company, and asked if they had their own budget. City Manager Ken Larking explained they do have their own budget. The City does this all in one group under one motion but repayment of those electric fund projects will be through the electric fund. If a project was related to a particular fund, then it will be paid back in that fund. Mr. Larking noted the School budget was approved through the City's budget process, the operational budget, plus \$2M in capital funds, which were funded by bond proceeds.

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

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

ACCEPTING PROPOSED DONATIONS FROM THE DANVILLE SCIENCE CENTER

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09.05

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT DANVILLE SCIENCE CENTER/TRAIN STATION

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Council Member Kushner noted it was good to have people attending Council meetings again, and to the young people from the NAACP in attendance, good luck on their upcoming event on the 26th.

Council Member Mayo noted it was good to see the youth and Tommy Bennett from the NAACP in attendance, they were doing a great job. This Saturday, there will be COVID testing at Main Street Baptist church. They were partnering with PATHS, this was one of many testings they were doing, and there would be one every third Saturday. Citizens will also be able to get a food box.

Vice Mayor Miller noted his congratulations to Tommy Bennett on his increased membership; he was a member of the NAACP and of the Westmoreland Community Group, and will be attending the event. The dedication for Mr. Saunders was great, with a lot of people attending, and it was covered by the Washington Post. Dr. Miller noted he was out at Dan Daniel Park and one the maintenance people from the City was cleaning up the trash on the ground; Dr. Miller asked citizens of the City to please don't throw trash out the window. It makes the City look bad, please don't litter. Dr. Miller noted cities don't need to defund the police, but need to fund the change, better train the police and help them deal with the stress.

Council Member Saunders noted his congratulations to Tommy Bennett and the young members of the NAACP, he was proud of them, encouraged them to do keep on doing great things and congratulated them on the growth in membership. The City Manager did an excellent job with the State of the Region address. To the public safety workers, first responders, fire and rescue, all the employees, thank you so much for what they do every day. He also wanted to thank everyone for the recognition last week; a special thanks to the housing authority, City Council, the Mayor and everyone attending.

Council Member Vogler thanked Tommy Bennett for being at Council this evening and for the work they were doing. Mr. Vogler thanked the Police Department, the Chief and the rest of the City employees for the work they do. Mr. Vogler congratulated Mr. Saunders, noting the dedication was a wonderful event, and welcomed Mr. Whittle back to Council. Mr. Vogler noted Council was hearing from citizens about their utility bills, the rates were concerning, and moving forward, Council needs to have a conversation about utility revenues. If the casino referendum passes, there will be an influx of revenue into the City, he wants to have a conversation about possibly having a percentage of that revenue allocated to lowering utility rates for the citizens.

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Council Member Whittle noted his congratulations to Tommy Bennett and stated he was sorry he missed the event for Council Member Saunders. Mr. Whittle noted when it comes to defunding the police department, it was not something he would vote for. Mr. Whittle noted in the Special Session, Delegate Carter on the House Budget Amendments would reduce House Bill 599 funding by ten percent. HB 599 was the funding for the police, part of that was 482,204.3, if it passes it will cut Danville's funding by \$700,000. Mr. Whittle encouraged citizens to call their delegates.

Council Member Buckner asked citizens to let their delegate know how they feel about supporting the police departments. Mr. Buckner noted it was a sad day in Danville, they lost Ms. Gail Dunn, she was an outstanding person, with positive and bright things to say about the City. She was a Danville by choice person and loved the City. Mr. Buckner noted his congratulations to Mr. Bennett, they are doing a great job, and looks forward to the many things he will do in the future.

Council Member Campbell stated the recognition for Mr. Saunders was wonderful event, and he deserved it. Reverend Campbell noted he was proud of Tommy Bennett and what he was doing and welcomed Mr. Whittle back to Council. Reverend Campbell noted his concern about schools possibly opening back up and the COVID virus.

Mayor Jones asked Danville School Board Member Tyrell Payne to address Council; Mr. Payne noted Mr. Campbell's concerns were all their concerns, not only keeping the children safe, but keeping the teachers, administration, custodians, everyone working in Danville Public Schools safe. The School Board was working daily to make the right decisions that best fit the City of Danville. Mr. Payne noted they were working on the process of hiring a new superintendent and wants to keep the community involved. Mr. Payne thanked the parents dealing with virtual learning.

Mayor Jones noted Council Member Vogler mentioned utilities, he had called the City Manager and Deputy City Manager and asked for an extension on the utility bills. Today, he, the City Manager, and Deputy City Manager received several calls thanking them, the city staff, social services and finance department. That extension gave people an opportunity to put their finances in order. Mayor Jones noted the City Manager did a great job on the State of the Region, and thanked the City staff for what they do.

The meeting adjourned at: 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on September 15, 2020 at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. Council Members present were: James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Samuel A. Kushner, Barry P. Mayo, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr. and Madison J.R. Whittle.

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

Mayor Jones presided.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIALS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020.

Director of Finance Michael Adkins noted the City was two months into the new fiscal year and revenues for the first two months came in at \$12.6M. This was a decrease of about \$800,000 from last year, but most of that was timing. There was about \$500,000 of timing differences in Social Services' revenues, those came in after the August reports and also a few hundred thousand in Juvenile Detention billings which also came in after the August reports. Another decrease was Parks & Recreation; their summer activities did not go on as usual so there was about \$100,000 less in charges for services. Those expenditures were also not incurred, and that offsets. On Local Taxes, the Sales Taxes were performing very well for the beginning of the fiscal year, better than last year. Currently, for two months, the City has collected \$1.7M in sales tax as compared to \$1.5M last year; the City was already at 18% of budget even though it was only a little over 16% through the year. Today the City received its monthly installment of sales tax, \$818,000, which was a very good month for the collection of sales tax. Meals Tax still showed some negative impact from the pandemic for the month of July, however, for the month of August, the receipt of meals tax was one of the best Augusts' the City has had in previous years. Hotel and Lodging taxes for the first two months were slightly under budget at 15%, this August was equal to last August, and the City was seeing comparable results to last year before the pandemic.

On the Expenditure side, Department expenses were either on track or below budget; Parks & Rec did not have the opportunity to do a lot of their summer activities, so they were quite a bit under their budget at this point in the year. Fiscal Year 2021 was off to a good start in Mr. Adkins' opinion; the City was seeing a good recovery of the local economy. For Fiscal Year 2020, there were no significant changes and they were still anticipating adding a couple of million dollars to the unassigned fund balance which will bring that to \$33M. Mr. Adkins noted he has put at Council's places the Annual Report of tax collections. The City Code requires him to give that report to Council near the beginning of each fiscal year. Nothing was out of the ordinary in it and there was a letter to explain the information in the report.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED SMART SCALE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Brian Dunevant noted these were resolutions of support for five separate VDOT Smart Scale applications that were recently submitted. Council had no questions for Mr. Dunevant and agreed to put this on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON

Assistant City Attorney Ryan Dodson noted right before the pandemic hit, the City had been contacted by Verizon about installing wireless facilities. Essentially they were devices that can help increase band width for internet and 5G, in specific areas. Because they would be installed on City right of ways, they needed City Council's permission to go forward. Mr. Dodson noted he believed there were enough protections for the City.

Mr. Saunders noted the law has changed to allow them to be put on City poles and Mr. Dodson explained they still have to get the City's permission to make sure the poles themselves can support the structures. This was discussed with Engineering, and they were not sure if any of the City poles actually can support them. They indicated to the City Engineer they would install their own poles, and install up to ten. Mr. Saunders questioned the time frame and Mr. Dunevant stated the company explained it would be in the next year to eighteen months. Mr. Dodson noted it was possible to do it with less than ten, but the company wants up to that amount, and would do an analysis to see the specific siting around the City where there were gaps in coverage. Because the City has the protections, they still have to get an excavation permit and site plan before they can start digging the holes. The understanding was the actually location may be subject to change and there may be a way to minimize the amount of poles by changing spacing. Mr. Campbell questioned if the \$1,000 per pole was a onetime cost and Mr. Dodson noted it was; under State law the City can only assess a onetime fee and it was capped at \$1,000. In response to Mr. Vogler, Mr. Dodson explained this will enable 5G once they were ready, in the meantime it will also fill in gaps with existing coverage.

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda.

REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A POLICE STATION

City Manager Ken Larking noted in 2016, the City conducted a space needs analysis for all operations and it was determined that one of the greatest needs was additional space for the Police Department. The Police Department was currently spread out over various floors of City Hall, the Library, and in cramped quarters that long ago failed to meet the needs of the department. A more detailed analysis was conducted in 2018 regarding the police department's specific needs, and based on that information the City hired Dewberry to study multiple sites to obtain cost estimates for a new police headquarters, using a traditional design bid build structure. The cost estimates for those sites were in the range of \$28-\$35M. The City decided to explore the possibility of a public private partnership to have a lease purchase of a new building, sent out RFPs and received three bids. Since June, staff has been negotiating the most cost effective solution which was the one that best fits the needs of the department. It involves the historic rehabilitation of the old Dan River Mills Executive office building off Memorial Drive. It will also include new construction of an annex building on the property and sufficient space for parking and accessory uses. The total cost of the project was estimated to be no more than \$17,750,000; the next lowest bid was \$25M. In order to pay for the cost with no need to increase taxes, staff proposes to use new revenues generated from casino gaming should the referendum in November pass. This will include setting aside \$5,924,000 from the \$20M upfront payment from Caesars to make a down payment on the project, and cover the first two years of payments. Should the referendum fail, the payment structure will change and City Council will have to determine whether to raise taxes to cover the cost. There will be two agreements with the developer in this proposal, one will be the installment purchase of the new construction portion of the project, and the other will be the lease of the historic rehabilitation of the existing building.

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The reason the historic rehabilitation was a lease was, in order to reduce the cost of the project, the developer was using historic tax credits. The developer using tax credits was required to hold ownership of the building for at least five years. The lease will include a first right of refusal provision which protects the City through the required holding period and beyond, and will enable the City to deal with that after the holding period. Mr. Larking thanked Corrie Bobe, who has been very helpful in helping him understand how historic tax credits on this project can be used to drive down the cost, and to put this project together. Mr. Larking thanked Ric Drazenovich, Director of Public Works; he has been involved in the space needs throughout the process, analyzed the proposal, made sure it was meeting all the needs, and he would be able to maintain the building. Also, Chief Booth and his staff for all the work he did to make sure the needs of the department were met so he can continue the good work of community policing in the City. Mr. Larking noted they were working on the two agreements and Mr. Whitfield noted they were very close to having the Lease and the Purchase Agreement put together, and in both agreements there was an absolute out should the referendum not pass.

Mr. Saunders noted the City does need a new police station and he was in support of that, will there be satellite locations, as citizens were concerned about security. Mr. Larking stated it was his understanding that the police precincts will still be used by the police department and there will likely be some presence at City Hall. Modifications have been made to City Hall on the first floor because of COVID, they wanted to make sure people were entering the building in one place, getting checked in and getting their temperature checked. CARES Act funds were used to make these improvements. It was an opportunity for the future to continue to have security at City Hall even after the pandemic was over. Mr. Larking noted they were studying the needs of the Court system and the Commonwealth Attorneys where they have some space needs themselves, and it was a possibility they could be taking some of the space left vacant by the police department. If court operations were part of that, that could involve the need to have security as if it were the courthouse as well, for people going through there.

Mr. Vogler noted he supports the need for a new police station, if and why would Council be voting for this prior to November considering a large part of the funding mechanism was contingent upon the Casino referendum passing. He did not want to vote to approve something and the City was on the hook for the money for it. Mr. Whitfield explained both agreements stated that until the referendum had passed and the votes were certified, nothing can happen. Until it was all in effect, it doesn't matter when Council passes the agreements. If Council votes on the agreements in October, it was contingent on the referendum passing and the certifications passing. Mr. Vogler noted he would like to hear more about the options of leasing or purchasing the building; the City would be investing money into the up fit of the property and it was possible the City wouldn't own the property. Mr. Larking explained it would be two separate parcels, one with the new building on it which the City would be paying for with an installment purchase; the City would own that building from the beginning. The other part, because of the restrictions of historic tax credits, the City has to lease it for a period of time, and the City will have a first right of refusal on any sale of that property. The benefit was it drives down the cost of the project. Mr. Whitfield explained the way the documents were written it was anticipated that after year seven, in year eight, the City will purchase it. The right of first refusal was a tax issue, the City will be the owners, but it helped with some tax issues for the developer to provide a right of first refusal as opposed to a lease purchase option.

Mr. Campbell questioned if the referendum does not pass, will the City still pursue this and Mr. Larking stated it became a more difficult question for Council. The amount of revenue necessary to cover the annual cost associated with this project would require a tax increase.

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Chief of Police Scott Booth reviewed the design overview at the old Dan River Executive building, noting when they first started discussing a new police station, there had already been several space studies done. Several site surveys were done, and the Dan River building was the most cost effective solution. His vision was not the police department as seen now as part of the Municipal Building; they want to be in the community. Right now he does not have community space for meetings, space to meet with staff, and they don't have a place for a police athletic leagues; this gives them the opportunity to do that. This space allows the community to come and talk to the police about community involvement. When he first saw this site and started talking to the developer he was a little skeptical; they spoke and he feels that this was a cost effective solution for the community. It was based around the concept of community; it meets the needs of the space study and it allows them to move the department forward. Chief Booth reviewed the aerial view and the proposed floor plan (a copy of the power point presentation has been retained in Laserfiche in the City Clerk's folder, *Presentations to Council*.)

Mr. Kushner questioned whether any consideration was given to developing office space where the green space was now, since space was so important. Chief Booth noted he believed the green space was tied in with the Historic Tax Credits and Ms. Bobe noted that was correct, it has to keep in line with the original architecture of that building, which was built in the 1960s. Mr. Larking explained there were some open areas underneath the second floor that could be filled in, in the future to increase space. They do not anticipate that need would arise until several years later. If and when it does, the Historic Tax Credit period will be over and the limitations on renovation will be over, and they could take advantage of some of that space for that purpose.

Mr. Vogler questioned if the Chief had concerns about the location, being somewhat isolated, and have they discussed ways to open it up so it wasn't so secluded. Chief Booth noted that was one of the concerns he had initially. His perfect police facility would be in the neighborhood that needs the police the most, where they can have the most impact. This was a cost effective solution to what the department needs, it can be opened up and was a way they can bring the community to them. His vision was to one day have their own police academy, as the economy gets better. There was a regional police academy that does not meet Danville's needs; they were a different type of police department now than many others. They were working with the community to solve problems and they were only going to get better. He received a call today from the Director of the State Criminal Justice Services; she wants Danville to be a test site for working with communities of colors, a model for the State. He told her absolutely. In his mind though was, where they would host meetings, where could they bring people in to have these conversations.

Mr. Larking noted as far as it being secluded, the City was looking at opening it up; there were trees surrounding it and they have had discussions with Public Works about that. They want to look at having another entrance on Bishop which would serve the Schoolfield area more readily. Chief Booth noted when talking about the casino, if does go through, one of the concerns was crime; they were prepared and will be prepared working with their partners. This facility will also allay some community concerns as the facility backs up to the proposed site. Mr. Larking noted there was a perception of increased crime from the casino and this will help with that perception. Mayor Jones noted he would like Council to take a tour of the site.

In response to Dr. Miller, Chief Booth explained the annex will be a multi-purpose room for meetings, training, and locker rooms. The department has recently implemented de-escalation training for the entire department and will be able to continue that training in that multi-purpose room. They also have a MILO simulator they purchased last year which was housed at the library; that will be in that facility.

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Mr. Saunders asked if the building was for the present or for the future as well. Mr. Larking noted it was a building for now and the future, because of the expandable space of the existing building and a large amount of acreage around the building that would provide opportunities for future expansion. There were a lot more opportunities than what currently exist; the police department was now occupying the first floor of City Hall and part of the fourth floor. They operate some units out of the basement of the library; they were spread out over two different buildings plus the two precincts. This will give them one space where they can operate and serve the public.

Mr. Whitfield explained this could be at the second Council meeting in October. Mayor Jones conducted a straw poll noting eight out of nine Council Members agreed to put this on an upcoming agenda; one Council Member will have to abstain.

Mr. Kushner asked about the time frame for this project as far as breaking ground, and Mr. Whitfield noted if the casino referendum passes, they will break ground the end of November or first week of December of 2020. It should be completed in January 2022.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Larking noted they have engaged with a citizen committee to look at what kind of investments the City could be making with potential new revenue related to the casino. He will share Council Member Vogler's thoughts with them but would encourage everyone to let it go through the process and fully understand the impact of ideas before the City goes out and states what they were going to do.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller questioned if National Night Out would be this year and Mr. Larking noted it would not. The City would be recording virtual events throughout the day promoting the idea of National Night Out.

ADJOURNED: 8:43 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2393

Consent Agenda B.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Fiscal Year 2020 Community Policing Development Microgrant

From: Scott Booth, Police Chief

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 10/06/2020

Final Adoption 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

The Danville Police Department is requesting an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to include a \$91,550 grant to create a proactive police response to prevent the escalation of domestic violence. This will allow the Danville Police Department to partner with Drs. Rachel and Roberto Santos with Radford University, and Haven of the Dan River Region in how the Police Department responds to and manages domestic violence. This project will provide training for patrol supervision, and establish the necessary problem solving skills and knowledge to respond to evidence-based domestic violence. The project will also provide ongoing assistance and analysis that will provide the department with a sustainable model.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Danville City Council adopt the attached Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by anticipating revenues in the amount of \$91,550 from the United States Department of Justice 2020 Community Policing Development Program.

Attachments

Ordinance

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-_____._____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,550 FOR USE IN ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PROACTIVE POLICE RESPONSE TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Danville has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Justice Community Policing Development Program grant in the amount of \$91,550; and

WHEREAS, the funding will provide reimbursement to the City for expenditures for implementing a program for proactive police response to prevent domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires no matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance be, and the same is hereby, amended by increasing revenue to anticipate the receipt of funds in the amount of \$91,550 from the United States Department of Justice Community Policing Development Program, such revenue and appropriation to be as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
US DOJ Community Policing Development Program	61626000-48230	<u>\$91,550</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
US DOJ Community Policing Development Program	61626999-50	<u>\$91,550</u>

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this appropriation shall be a flexible budget for Federal, State, and other grant funding; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all other accounts and provisions of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance, as amended, not hereby amended, shall continue in full force and effect unless and until hereafter further amended or repealed.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

CITY ATTORNEY

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2413

A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: General Fund Financial Report

From: Michael Adkins, Director of Finance

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

A brief report will be given on General Fund financial results through September 30, 2020. Financial statements are included.

Attachments

Financial Statements



To: Ken F. Larking, City Manager
From: Michael L. Adkins, Director of Finance
Date: October 9, 2020

Subject: Summary of Preliminary General Fund Financial Results for September 30, 2020

After completing the first quarter of the new fiscal year, revenues are ahead of the previous year. As of September 30, General Fund revenues were \$18,935,890. This represents 16.9% of our FY 2021 budget. Last year, at this time, we had collected \$18,324,327, or 16.6% of budget. Decreases are seen in Charges for Services related to the absence of Parks & Recreation programs normally occurring in July, August, and September. The related expenses were also avoided. In addition, the timing of revenues from the Commonwealth resulted in a temporary decrease in Categorical Aid (State).

We continue to see steady performance in the collection of delinquent real estate taxes this year with \$383,491 realized in the first three months of this fiscal year. This accounts for 38.4% of the current year budget. Tax bills for FY 2021 will be mailed in November and we will begin realizing collection of current real estate and personal property taxes at that time. Local taxes collected through September 30, were \$5,862,091, or 20.8% of budget. This exceeds FY 2020 collections by \$204,284. Sales tax collections through September amounted to \$2,481,843 or 27.1% of budget, an increase of \$244,851 from last year. Meals taxes collected for the first three months of the fiscal year amounted to \$2,055,878 or 23.8% of budget, a decrease of \$62,660 from last year. Business Licenses realized at the end of September were \$363,062, a decrease of \$13,821 from the prior year. Lodging taxes received as of September 30, were \$375,301, or 23.5% of budget, a decrease of \$28,488 from the prior year. Local consumer taxes are still showing some effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly all other revenue categories are at or near the prior year and are tracking well with budget at this point.

Expenditures at September 30 were \$32,573,298 or 26.8% of budget. This is a decrease of \$1,653,372 compared to September 30, 2019, primarily resulting from the timing of budgeted transfers to Danville City Schools and the Capital Projects Fund. Departmental expenditures at the end of September show a decrease of about \$503,000 from last year with an increase in general government attributed to the timing of expenditures offset by a decrease in public safety and essentially all other departments. The most significant decrease is attributed to covering one month of public safety salaries with CARES Act funding. Fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$13,637,408. This is typical for the start of the fiscal year in the General Fund because the timing of the revenue recognition is not matched to expenditures. At this point, the General Fund is performing as expected.

CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
GENERAL FUND REPORT
25% OF YEAR LAPSED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
****PRE-CLOSING FIGURES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE - UNAUDITED****

	Budgets & Appropriations For Current Year	Actual Revenues & Expenditures For Year-to-Date	Percent Realized/Expended This Year	Encumbrances	Balance to be Realized/Expended	Actual Revenues & Expenditures At This Date Last Year
REVENUES:						
Property Taxes	\$ 34,515,700	\$ 1,945,442	5.64%		\$ 32,570,258	\$ 1,153,574
Other Local Taxes	28,117,000	5,862,091	20.85%		22,254,909	5,657,807
License Permits & Privilege Fees	258,350	54,674	21.16%		203,676	83,167
Fines & Forfeitures	345,550	59,018	17.08%		286,532	95,106
Revenue From Use Money & Property	1,158,590	246,479	21.27%		912,111	283,392
Charges For Services	3,393,360	775,974	22.87%		2,617,386	921,576
Miscellaneous Revenue	130,523	75,936	58.18%		54,587	43,566
Recovered Cost	7,960,250	1,907,276	23.96%		6,052,974	1,866,706
Non-Categorical Aid	5,868,720	1,433,818	24.43%		4,434,902	1,462,560
Shared Expenses (Categ. Aid State)	5,174,940	1,216,493	23.51%		3,958,447	1,177,959
Categorical Aid (State)	9,328,810	1,509,685	16.18%		7,819,125	1,740,664
Emergency Services (Federal)	27,020	-	0.00%		27,020	-
Categorical Aid (Federal)	79,754	10,754	13.48%		69,000	-
Transfers From Utilities	15,353,000	3,838,250	25.00%		11,514,750	3,838,250
Transfers From Other	-	-			-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 111,711,566	\$ 18,935,890	16.95%		\$ 92,775,677	\$ 18,324,327
EXPENDITURES:						
General Government Administration	\$ 11,089,670	\$ 3,585,825	32.33%	\$ 318,086	\$ 7,185,759	\$ 3,264,367
Judicial Administration	7,343,921	1,814,225	24.70%	10,530	5,519,166	1,764,335
Public Safety	31,314,788	6,993,743	22.33%	285,179	24,035,867	7,655,526
Public Works	4,436,941	964,187	21.73%	254,701	3,218,052	1,092,995
Health, Education, Welfare & Soc. Svc.	8,971,175	1,586,589	17.69%	64,228	7,320,358	1,554,752
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	5,227,943	1,010,518	19.33%	68,061	4,149,364	1,140,377
Community Development	2,186,636	364,797	16.68%	180,083	1,641,756	350,783
Non-Departmental	12,352,595	3,711,185	30.04%	-	8,641,410	3,322,852
Transfer to Schools - Operating	30,552,929	10,286,107	33.67%	1,426,907	18,839,915	9,940,194
Transfer to Capital Projects	3,655,040	-	0.00%	-	3,655,040	2,638,930
Transfer to Other Funds	4,552,690	2,256,121	49.56%	-	2,296,569	1,501,560
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 121,684,327	\$ 32,573,298	26.77%	\$ 2,607,775	\$ 86,503,255	\$ 34,226,670
Revenue over(under) Expenditures	\$ (13,637,408)					\$ (15,902,342)
FUND BALANCE:						
Beginning Fund Balance 07/01/2020		\$ 43,310,847				\$ 39,927,182
Revenue over(under) Expenditures		(13,637,408)				(15,902,342)
Ending Fund Balance 09/30/2020		\$ 29,673,439				\$ 24,024,840
Composition of Fund Balance:						
Reserved for Encumbrances/Designated Funds		\$ 12,574,988				\$ 8,231,264
Unassigned		17,098,451				15,793,576
TOTAL FUND BALANCE 09/30/2020		\$ 29,673,439				\$ 24,024,840

