GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes April 22, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building and was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mayor Mitchell. The following councilmen were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, George Valdez, and Willie Greene. Councilmen Lemons, *McCarter and *Hamden were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for a public hearing to receive comments on the 2002-2003 proposed city school budget. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing open. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Andy Hall, Executive Director of Mt. Rogers Development Partnership was present at this meeting to discuss regional economic development through the Partnership.

*Councilman McCarter arrived at 7:38pm.

*At 7:40pm Councilman Hamden arrived.

Carolyn McCorkindale discussed the proposed business incubator project.

Zack Kyle gave an update on the Downtown Study which was done by Virginia Tech students. He advised that the students will make their presentation on May 2.

Mike Smith, director of the Galax Grayson Ambulance Service, provided an activity report for the past year.

Councilman Greene, City Engineer Alderman and City Manager Campbell were reappointed to serve on VML policy committees.

Councilman Wilson called for an executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) - briefing on actual litigation relating to wastewater operations. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously passed at 8:12pm.

Councilman Hamden motioned to return to regular session. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 pm on a motion by Councilman Hamden.

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MOTION: Councilman Hamden CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(7)

SECOND: Councilman McCarter

MEETING DATE: 04/22/02

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, S 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 Mitchell, Wilson, Valdez, Greene, McCarter, Hamden

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman Lemons

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman Lemons

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Clerk of Galax City Council