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A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on March 3, 2020 at 8:25 p.m. in the Conference Room 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, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, Adam J. Tomer, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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.

MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Shanks and **second** by Council Member Saunders, Minutes of the Regular Work Session held on January 21, 2020 were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Vice Mayor Vogler noted the Committee on Appointments met on February 28, 2020 and made the following recommendations:

Airport Commission	Appoint: Cheryl Terry
Dan River ASAP	Appoint: Michael Sheetz
Danville Community College Board	Appoint: Robert David

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Miller questioned a resolution to the Atlanta Braves. City Manager Ken Larking explained a Council Member from another community reached out to him and Mayor Jones, who signed a document with approximately two hundred other Mayors, encouraging Major League Baseball to keep Minor League Baseball. The petition discussed the importance of Minor League Baseball to small communities such as Danville, and the betterment of baseball as a whole. Dr. Miller noted, in reality, they will not keep all the teams, believes Danville needs to show their support and will be asking the City Attorney to draw up a Resolution.

Mr. Saunders noted a citizen had asked him about a city wide eviction program. Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds explained the State Eviction Program was passed by the General Assembly at the last session. The legislation was to respond to requests from representatives from Richmond as well as the State Legal Aid group, about the tremendous number of evictions in the Commonwealth. They created an opportunity for State Legal Aid to work with communities to create a program that would give people more time to pay as opposed to being evicted. Mr. Reynolds noted Kim Walker, who runs the Housing Center in Danville, was in contact with the Legal Aid Office in Richmond to get the details of how this program would be run in Danville. Once she had that information, she would share it with Council.

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:32 p.m., Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** that this meeting of the City Council of the City of Danville, Virginia be recessed and that Council immediately reconvene in a Closed Meeting for the following purposes: discussion or consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real

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property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the bargaining position of the City as permitted by Subsection (A)(3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, more specifically to consider both the acquisition of a specific parcel or parcels of real property as well as the disposition of a specific parcel or parcels of real property; and to consider an Economic Development discussion and update concerning prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made and/or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as permitted by Subsection (A)(5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, and more specifically to consider the location of a prospective new business or industry to the area and expansion of an existing business or industry.

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

Upon unanimous vote at 9:42 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of the following Resolution:

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Council convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Council that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of Virginia Law under Section 2.2-3711 were heard, discussed or considered, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:43 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK