

The second regular February Meeting of City Council was held on February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., John B. Gilstrap, Alonzo L. Jones, Vice Mayor T. David Luther, Gary P. Miller, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley Jr., Mayor Sherman M. Saunders, and Fred O. Shanks III, (8). Adam J. Tomer was absent(1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Joseph C. King, Deputy City Manager David A. Parrish, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Other Staff Members present were: Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Budget Director Cynthia Thomasson, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director William Sgrina, Project Manager Anne Moore, Community Development Director Earl Reynolds and Human Services Director Gwen Edwards.

Mayor Saunders presided.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gary P. Miller offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Gwen Edwards, Director of Human Services, introduced Dr. Laura Gately, Acting Director of Danville/Pittsylvania County & Southside Health Departments. Mayor Saunders, Mr. Rawley and Dr. Miller welcomed Dr. Gately.

Mayor Saunders introduced the Honorable Kim Adkins, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia. Mayor Adkins stated that she has come to ask Council to support House Bill 2106. Mayor Adkins explained the history of House Bill 2106 and its purpose. Vice Mayor Luther questioned if this item could be added to tonight's agenda as Item F. Mayor Adkins also informed Council that as Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board, she was informed today that federal funding that supports our Workforce Investment Board and the Virginia Workforce Centers has been completely cut out of the House of Representative's budget. Council Member Rawley and Council Member Campbell thanked Mayor Adkins for making Council aware of the situation.

Vice Mayor Luther **moved** that consideration of support of House Bill 2106 be added to tonight's agenda as Item F.

Council Member Rawley noted that it was the first time he had seen this bill and stated that he would be calling Senator Stanley in the morning to support this bill. Council Member Miller noted that time is of the essence with respect to this matter.

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

VOTE: 6-2  
 AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther,  
 Miller, and Saunders (6)  
 NAY: Rawley, Shanks (2)  
 ABSENT: Tomer (1).

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS**

Mayor Saunders noted that Council had been scheduled to vote tonight on the Riverwalk Trail Extension through Ballou Park but this will not be done tonight as Council will hold further discussion on this matter in the work session. Vice Mayor Luther noted that as there was no forum in the work session for the residents to speak, they should be allowed to speak now. Mayor Saunders agreed.

Mayor Saunders recognized Sharon Whitt, Pam Pulley, and Gwen Yarborough, who was representing her family and as well her mother and her husband Frank Faison, all residents of Linden Drive. The residents thanked Council for giving them a chance to speak tonight regarding the extension of the Riverwalk Trail through Ballou Park. The residents expressed concern at the close proximity of the new trail to homes in the area, and concerns with additional traffic, safety, privacy and vandalism. Residents were not opposed to a Riverwalk Trail extension but would like it to be located further from the homes. Ms. Pulley also expressed her appreciation of the excellent Parks & Recreations in Danville.

#### **MINUTES**

Upon Motion by Council Member Rawley and second by Council Member Shanks, Minutes of the February 1, 2011 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Vice Mayor Luther moved adoption of the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION: R2011-02.03**

Appointing Bruce Wilson as a Member of the Planning Commission.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION TO CONVEY BURTON CONDOMINIUM PARKING LOT**

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing for Consideration to Convey the Burton Condominium Parking Lot to the Burton Condominium Owners Association. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on February 7, 2011.

Mr. Gus Dyer, 119 Fox Hollow Drive, a real estate developer in Danville, voiced concerns about the sale. Mr. Dyer does not believe this sale is a good deal for the City. David Zuck, President of Burton Condominium Association, responded to Mr. Dyer's statements.

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

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02.04**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY THE EXISTING PARKING LOT LOCATED ON THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF COLQUHOUN STREET AND BRIDGE STREET COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BURTON CONDOMINIUM PARKING LOT.

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

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2011 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM PROGRAM GRANT**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02.05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

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

**CONSIDERATION - REQUEST VDOT TO ACCEPT CITY'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Council Member Jones moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02.05**

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO JOIN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION URBAN CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION - REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERS FOR HUD HOME FUNDS - HOLIDAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

Council Member Miller moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02.06**

A Resolution Supporting the request from Community Housing Partners to Provide U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Local match funds in the Amount of \$175,000 to be Applied Toward the Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Holiday Village Apartments.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following vote.

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

**CONSIDERATION - AMENDMENT OF CITY'S PERSONNEL SYSTEM REGULATIONS**

Council Member Campbell **moved** adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02.06**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION, AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS OF THE CITY.

The Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Luther.

Council Member Miller **moved** to amend the Ordinance to add the following: "In the event of layoffs of City personnel, the City Manager shall, by the next City Council meeting/work session inform the City Council in writing of the departments and number of

individuals affected." The Motion to Amend was seconded by Council Member Jones and carried by vote.

The **Original** Motion, as amended, was carried by the following vote:

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

**CONSIDERATION - SUPPORT ENDORSEMENT OF HOUSE BILL 2106**

Vice Mayor Luther **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02.07**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2106 ALSO KNOWN AS "THE LINDA BOSTWICK ACT".

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

VOTE: 6-2  
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller,  
And Saunders (6)  
NAY: Rawley, Shanks (2)  
ABSENT: Tomer(1)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager, Joe King, wanted to express his appreciation to the Danville Fire Department for the great job they did, along with the support of other safety personnel, with respect to the fire on the by-pass yesterday. Also, Mr. King stated that this is the end of the first quarter of the Safe and Sound Neighborhood Program and was pleased to report, that this quarter, and in fact since October, there has not been a homicide in Danville. For the same period last year, there were five. He is particularly appreciative of the Police Department and their Street Crimes Unit as well as other partners including the Danville Ministerial Alliance, the Coalition for a Safe Danville, other non-profits, Woodrow Wilson School and especially the residents in the neighborhoods.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Shanks noted he is very pleased with the report of the Safe and Sound Neighborhood and hopes it continues to succeed.

Council Member Campbell would like to salute the teachers and students at Langston High School for their presentation last Wednesday and their outstanding program.

Council Member Gilstrap thanked the residents for attending tonight and voicing their concerns as well as congratulating the Police Department and all City employees for outstanding work they do.

Council Member Jones would also like to thank the residents for attending and for their involvement in the community. He would also like to thank the coaches and staff of the Optimist Basketball League and would like the City to consider the possibility of that league continuing throughout the summer.

Vice Mayor Luther also expressed his appreciation to the citizens for coming down and offering input.

Council Member Miller would like to remind public this is a fire season and to keep safe and he was also very pleased with the Safe and Sound Neighborhood results.

Council Member Rawley would like to thank Kim Adkins, the Mayor of the City of Martinsville as well as the residents of Danville for appearing tonight.

Mayor Saunders thanked the residents for coming down and voicing their concerns. He also noted that there were difficult times ahead with budget cuts, but we must invest in our City and he would like the input of our citizens.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK