

The Second Regular December Meeting of Danville City Council convened on the above date 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, Fred O. Shanks III, and Adam J. Tomer (9).

Staff members present were City Manager Joseph C. King, Deputy City Manager David A. Parrish, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., and Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Barbara A. Dameron.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Saunders recognized Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent Coordinator Stuart Sutphin. Mr. Sutphin introduced Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Tadashi Totten. Mr. Totten reported that last year, there were approximately 2,200 youth participating in the various 4-H programs of the organization and over 2,600 participated in 2010. Mr. Totten projected the figure would rise to 3,000 before the year's end. Mr. Totten stated he worked with students at the W. W. Moore, Jr. Detention Home with various "going green" projects, with Galileo Magnet School students, and with the Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Program.

Mr. Sutphin reported his duties included working with the Innovative Leadership program, the Cooperative Extension's Master Gardening Program and various horticultural activities of the organization. He reported he also worked closely with the City's Public Works and Utility Departments and answered many questions from area citizens about gardening and other issues.

Council Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Sutphin and Mr. Totten. Mr. Shanks stated he was amazed at the number of projects the local Extension Service is involved in and thanked them for the excellent work. Mr. Gilstrap complimented the group as well. In response to Mr. Gilstrap, Mr. Sutphin advised that one-third of the local extension agents' salaries and benefits were funded by the city. An additional \$2,200 is provided for office supplies and long distance phone service. Office space is also provided, which Mr. Sutphin estimated to be worth around \$9,500 annually.

Mayor Saunders thanked Mr. Sutphin and Mr. Totten for the excellent reports.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Rev. Derrick Mercer and Rev. Thomas Motley appeared to thank city leaders for adjusting the policy for making utility payments and making the city a safer place in which to live. Rev. Mercer thanked Rev. Motley for all his efforts in bringing about the policy changes. Rev. Mercer said he felt the "Safe and Sound Neighborhoods" program was going really well. Rev. Motley thanked city leaders for getting utility relief for the elderly and disabled. He said he had received numerous calls from utility customers who said they could see very good results from the policy changes. Rev. Motley thanked City Manager Joe King and Mayor Saunders for making themselves available to discuss these issues.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Vice Mayor Luther and second by Council Member Campbell, Minutes of the December 7, 2010 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2011 - WEATHERIZATION INNOVATION PILOT PROJECT

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the FY 2011 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Danville Register and Bee on December 14, 2010. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Council Member Gilstrap and second by Council Member Miller, Ordinance No. 2010-12.03 presented by its First Reading on December 7, 2010 amending the Fiscal year 2011 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by anticipating revenue from the United States Department of Energy for a Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program in the amount of \$1,015,746 and local matching funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 from Electric Fund Balance for a total appropriation in the amount of \$2,215,746 and appropriating same was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
 AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley,
 Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (9)
 NAY: None (0).

PUBLIC HEARING-REQUEST TO VDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MT. CROSS ROAD

Mayor Saunders opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to the Virginia Department of Transportation to establish an Urban System Highway Project for the improvement of Mount Cross Road from Lowes Drive to the West Corporate City Limits. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the

Danville Register and Bee on December 14, 2010. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Shanks moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12.07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH AN URBAN SYSTEM HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MOUNT CROSS ROAD FROM LOWES DRIVE TO THE WEST CORPORATE CITY LIMITS.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller, Rawley, Saunders, Shanks, and Tomer (9)
NAY: None (0).

AUTHORIZE MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Albert K. Rawley Jr. do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Moral Obligation Agreement between the City of Danville and American National Bank & Trust Company listed as agenda item VIII (B). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 21st day of December 2010.

s/Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley Jr.

I, Alonzo L. Jones do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Moral Obligation Agreement between the City of Danville and American National Bank & Trust Company listed as agenda item VIII (B). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 21st day of December 2010.

s/Alonzo L. Jones

I, Fred O. Shanks III do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Moral Obligation Agreement between the City of Danville and American National Bank & Trust Company listed as agenda item VIII (B). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local

Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 21st day of December 2010.

s/Fred O.Shanks III

Council Member Miller moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12.08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AND AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY.

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

VOTE: 6-0-3
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Luther, Miller, Saunders, and Tomer (6)
NAY: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Jones, Rawley, and Shanks (3).

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager King, City Attorney Whitfield, and Deputy City Clerk Dameron expressed wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Saunders and Council Members extended holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to citizens and to all City employees.

Mayor Saunders and Council Members thanked retiring City Clerk Annette Crane for 15 years of service to the City of Danville.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