City of Danville, Virginia
Summary of Other Local Tax Revenues - PRE-CLOSING - UNAUDITED
For the period ending September 30, 2020

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revenue Realized</u>	<u>Percentage Realized</u>	<u>Prior Year Budget</u>	<u>Prior Year Realized</u>	<u>Percentage Prior Year</u>
Sales Tax	\$ 9,150,000	\$ 2,481,843	27.12%	\$ 9,150,000	\$ 2,236,993	24.45%
Business Licenses	5,250,000	363,062	6.92%	5,200,000	376,884	7.25%
Meals Tax	8,645,000	2,055,878	23.78%	8,400,000	2,118,538	25.22%
Utility Taxes	967,000	234,177	24.22%	975,000	238,908	24.50%
Vehicle License Fees	990,000	119,965	12.12%	990,000	121,300	12.25%
Bank Stock Tax	900,000	-	0.00%	900,000	37,860	4.21%
Recordation Tax	180,000	152,556	84.75%	195,000	43,128	22.12%
Hotel Motel Tax	1,600,000	375,301	23.46%	1,514,250	403,789	26.67%
Daily Property Rental Tax	15,000	2,518	16.79%	18,400	3,578	19.45%
Motor Vehicle Tax	175,000	49,473	28.27%	150,000	41,926	27.95%
DMV Fees	245,000	27,318	11.15%	220,000	34,904	15.87%
TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,117,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,862,091</u>	<u>20.85%</u>	<u>\$ 27,712,650</u>	<u>\$ 5,657,807</u>	<u>20.42%</u>

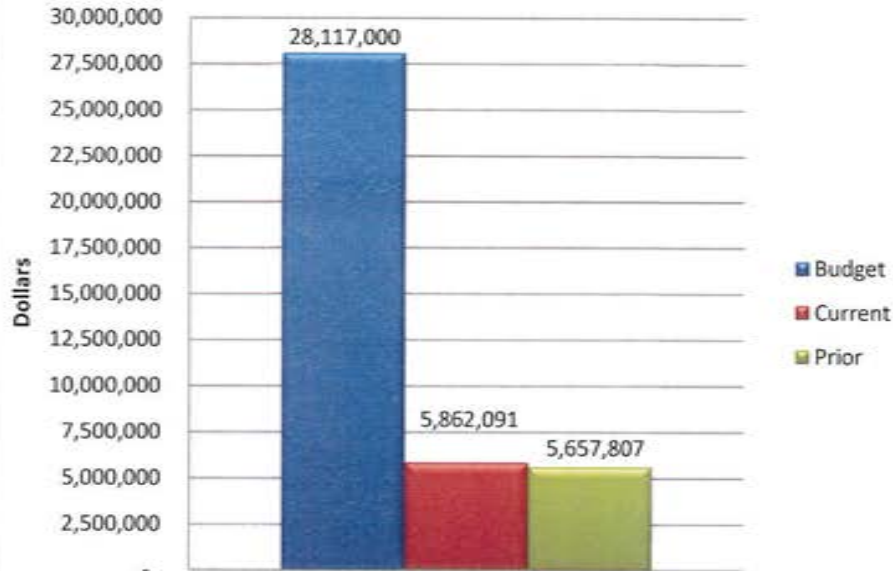
**CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPOSITION OF FUND BALANCE
PRELIMINARY - AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Beginning Total Fund Balance, July 1, 2020	43,310,847.48
Add: General Fund Revenues	18,935,889.63
Deduct: General Fund Expenditures	<u>(32,573,297.92)</u>
Ending Total Fund Balance, September 30, 2020	<u><u>29,673,439.19</u></u>

<u>Composition of Fund Balance:</u>	
Restricted for Commonwealth Attorney	108,985.76
Restricted for Police Department	58,782.48
Restricted for Fire Department	96,319.34
Committed for Sheriff's Department	240.92
Committed to Schools	3,814,751.71
Committed to Budget Stabilization	3,000,000.00
Committed transfer of Fund Balance FY2021	2,296,660.00
Assigned to Sheriff's Department	18,182.85
Assigned to Community Development	6,368.58
Assigned for Encumbrances	2,607,774.58
Nonspendable (Inventory and Prepays)	566,921.98
UNASSIGNED	<u>17,098,450.99</u>
Total Fund Balance, September 30, 2020	<u><u>29,673,439.19</u></u>

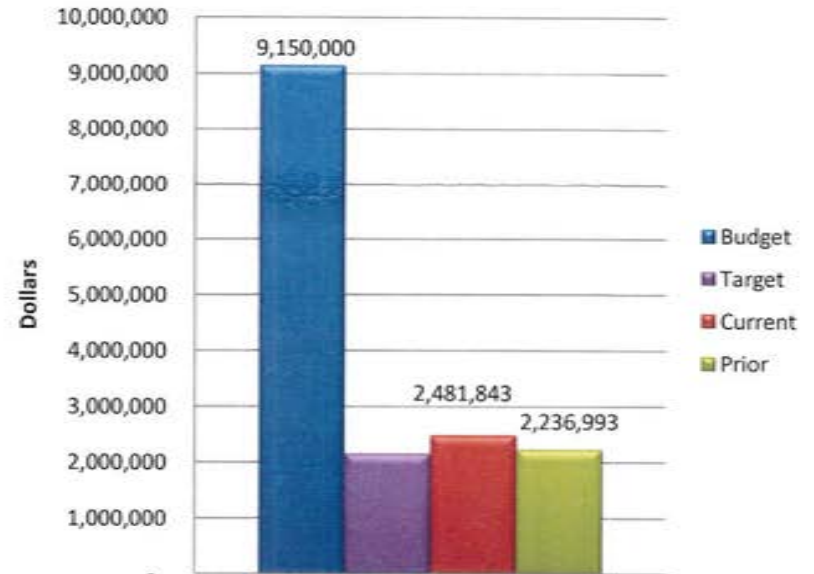
Unassigned fund balance from above	17,098,450.99
Unassigned Minimum per policy (20% of General Fund Operating Revenues) based on FY 2021 budget	<u>21,882,981.30</u>
Current surplus (deficit) over (under) minimum	(4,784,530.31)

Local Taxes



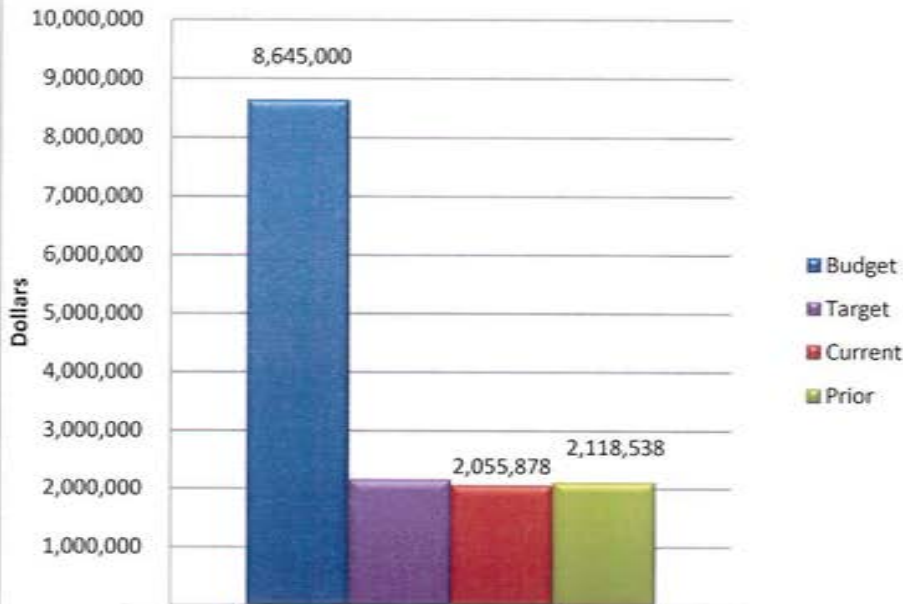
As of September 30, 2020

Sales Tax



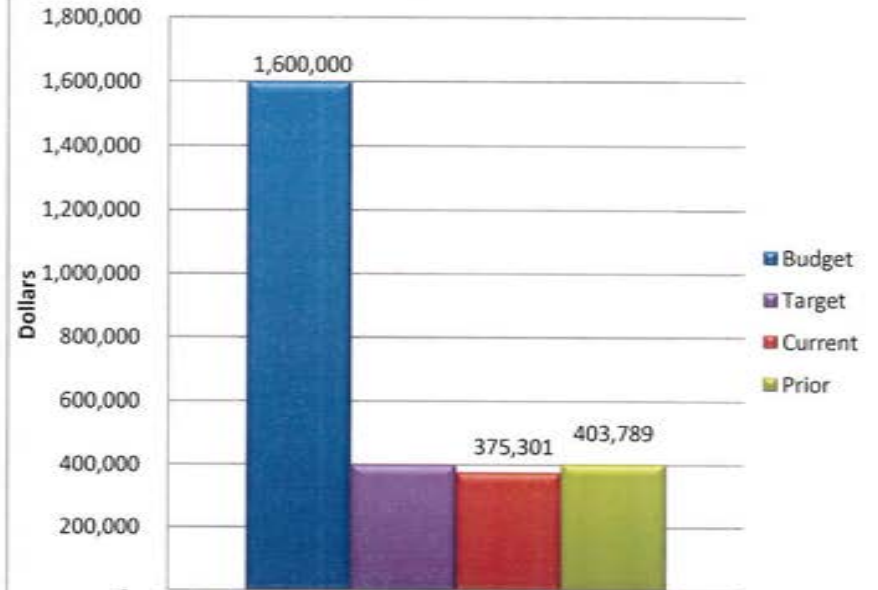
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Meals Tax

