

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

May 10, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on May 10, 2004, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and George Valdez. Councilmen McCarter and Lemons were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell asked Mr. Dan Rector to come forward for the presentation of a resolution which honors him for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order. Councilman Hamden offered the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with their reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for approval of the proposed 2004-05 School Budget. The total amount is \$10,576,702. Local funding is set for \$3,549,068. Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt and appropriate said budget. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for the second reading of the ordinance rescinding the fire limits of a certain specified area of Downtown. Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the second reading of the proposed ordinance and to adopt said ordinance. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This date and time had been duly advertised for a joint public hearing between City Council and the Planning Commission to receive public comments on a request by the First Assembly of God church. The request was to rezone approximately 17.4 acres of land on Deerhaven Road which would allow the construction of a church building (s). The designation would be from M-1 to B-2.

Rev. Horton, pastor of the church, stated that the church and its programs would be an asset to the city.

Violet Akers, an adjoining property owner, expressed positive comments on the property being rezoned.

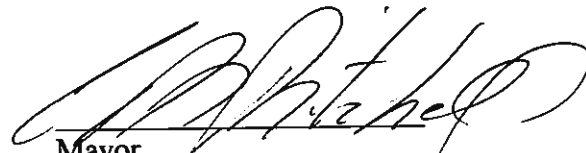
With no further comments being offered, the hearing was closed. Mr. Catron advised that the Commission would meet on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 to decide on a recommendation to bring back to Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The following Commission members were present and they are as listed: Ron Catron, Roger Martin, Linda Galyean and C. M. Mitchell. Anne Vaughan, Jim Adams and Darlene Coleman were absent from the meeting.

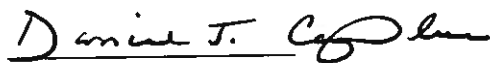
Susan Clark, Social Services Director, advised that May has been designated as Foster Care Recognition Month. She stated that foster parents are a very valuable asset to the City and that they will receive a resolution and gift certificate in appreciation for their dedication. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Hamden further expressed his gratitude for the Foster Care program.

Councilman Greene motioned to schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2004-05 City Budget for May 24, 2004 at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as it can be called. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reminded members of Council of the high school graduation set for June 11.

At 7:55 on a motion by Councilman Valdez and a second by Councilman Hamden the meeting was unanimously adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk

CODE SECTION: Section 22-371(A)(1)

MOTION: Councilman Greene

MEETING DATE: November 22, 2004

SECOND: Councilwoman Plichta

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: Councilpersons Mitchell, Greene, Lazo, Kirby, Plichta, Valdez and Greene

NAYS: None
(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Dannine J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council



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