

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
April 14, 2008

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 14, 2008 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle.

Councilman Kirby prayed the opening prayer and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Councilman Greene motioned to dispense with the reading of the March 24, 2008 minutes and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Garner offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the minutes of the Regional meeting on March 26, 2008 and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2009 School Budget. The total budget figure is \$13,731,981 and of that amount \$3,834,885 will come from local funds. This is an increase of \$40,000 from last year's budget. The public hearing was declared open. Councilman Lazo asked Mr. Cook, school superintendent, if there are other proposed projects to be done once the renovation at the high school is completed. Mr. Cook replied that there are no proposed projects but we are always thinking about the future. No other comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

This date and time was set to receive comments on the city's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-2013. City Manager Holland commented that this is just a proposed plan and does not obligate the city to fund all items listed in the Plan. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing open. No comments were heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Susan Clark was present at tonight's meeting to discuss Child Abuse Prevention and to acknowledge that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Councilman Lazo commented on the impact that verbal and physical abuse between adults in a household has on children. Mrs. Clark discussed ways in which Social Services and other agencies in the community can help resolve some of the issues that can cause abuse.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce were present at tonight's meeting to update Council on activities of the Chamber and to discuss plans and changes for Smoke on the Mountain.

Councilman Kirby motioned to set Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 6:15pm, as a date and time for a Council work session. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:15pm, Councilman Greene motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in Section 2.2-3711 A.3 of the *Code of Virginia* – Acquisition of real property for public purpose, the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the City's bargaining or negotiating position. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

At 8:45pm Council returned to regular session. With no further business to come before Council the meeting was unanimously adjourned.



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 Section 2.2-3711A.3 - Acquisition of real property for public purpose, the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the City's bargaining or negotiating position.

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 Greene seconded by Councilmember Kirby.

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 April 14, 2008.


Clerk/City Manager