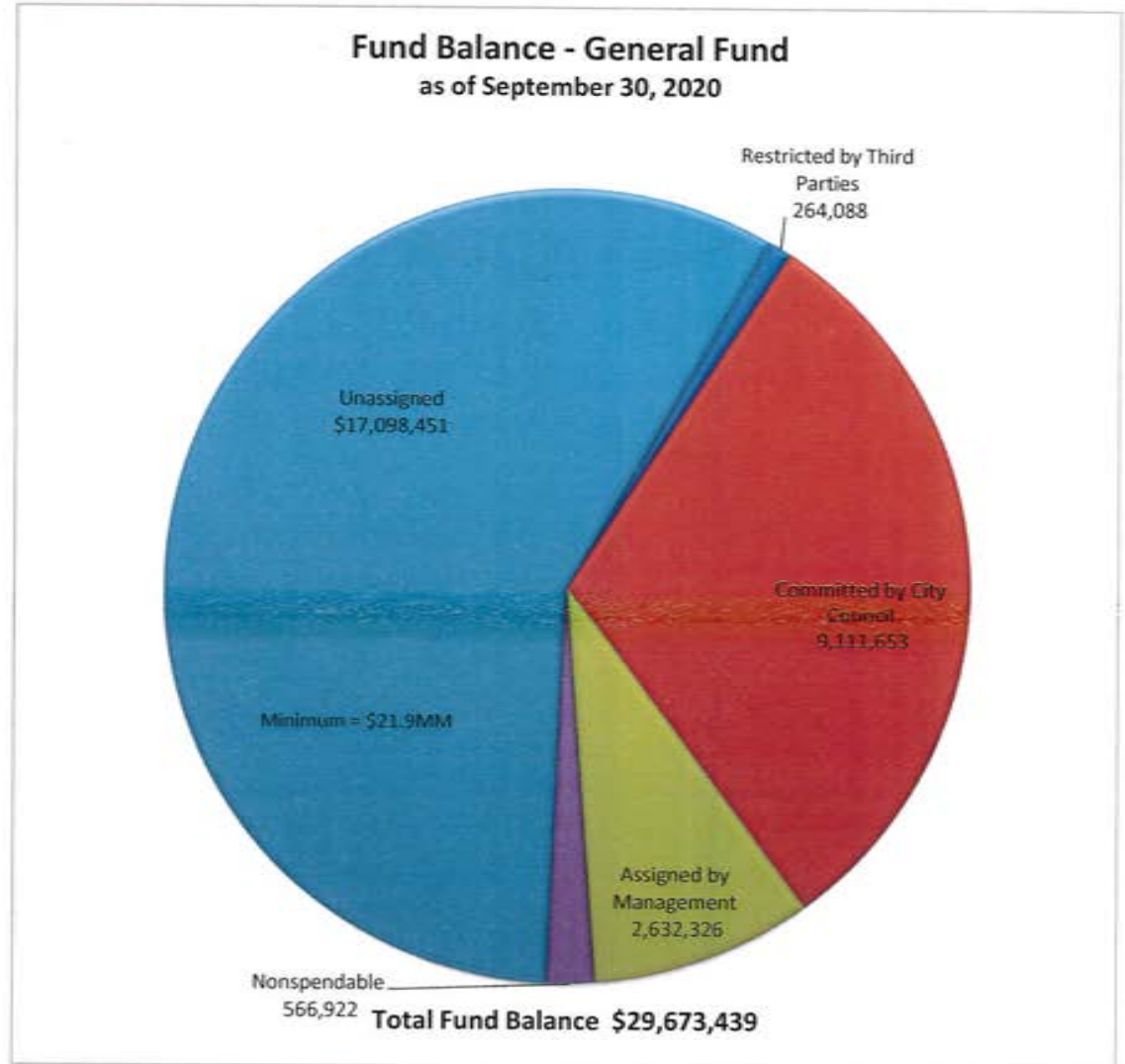
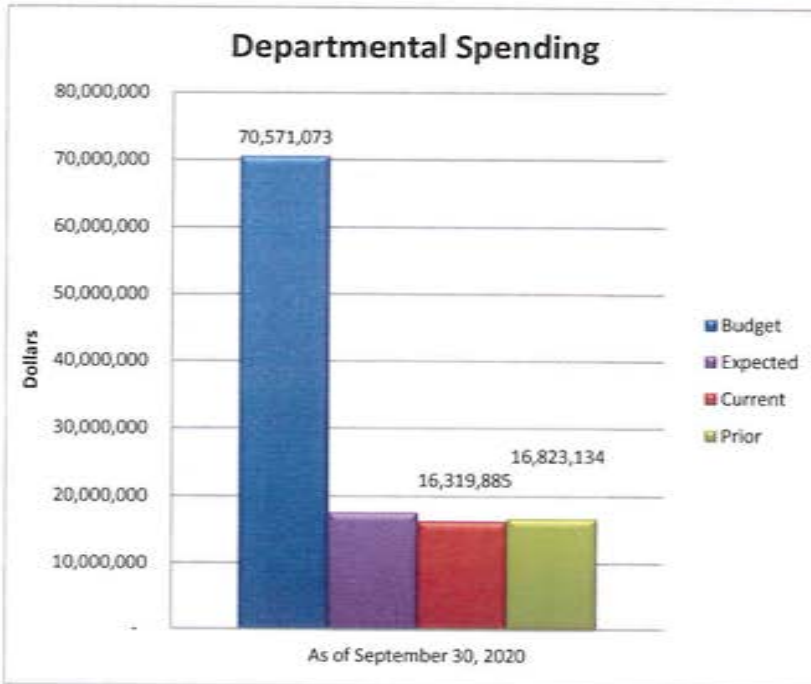
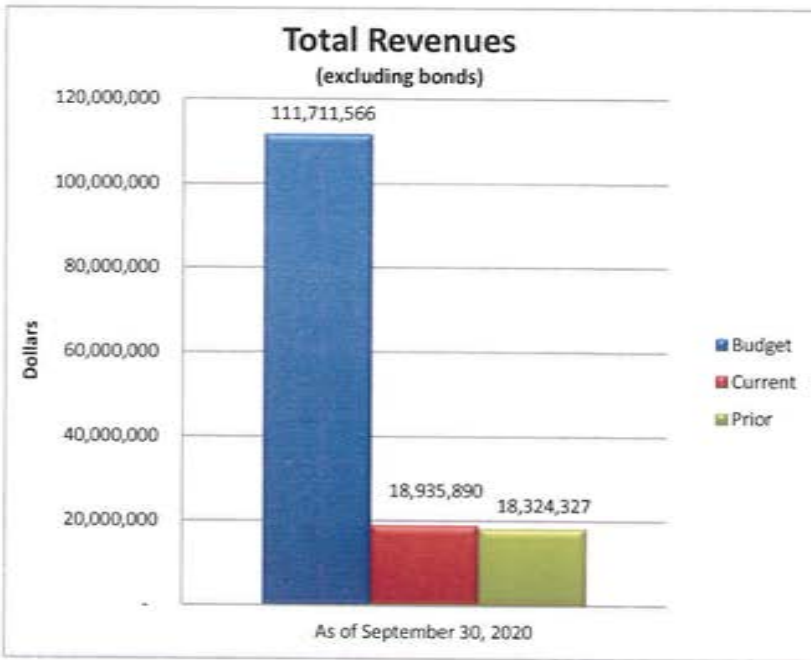


As of September 30, 2020

Lodging Tax



As of September 30, 2020



Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2424

Appointments A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions

From: Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

Consideration of Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority
2. River District Design Commission

Attachments

Resolutions

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – __ . __

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FAYE BROWN AS A MEMBER OF THE DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Faye Brown, be and she is hereby appointed as a member of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a Four Year Term commencing on November 1, 2020 and ending on October 31, 2024.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – __ . __

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING VANESSA CAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Vanessa Cain be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a Four Year Term commencing on November 1, 2020 and ending on October 31, 2024.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – __ . __

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING COURTNEY NICHOLAS AS A MEMBER OF THE RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Courtney Nicholas be, and she is hereby reappointed as a member of the River District Design Commission to serve as such for a four-year term commencing November 1, 2020 and ending October 31, 2024.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – __ . __

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDREW HESSLER AS A MEMBER OF THE RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Andrew Hessler be, and he is hereby reappointed as a member of the River District Design Commission to serve as such for a four-year term commencing November 1, 2020 and ending October 31, 2024.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2395

New Business A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant Lot - Parcel 24277

From: W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

The City is interested in improving the streetscape along parts of the boundary of the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area. In order to complete this as planned, the City must acquire ownership of a vacant lot identified as Parcel # 24277.

BACKGROUND

The City is interested in improving the visible streetscape along Berryman Avenue, the eastern boundary of the Monument - Berryman Redevelopment area. City Council designated the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area to prioritize targeted improvements to encourage growth around the River District and Old West End. In furtherance of this plan, the City is able to acquire ownership of a desired parcel fronting on Stokes Street near its intersection with Berryman Avenue. The parcel is currently owned by Mr. Oren Bray, who is willing to convey the property in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$2,396.62 in liens the City holds against the lot.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends proceeding with acquiring the parcel on Stokes Street owned by Mr. Bray in exchange for the satisfaction and release of the existing liens attached to the land, to assist with the streetscape improvements.

Attachments

Resolution

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____.____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 24277 FOR STREETSCAPING ALONG STOKES STREET.

WHEREAS, The City of Danville desires to make streetscape improvements along Berryman Avenue within the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area to eliminate blight and encourage redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 24277 fronting on Stokes Street has been identified by the City as ideal for streetscape work; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Parcel 24277, Oren Bray desires to convey the Parcel to the City to facilitate this project in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$2,396.62 in liens assessed against Parcel 24277.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia, that the conveyance of Parcel 24277 in exchange for the satisfaction and release of those City-held liens assessed against Parcel 24277 is hereby accepted by the City of Danville, Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia that it hereby authorizes the City Manager, Kenneth F. Larking, to execute on behalf of the City any and all documents as may be necessary to effect the transfer of Parcel 24277 on Stokes Street to the City.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant City Attorney

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2396

New Business B.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant Lot - Parcel 21548

From: W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

The City is interested in improving the streetscape along parts of the boundary of the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area. In order to complete this as planned, the City must acquire ownership of a vacant lot identified as Parcel # 21548.

BACKGROUND

The City is interested in improving the visible streetscape along Berryman Avenue, the eastern boundary of the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area. City Council designated the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area to prioritize targeted improvements to encourage growth around the River District and Old West End. In furtherance of this plan, the City is able to acquire ownership of a desired corner parcel fronting on Paxton Street and Berryman Avenue. The parcel is currently owned by Mr. Daniel Robinson, who is willing to convey the property in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$17,403.02 in liens the City holds against the lot.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends proceeding with acquiring the parcel on Paxton Street, owned by Mr. Robinson, in exchange for the satisfaction and release of the existing liens attached to the land, to assist with the streetscape improvements.

Attachments

Resolution

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____.____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 21548 FOR STREETSCAPING ALONG BERRYMAN AVENUE.

WHEREAS, The City of Danville desires to make streetscape improvements along Berryman Avenue within the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area to eliminate blight and encourage redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 21548 fronting on Paxton Street has been identified by the City as ideal for streetscape work; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Parcel 21548, Daniel Robinson desires to convey the Parcel to the City to facilitate this project in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$17,403.02 in liens assessed against Parcel 21548.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia, that the conveyance of Parcel 21548 in exchange for the satisfaction and release of those City-held liens assessed against Parcel 21548 is hereby accepted by the City of Danville, Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia, that it hereby authorizes the City Manager, Kenneth F. Larking, to execute on behalf of the City any and all documents as may be necessary to effect the transfer of Parcel 21548 on Paxton Street to the City.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant City Attorney

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2397

New Business C.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant Lot - Parcel 20792

From: W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

The City is interested in improving the streetscape along parts of the boundary of the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area. In order to complete this as planned, the City must acquire ownership of a vacant lot identified as Parcel # 20792.

BACKGROUND

The City is interested in improving the visible streetscape across from the Greenhill Cemetery and National Cemetery on Lee Street, near the eastern boundary of the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area. City Council designated the Monument-Berryman Redevelopment area to prioritize targeted improvements to encourage growth around the River District and Old West End. In furtherance of this plan, the City is able to acquire ownership of a desired parcel fronting on Lee Street near its intersection with Berryman Avenue. The parcel is currently owned by Mr. Terrence Fletchman, who is willing to convey the property in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$30,912.45 in liens the City holds against the lot.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends proceeding with acquiring the parcel on Lee Street owned by Mr. Fletchman in exchange for the satisfaction and release of the existing liens attached to the land to assist with the streetscape improvements.

Attachments

Resolution

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____.____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 20792 FOR STREETSCAPING ALONG LEE STREET.

WHEREAS, The City of Danville desires to make streetscape improvements along Lee Street across from the Green Hill Cemetery to eliminate blight and promote a more august environment for cemetery visitors; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 20792 fronting on Lee Street has been identified by the City as ideal for streetscape work; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Parcel 20792, Terrance Fletchman desires to convey the Parcel to the City to facilitate this project in exchange for the satisfaction and release of \$30,912.45 in liens assessed against Parcel 20792.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia, that the conveyance of Parcel 20792 in exchange for the satisfaction and release of those City-held liens assessed against Parcel 20792 is hereby accepted by the City of Danville, Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of Danville, Virginia that is hereby authorizes the City Manager, Kenneth F. Larking, to execute on behalf of the City any and all documents as may be necessary to effect the transfer of Parcel 20792 on Lee Street to the City.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant City Attorney

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2415

New Business D.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Subject: Approval of Free Bus Service During November Elections

From: Marc Adelman, Director of Transportation Services

COUNCIL ACTION

Business Meeting: 10/20/2020

SUMMARY

Free bus service will be offered on Election Day, November 3, 2020, to encourage interested persons to vote. Free bus service will be provided for all transit operations including fixed route and reservation based service. The Transportation Advisory Committee supports offering this free bus service on November 3rd and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation has indicated that a public hearing is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council approve the attached Resolution Approving Free Bus Service in the City of Danville on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

Attachments

Resolution

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____.____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DANVILLE TRANSIT SYSTEM TO OFFER FREE BUS SERVICE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, transportation access can challenge the public's ability to vote and participation may be improved by removing this barrier; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Transit System offers fixed route service to the majority of polling locations and offers reservation based transportation service and door-to-door service for persons with disabilities throughout the city limits of Danville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that transit passengers will not be charged a fee on November 3, 2020 be, and is hereby, approved.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency:

CITY ATTORNEY