

June 1, 2021

A Regular Work Session of the Danville City Council convened on June 1, 2021 at 7:59 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., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo Jones, 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 Larking, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Mayor Alonzo L. Jones presided.

MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Saunders and second by Council Member Vogler, Minutes of the Regular Work Session held on May 4, 2021 were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGES TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Council Members had no questions regarding this item and agreed to put it on an upcoming business agenda. Council Member Saunders thanked the HR Director Sara Weller for the great job she does.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Director of Economic Development Corrie Bobe noted staff was working with AEP and Pittsylvania County to relocate a 69kV line at the Southern Virginia Mega Site. The line runs directly through the middle of a 200-acre graded pad and needs to be relocated to a right of way along Berry Hill Road. The County, through its Southside Tobacco Commission allocation secured a \$4.5M loan to finance the relocation. The financing will go through the Virginia Resources Authority, and as partners in the SVMS, the City has a Cost and Revenue Sharing Agreement in place. The Tobacco Commission and VRA were asking for a Moral Obligation from the City and the County related to this loan. The Tobacco Commission will defer payments for a period of ten years in the hopes they land an industry at the Park. When doing so, AEP will provide a credit equal to about \$1M per one megawatt of usage; the interest rate associated with this loan was 1.5%. Staff anticipates having the park activated within that ten-year period and taking advantage of the revenue credits; they do need both the City and County's commitment to the Moral Obligation. With Council's approval, staff would like to add this to the June 15th agenda. Council had no objections to putting this on the June 15th agenda.

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:04 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 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: Discussion regarding the sale

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and potential purchase of a specific parcels of property for use by prospective industrial, commercial, and mixed use projects looking to locate to the City; and 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: an update on multiple prospective commercial, mixed use, and industrial projects considering locating within the City and region.

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

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

Upon unanimous vote at 8:36 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: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo,
Miller, Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK