

September 1, 2020

A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on September 1, 2020 at 8:08 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, and J. Lee Vogler, Jr. (8). Madison J.R. Whittle was absent (1).

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 Saunders and **second** by Council Member Buckner, Minutes of the Regular Work Session held on August 4, 2020 were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

## **WORK SESSION ITEMS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING PROPOSED DONATIONS FROM THE DANVILLE SCIENCE CENTER**

Council had no questions regarding this item.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Economic Development Director Corrie Bobe reminded Council this Thursday was the official signing ceremony for the Development Agreement between the City of Danville, the Industrial Development Authority and Caesar's Entertainment. If Council had not already RSVP'd for the event, please email Kim Custer in their office. There will be limited parking, and the City's Transportation Department has offered to shuttle City Council from the Senior Center in Ballou Park to Pritchett Auditorium. If any Council Member was interested in taking the shuttle, it would be at the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. and will take them back after the event. If others were interested in watching the ceremony, Mark Aron will be streaming it live on the River City TV Facebook page.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Mayor Miller asked for an update on the Riverwalk Trail. City Manager Ken Larking noted for the bridge near Public Works, the City was planning to begin paving it on Friday. The culvert near the 29 Bypass between Dan Daniels and Angler's Park, which has been out for some time, originally had one pipe that washed out; the City added another pipe, that washed out and the City has determined that it needed an engineered solution. They have been working through the engineering of that and it should be installed and ready to open by the spring.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

At 8:26 p.m., Vice Mayor Miller **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 property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the

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bargaining position of the City as permitted by Subsection (A)(3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended and more specifically to consider the disposition of a specific parcel of property for use by a prospective industry or business looking to locate to the City; and an Economic Development discussion and update concerning a 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) Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and more specifically to consider an update regarding multiple prospective projects considering locating to the area; and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body as permitted by Subsection (A)(7) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended.

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

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

Upon unanimous vote at 9:00 p.m., Council reconvened in open session and Vice Mayor Miller **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: 8-0-1  
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Kushner,  
Mayo, Miller, Saunders, and Vogler (8)  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Whittle (1)

ADJOURNED: 9:01 P.M.

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APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC  
CITY CLERK