

The regular April Meeting of City Council was held on April 6, 2010 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). T. David Luther was absent (1).

Staff Members present were: Interim City Manager Joseph C. King, 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, Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards and Planning Director Kenny Gillie.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Rawley offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Saunders introduced Danville Regional Medical Center's (DRMC) new Chief Executive Officer Eric Deaton. Mr. Deaton appeared to update Council on activities at the hospital. He reported that Council Member Larry Campbell had been appointed to DRMC's Board of Directors and stated he looked forward to his relationship with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Deaton advised a Pittsylvania County appointee was forthcoming.

Mayor Saunders congratulated Rev. Campbell on his appointment to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Deaton reported following updates were currently underway at DRMC:

- The addition of twelve (12) new residents on July 1
- The addition of more nurses and nursing assistants in certain areas of the hospital
- An admissions team in the Emergency Room (ER) that will perform patient assessments for direct admission to the hospital that will assist with alleviating a backlog of patients in the ER waiting room
- Working closely with the City Manager to establish confidential patient health records using fiber optics
- The addition of new equipment in the cardiac catheterization lab that provides for state-of-the-art imaging
- Recently named in Consumer Reports as having no infections in the cardiac care unit

- An inspection from the Joint Commission that recommended only one change.

Mr. Deaton said the infection-free cardiac care unit was a great testament to the nurses and staff who work there.

Council Member Miller stated that only one recommended change at a hospital by the Joint Commission was virtually unheard of in such a setting and commended Mr. Deaton for that accomplishment.

Mr. Deaton, who came to Danville from Wytheville, advised he had joined the Riverview Rotary Club, had been asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club and said that he and his family hoped to settle in their new home in Danville very soon. Council Member Rawley stated that Mr. Deaton's former Wytheville colleagues had given him high marks.

Council Member Tomer stated several of his friends, who are staff members at DRMC, had told him they were very impressed with Mr. Deaton's daily interaction with employees and staff since his arrival.

Mr. Deaton concluded his report by stating one of his goals at DRMC is to earn the trust of the community and he looks forward to working with City and County leaders in an effort to do so.

Mr. Deaton introduced DRMC Director of Marketing Leslie Smith and Chief Financial Officer Mark Anderson. Ms. Smith distributed a flyer to Council Members and staff that contained a Community Benefit Report from DRMC and LifePoint Hospitals.

Council Members expressed appreciation to Mr. Deaton for the excellent update and thanked him for taking time to appear before Council.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Miller and second by Council Member Rawley, Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

BUDGET ADOPTION - FY 2010 - STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GRANT

Upon Motion by Council Member Rawley and second by Council Member Shanks, Ordinance No. 2010-03.07 presented by its First Reading on March 16, 2010 amending the FY 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to provide for a State Aviation Grant for the purpose of providing funding to promote General Aviation activities and the Danville Regional Airport in the amount of \$10,000 and for the local share in the amount of \$10,000 to be provided by the General Fund support of grants for a total appropriation of \$20,000 and appropriating same was adopted by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING - REZONE 0.45 ACRE ON WESTOVER DRIVE

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone 0.45 acre from Old Town Residential District to Planned Shopping Center District. The request is being made to consolidate adjoining properties already owned by the applicant. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 30, 2010.

Carlton Hawkins, representing property owner Darrell Wiseman, appeared to answer questions from Council Members and citizens.

No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04.01

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO PC-S PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT, 0.45 ACRE ON WESTOVER DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Oakes 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).

PUBLIC HEARING - REZONE 7.84 ACRES ON PIEDMONT PLACE

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone 7.84 acre from Planned Shopping Center District to Highway Retail Commercial District on Piedmont Place. The request is being made to allow for mixed-use development. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 30, 2010.

Carlton Hawkins, representing Piedmont Place I LLC, appeared to answer questions from Council Members and citizens.

No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Mayor Oakes moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04.02

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM PS-C PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT TO HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, 7.84 ACRES ON PIEDMONT PLACE.

Council Member Campbell seconded the Motion.

Mr. Shanks and Mr. Rawley expressed concern that there were no site plans included with this request. Although the Planning Commission had approved the request and recommended its approval to Council, Mr. Shanks said he felt uncomfortable that Council Members would be voting on an item without all the pertinent information at hand. In response to Mr. Shanks, Planning Director Kenny Gillie advised there was nothing in the Zoning Code requiring that a site plan be filed in this instance.

Mr. Shanks and Mr. Tomer questioned Mr. Gillie about the setbacks. Mr. Gillie advised the PS-C District requires a 40-foot setback all the way around the property. The HR-C District requires a 30-foot front yard setback. In this case, the rear of the property will have a 10-foot difference and the front will have a 10-foot difference. Mr. Gillie said there was no opposition about the differences from surrounding neighbors.

Following additional Council comments, Mayor Saunders requested that in the future Council be given the opportunity for more involvement in such matters and asked the administration to look for ways to do so without usurping the authority of the Planning Commission.

The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

ACCEPT FUNDING AND SERVE HIGH RISK YOUTH - COURT SERVICES

Council Member Archie moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04.01

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT THAT THE CITY OF DANVILLE WILL ACCEPT FUNDING AND SERVE HIGH RISK LOCAL YOUTH INVOLVED WITH THE COURT SERVICES UNIT THROUGH THE VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT PROGRAM.

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).

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the Interim City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Archie congratulated Danville Utilities for once again receiving national recognition from the American Public Power Association. She advised the award is given to Danville for being one of the nation's safest and most reliable public utilities.

Mrs. Archie reminded everyone of the "Throw the Switch" event at the Community Market on Friday, April 8. The ceremony will mark the use of solar power at the market.

Dr. Miller inquired of Interim City Manager King if there were sufficient safeguards in place for the new Automated Metering System. Mr. King responded there are sufficient safeguards that are constantly refreshed and upgraded by the vendor and any physical tampering can be detected immediately.

Dr. Miller stated the recycling receptacles near Piedmont Mall needed to be emptied more often. He said he was there over the weekend to deposit recyclables and the bins were overflowing. Dr. Miller said deep ruts made by vehicles remain near the containers. He asked Mr. King to investigate. Mr. King agreed to do so.

Dr. Miller encouraged citizens to vote in the upcoming May 4 Councilmanic elections.

Vice-Mayor Oakes expressed appreciation to DRMC CEO Eric Deaton for being present in the meeting. Mr. Oakes said he was making good on his promise to make himself available when necessary.

Mr. Rawley encouraged citizens to attend the World Rugby championships that are taking place this weekend at Angler's Park. Players from all over the world will take part in the event.

Mr. Shanks reiterated his request to place recycling receptacles in south Danville. Mr. King responded the project was still in the works.

Mr. Shanks expressed his concern that there were times when the Code permitted staff to make decisions in the interest of the public. He felt Council should have a hand in those decisions as a way of having a system of checks and balances. He spoke specifically of the decrease in setbacks in the rezoning of 7.84 acres on Piedmont Place and the fact that no site plans were

required. Mr. Shanks hoped the matter would be remedied and the omissions would not occur again.

Mayor Saunders encouraged citizens to return their census forms before the middle of April. He reported door-to-door gathering of the information would begin on May 1. Danville's average rate of returns is at 67%, which puts the City ahead of the National and State averages. Those rates are 60% and 65%, respectively. The census count determines the amount of resources/funding the City receives.

Mayor Saunders offered encouragement to those who continue to wait for employment in Danville. He said go back to school and/or upgrade job skills.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK