

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
September 11, 2007

The Galax City Council convened and was called to order in the Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building on September 10, 2007. The meeting was called to order with the following council members present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle. John Garner was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell prayed the opening prayer that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This was the date and time set for the second reading and adoption of an amendment to Section 160-11, Building Height Definition and Section 160-97 Maximum Building Height in B-2 Zone. With no discussion, Councilman Davis motioned to accept the second reading and to adopt said ordinance. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mayor Mitchell advised that the amended ordinance will become effective in 30 days.

This date and time was duly advertised for a public hearing and first reading to receive comments on setting new base rates and metering requirements for city water and sewer services. City Manager Holland advised that the new ordinance would require that multiple units connected to the city's water and sewer system but metered through one meter would be subject to a separate minimum user charge for each unit. Following a discussion, Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open.

Devan Freeman discussed the financial impact the new rates would have on him and ultimately his renters. He requested that the new charges not be put in force for one year. This would allow for him to have time to pass the new fees on to his tenants.

Mike Brown also discussed the financial problems the new fees would cause him. He stated that his tenants work hard every day but are in the low-income bracket and it will present a real hardship on them.

Mr. Freeman asked for the definition of *a unit*. A discussion ensued following the clarification of the definition.

Councilman Davis extended this appreciation for the comments made by Mr. Freeman and Mr. Brown.

Councilman Lazo stated that he understands the city's need to increase revenue, but at the same time he is uncomfortable with passing the increased charges on to people who can't afford it. He believes there is a better way to capture income.

When no further comments were made, Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing closed.

City Manager Holland discussed an application for new Enterprise Zone boundaries. He advised that the present zone will expire in December and that it is now allowable to enlarge the area encompassed by the Zone. He also discussed a list of proposed Zone incentives to be included in the application.

Mayor Mitchell declared a public hearing open to receive comments on creating a new Enterprise Zone in the City. No comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the resolution of support for establishing a new Enterprise Zone. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion. Following a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to amend his motion to include the approval of the proposed Local Incentives. Councilman Davis seconded the amended motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Kyle motioned to approve "A Programmatic Agreement" between the City and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. This agreement is a requirement from DHCD for the Downtown Revitalization Grant. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Manager Barker discussed the Conditional Use permit for the Galax Municipal Golf Course. The request is to construct a maintenance shed adjacent to the existing shed at the municipal golf course. Mr. Barker advised that the Planning Commission has met and approved the Conditional Use Permit and recommends Council's approval. Following discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland discussed a proposed ordinance to establish a *Historic Properties Tax Abatement Program*. Following discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to set a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for the October City Council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Director of Finance Shank discussed a proposed Credit card use policy. Following a discussion, Councilman Kirby motioned to adopt the policy with the changes that were discussed. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion of appointments to the IDA and the Recreation Advisory Board, it was decided to carry the appointments to the next meeting.

Councilman Lazo commented on the outstanding Recreation Center and stated that he has a houseguest from Germany who will be here for a year. The guest has visited both the Wellness Center and the Recreation Center and is very impressed with the programs and equipment at the Recreation Center.

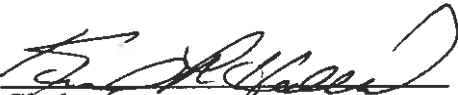
Councilman Davis motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the **Code of Virginia** Section 2.2-3711 A.3, acquisition of real property for public purpose. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:58 pm, Council reconvened in open session. A motion was made by Councilman Kirby to certify that only those items allowed under Section 2.2-3711 A.3 were discussed and that no other business was conducted in closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed unanimously.

No further action was taken and a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:58 pm.



Mayor



Clerk

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss **acquisition of real property** for the purpose of public purpose in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kirby seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Subject matter _____

Departure _____

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Lazo, Kirby, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Kyle

Nays: None

This Certification Resolution was adopted September 11, 2007.



Clerk/City Manager

QUESTION 1

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed random variables with probability density function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $Y_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Find the limiting distribution of Y_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution: By the Central Limit Theorem, since the X_i are independent and identically distributed with finite mean and variance, the distribution of Y_n converges to a normal distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The mean of X_i is $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = 0$. The variance of X_i is $\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = 1$. Therefore, the limiting distribution of Y_n is a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance $\frac{1}{n}$.

Thus, $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{n})$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

QUESTION 2
Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed random variables with probability density function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $Z_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$. Find the limiting distribution of Z_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution: By the Central Limit Theorem, since the X_i^2 are independent and identically distributed with finite mean and variance, the distribution of Z_n converges to a normal distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The mean of X_i^2 is $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = 1$. The variance of X_i^2 is $\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^4 f(x) dx - \mu^2 = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, the limiting distribution of Z_n is a normal distribution with mean 1 and variance $\frac{1}{2n}$.

Thus, $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} N(1, \frac{1}{2n})$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

QUESTION 3

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed random variables with probability density function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $W_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3$. Find the limiting distribution of W_n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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