

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
Minutes
May 28, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on May 28, 2002, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:34 pm with the following Councilmen being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, George Valdez, and Willie Greene. Johnny Lemons was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as dispensed. The motion was seconded by Councilman McCarter and then unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2002-2003 Galax City Budget. Mayor Mitchell opened the hearing and called for public comment.

Mary Guynn addressed Council and expressed her concerns with closing the recycling center. She stated that she understood Council's reasons for closing the center but believes it sends a wrong signal to people and asked if alternatives had been considered so that the whole program will not be stopped. She advised that Mrs. Bessie Thompson wanted people to know that she is in a wheelchair but believes so strongly in recycling that she hires someone to take her items to the recycling center.

Jay Kegley agreed with Mrs. Guynn's comments and discussed exploring other opportunities for keeping the center open.

Following a lengthy discussion among Councilmen, the city manager, and interjections from Bill McCarter, Norma Busic and Sharon Plichta, the public hearing was closed at 8:10 pm.

Councilman Wilson motioned to operate the recycling center for another year and study other avenues for operating a recycling center. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that the minutes of the Planning Commission, received at the last meeting, stated that the Commission voted not to issue a Conditional Use Permit to Ralph Patton for first floor apartments in his building on Main Street. The Planning Commission's action did not require any action from Council. Councilman Hamden stated that Council took no action on the matter because of other avenues for Mr. Patton.

City Manager Campbell advised that appointments would need to be made to fill the board vacancies created by Councilman Wilson's retirement.

Councilman Hamden motioned to appoint Councilman Greene to the

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilmen Hamden, McCarter, Wilson, Mitchell and Valdez each offered a yea vote. Councilman Greene abstained.

Councilman McCarter motioned to reappoint City Manager Campbell to another term on the Planning District Commission. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

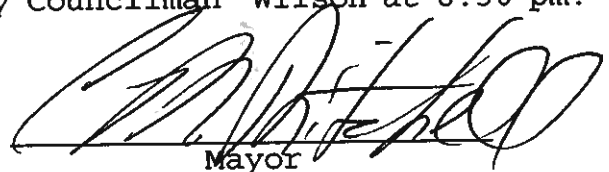
City Manager Campbell discussed VDOT's Glendale Road project and advised that it had been moved into the FY 2006 schedule.

Mr. Campbell requested that Council approve the Main Street Signalization project in the amount of \$77,415.45. He advised that the amount was within the pre-bid estimate and that the funds are available in the current spending plan. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the contract for the Main Street signalization project in the amount of \$77,415.45. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to set the summer meeting schedule for June, July, August, and September. The schedule is one meeting per month and on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. unless city business necessitates a called meeting. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden requested that a committee be appointed to study the recycling issue. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Councilman Hamden, Mayor Mitchell and City Manager Campbell to said committee.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Wilson at 8:30 pm.



Mayor

Darriell J. Campbell
Clerk

MOTION: Councilman Wilson

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(7)

SECOND: Councilman McCarter

MEETING DATE: 05/13/02

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.1-344.1 of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Hamden, McCarter, Wilson, Greene, Valdez, Lemons

NAYS:
(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Mayor Mitchell

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Mayor Mitchell

Daniel T. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council



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