



DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

October 6, 2020

7:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

MINUTES

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Work Session held on September 1, 2020.
Council Letter Number CL - 2305.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions.
Council Letter Number CL - 2424.
- B. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 24277 on Stokes Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2395.
- C. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 21548 on Paxton Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2396.
- D. Consideration of the Acquisition of Parcel # 20792 on Lee Street.
Council Letter Number CL - 2397.

PROGRAM UPDATE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM

- A. City Manager
- B. Deputy City Manager
- C. City Attorney
- D. City Clerk
- E. Roll Call

CLOSED MEETING

As Permitted by Subsection (A)(3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property or of the disposition of publicly held real property, and

As Permitted by Subsection (A)(5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry related to economic development.

- A. Motion to Convene in Closed Meeting
- B. Motion to Reconvene in Open Meeting
- C. Motion to Certify Closed Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2405

Meeting Minutes A.

Work Session Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020

Subject: Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

From: Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Work Session: 10/06/2020

SUMMARY

Consideration of Approval of Minutes from Regular Work Session held on September 1, 2020.

Council Letter Number CL - 2305.

Attachments

Meeting Minutes

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

September 1, 2020

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.

September 1, 2020

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

DRAFT

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2424

Work Session A.

Work Session Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020

Subject: Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions

From: Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

COUNCIL ACTION

Work Session: 10/06/2020

SUMMARY

Consideration of Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

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

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Council Letter

City of Danville, Virginia



CL-2395

Work Session B.

Work Session Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant - Lot Parcel 24277

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Work Session: 10/06/2020

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

City 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

Work Session C.

Work Session Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant Lot - Parcel 21548

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Work Session: 10/08/2020

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

City 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

Work Session D.

Work Session Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020

Subject: Acquisition of Vacant Lot - Parcel 20792

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

COUNCIL ACTION

Work Session: 10/08/2020

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

City 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