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The second regular September Meeting of City Council was held on September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, L. G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., Gary P. Miller, Vice-Mayor T. Wayne Oakes, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Mayor Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, and Adam J. Tomer (8). Council Member T. David Luther was absent (1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr. and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff Members present were Transportation Services Director Marc Adelman, Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Community Development Director Jerry Fischer, Utility Key Accounts Manager Kevin Martin, and Management Analyst Amanda Paez.

Mayor Saunders presided.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sherman Saunders offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Saunders read a Proclamation encouraging citizens to be counted in the 2010 census. He presented the certificate to Linda Edwards-White, Partnership Specialist with the U. S. Census Bureau.

Mayor Saunders stated the count helped planners locate schools, daycare centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities as well as being used to make decisions about housing needs and business growth. More than \$300 billion in federal and state funds will be allocated to localities based on census data. Mayor Saunders stressed the importance of taking part in the census by completing the form and returning it. He encouraged volunteer groups to partner with the Bureau to make sure everyone in Danville was counted.

Ms. Edwards-White advised the forms would be mailed to residents in February and March 2010 and should be returned to the Census Bureau by April 1. For those who did not return the form by that date, census workers with U. S. Census Bureau ID badges would be going door to door seeking the information. Ms. Edwards-White encouraged Mayor Saunders to form a Complete Count Committee in order to contact the hard-to-reach in Danville.

Mayor Saunders recognized Utility Key Accounts Manager Kevin Martin. Mr. Martin reported in order to promote energy efficiency, the City had installed LED lighting at the Water Treatment Plant in the filter room and in the conference room at

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the Adult Detention Center. LED lighting lasts from 12 to 25 years.

Mr. Martin introduced LED Programs Evangelist Cree, Inc. associate Deb Lovig. Ms. Lovig welcomed Danville into the LED cities program. She advised the program was a growing community of municipalities throughout the world that were adopting LED energy-efficient lighting for significant energy reductions and usually dramatic reductions in maintenance costs. Ms. Lovig stated that by participating in the initiative, City officials and citizens were continuing their commitment to sustainability and energy conservation to the adoption of innovative technology and this was one of the highest impact steps a locality could take to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

Ms. Lovig presented a plaque to Mayor Saunders indicating the City's participation in the program. Mayor Saunders announced Danville was the first city in the State to be involved in this project.

Mr. Martin advised a savings of \$75 per hour would be realized by going to the LED lighting. For example, higher ceilings require two workers to change an ordinary light bulb and since the LED lighting would last many years, the City could expect quite a savings.

In response to Council Members, Mr. Martin advised there were other plans and projects in the works for installing LED street lighting. However, budget constraints and lighting applications prevent the City from moving forward with that project. Mr. Martin encouraged city departments and schools to consider the lighting technology that has been installed at the Water Plant and the Adult Detention Center.

#### **MINUTES**

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council Member Campbell, Minutes of the September 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies were distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

#### **BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2010-AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS-WESTMORELAND**

Upon Motion by Council Member Miller and second by Vice-Mayor Oakes, Ordinance No. 2009-09.02 presented by its First Reading on September 1, 2009 amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to provide for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant funds in the amount of \$283,823 for infrastructure improvements in the Westmoreland Target Neighborhood and appropriating same was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)

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NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Luther (1).

**PUBLIC HEARING-AMERICAN RECOVERY/REINVESTMENT ACT-TRANSPORTATION**

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider authorizing an application to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Mass Transit funding. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on September 3 and 8, 2009. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Mayor Oakes moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09.03

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT GRANT.

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

VOTE: 8-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Luther (1).

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2010 - VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

Upon Motion by Council Member Campbell and second by Council Member Rawley, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09.03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR A VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,363 AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

**RECEIVE DELINQUENT & IMPROPERLY ASSESSED TAX REPORT-JUNE 30, 2009**

Council Member Tomer moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09.04

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A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF AND APPROVING THE REPORTS DATED AUGUST 21, 2009, OF DELINQUENT AND IMPROPERLY ASSESSED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2009, PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

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

VOTE: 8-0  
AYE: Archie, Campbell, Miller, Oakes, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (8)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Luther (1).

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Lacy reminded Council of the Special Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 29, 5:30 P.M. to be held at the Senior Citizens Center at Ballou Park. Work will begin on the Comprehensive Plan with the Consultants.

There were no communications from the City Attorney and City Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members welcomed Mrs. Archie back to the Meeting. Mrs. Archie had missed the September 1 Meeting due to hospitalization.

Mrs. Archie thanked everyone for his or her expressions of concern during her illness.

Council Member Tomer stated he felt LifePoint was not meeting its agreement to work hand in hand with City Council. He recalled that a couple of letters from Mayor Saunders were sent during the past several months requesting a meeting with the Board and the request had not been honored. Mayor Saunders recalled that a Meeting was scheduled last winter, but was cancelled due to pending inclement weather.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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CITY CLERK