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A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on October 6, 2020 at 9:46 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., Samuel A. Kushner, Barry P. Mayo, Vice Mayor Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr. and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). Mayor Alonzo Jones 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.

Vice Mayor Miller presided.

MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Vogler and second by Council Member Mayo, 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 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Vice Mayor Miller noted the Committee on Appointments met prior to the regular Council meeting tonight and make the following recommendations:

Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	Reappoint Vanessa Cain and Appoint Faye Brown
River District Design Commission	Reappoint Andrew Hessler and Courtney Nicholas

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF PARCEL # 24277 ON STOKES STREET

Assistant City Attorney Ryan Dodson stated this and the next two proposals were very similar to some that were done over the summer. The City was foreclosing on this lot as well as two others; they have been in contact with the owners and they have agreed to sign over the property in exchange for a relief of debt. This saves the City a year in court, the legal costs and gives the City the same outcome. The City's goal was to get these properties back on the tax rolls; at least one of the three lots they hope to have back on the tax rolls within a matter of months.

Council agreed to put this on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF PARCEL # 21548 ON PAXTON STREET

Council had no questions and agreed to put this on an upcoming business agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF PARCEL # 20792 ON LEE STREET

Council had no questions and agreed to put this on an upcoming business agenda.

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PROGRAM UPDATE

City Manager Ken Larking reminded Council that IT has sent out an email regarding a 15 minute mandated cyber security course online. This course was required by anyone that has access to the City's network.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Program Manager Kelvin Perry informed Council that the Tobacco Commission approved the location of 6.9kv line in Berry Hill Park. The funding will come from the Pittsylvania County Southside Allocation, however, both the City and the County were liable for that. This was a \$4.5M loan, for ten years and 1.5% interest rate. The funding will be collected as a balloon payment after ten years or when RIFA gets a load customer. The second item was the 50 acre graded pad in the Southern Virginia Multi Modal Park in Hurt, that total project cost was \$3.9M and construction is \$3.2M. The acquisition of the property was going to be \$750,000 which was 50 acres at \$15,000 per acre; SR RIFA will need to acquire this property first.

CLOSED MEETING

At 9:53 p.m., Council Member 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 of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews with bidders or offerors and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body as permitted by Subsection (A)(29) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and discussion and consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real 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) 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 located in the City; and an economic development discussion and update where no previous announcement has been made, 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 update of multiple prospective businesses or industries considering locating in the City or region.

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

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

Upon unanimous vote at 11:02 p.m., Council reconvened in open session, and Council Member 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

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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 Saunders and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Kushner, Mayo,
Miller, Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: Jones (1)

ADJOURNED: 11:03 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK