

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2007

Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on June 11, 2007 at 7:30pm. The meeting was called to order by the mayor in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and Helen Kyle. Derrick Davis was absent from the meeting.

The opening prayer was prayed by Councilman Lazo and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lazo motioned to adopt the proposed 2007-2008 City Budget as follows: General Fund \$15,663,919 and Utility Fund \$2,551,706. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Attorney Jim Cornwell presented a Wastewater Treatment Contract between the City and the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and the Carroll County Public Service Authority. He advised that the agreement is for 45 years and that either locality can break the agreement with 60 months notice with or without cause. The agreement allows for the acceptance of up to 250,000 gallons per day of sewage to be accepted at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The charge will be by metered gallons at an initial rate of \$3.00 per thousand gallons, but the rate can increase at a proportional rate if the city needs to raise general sewer rates throughout the rest of the system. Following a discussion of the agreement and the meter that will be used, Councilman Greene motioned to accept the agreement. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Community Improvement Grant requires that specific documents be approved and they are: Local Business and Employment Policy; Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; Fair Housing Certification; Grievance Procedure for Discrimination Based on Handicap and Non-Discrimination Policy. Councilman Garner motioned to adopt said documents as presented. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The by-laws of the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority have been amended to allow three members from each locality to serve on the RIFA Board. Council was advised that Bill Davis, First Citizens Bank, will serve if appointed. Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Bill Davis to serve on the RIFA Board. Councilman Garner offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued about a request from Twin County Airport for \$1,500 to help with the cost of extending a public water line for a fire hydrant at the airport. Councilman Garner discussed the importance of the airport to our area stating that it is a very valuable asset. Councilman Garner motioned to approve a \$1,500 contribution to support the Twin County Airport. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland presented a resolution to adopt Virginia Retirement System Section 138 Coverage for Selected Public Safety Employee Groups. Following discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following advisement that Councilman Garner's term on the Board of Commissioners for District Three Governmental Cooperative expires June 30, Councilman Lazo motioned to appoint Councilman Garner to another term on the Board of Commissioners and to appoint City manager Holland as the alternate. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Terms are for one year.

Mr. Holland advised that Joyce Clark's second term on the Galax Library Board is expiring and Board members can only serve two consecutive terms. He advised that Irene Turner is willing to serve on the Board if Council chooses to appoint her. Councilman Lazo motioned to appoint Irene Turner to a four-year term on the Galax Library Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to set a public hearing to receive comments on an Amendment to City Code Chapter 160, Section 11, Definitions (Building Height) and City Code Chapter 160, Section 97 for Building Height in B-2 Zoning District. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chuck Riedhammer stated that the Leaf and String Festival was a good festival.

At 8:18pm, Councilman Kirby motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) 7 – Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

At 8:45 pm, Councilman Garner motioned to return to regular session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Back in open session, Mr. Holland reported to Council that the Steering Committee for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts had held its initial meeting on June 7 and had toured the former bank building and reviewed the concept plans from Keith Barker, the

project architect. He also informed Council that plans were being made to begin seeking applicants for the CCSA Executive Director. Mr. Holland also told council that the Blue Ridge Arts and Community Center board of directors had recently met and voiced concerns that the City Council had appointed a separate Steering Committee without BRACC's input. The BRACC board did however, agree to accept the same slate of names of the Council's committee as an Advisory Committee to BRACC, but wanted clarification as to their role in the CCSA project and to which body that the volunteer committee would serve. Councilman Garner stated that the city should hold authority over the committee appointments and operations of the school until such point as a new non-profit organization could be formed, as this was the original intent of the grant ARC. Councilman Lazo agreed, and made a motion that the city manager begin the process of setting up a new non-profit organization for the purpose of operating the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. Councilman Garner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Mitchell wanted to clarify that the work of BRACC toward the project has been appreciated, and that he hoped they would still consider staying involved in the project to help with fund raising, but that the city really needed to move forward with the new non-profit designation.

At 8:55 pm, with no further action for consideration, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Greene.



Clerk



Mayor



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