

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
November 10, 2008

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 10, 2008 at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb. Sharon Plichta was absent from the meeting.

Dr Lazo prayed the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 13, and the called meeting on October 27 and to dispense with the reading of both minutes. Councilman Garner offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Webb motioned to adopt a resolution amending VDOT's Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following an overview by City Manager Holland and a discussion concerning an ordinance to Establish Junior Fire Fighter Program for Galax Fire Department, Councilman Garner motioned to accept the first reading of said ordinance, to suspend the second reading and to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. Councilman Lazo stated that he believes this program will attract new members and he also commented on how nice the new roof looks on the Fire House.

Irene Turner from the Regional Library Board invited Council to a reception and to participate in plans for the library's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Councilman Lazo commented on the importance of the library and he wants to see the library grow.

Councilman Webb motioned to accept the gift and deed of the Parsons Building on East Grayson Street as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The building will be renovated for a Visitors' Center.

City Manager Holland outlined the opening of the bids for the renovations to the former First National Bank Building for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. He stated that the low bid was submitted by South End Construction Company from Vinton, Virginia. The low bid amount was \$661,509. Councilman Greene motioned to accept the low bid from South End Construction Company. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. And it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to authorize Mr. Holland to issue the Note to Proceed for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

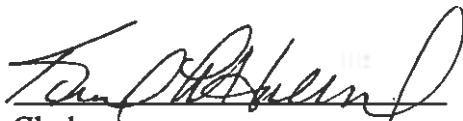
Mayor Mitchell discussed a list of names that has been submitted to serve as the Trustees for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. Following discussion, Mayor Mitchell also advised that the Board of Trustees will become the primary governing board of the school. Councilman Webb motioned to approve the names submitted to serve on said board. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lazo motioned to go into executive session as authorized in Section 2.2-3711 A.7 – Consultation with legal Counsel. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Harvey Neff was invited to the closed session.

Councilman Greene motioned to return to regular session.  
Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

  
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Mayor

  
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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 2.2-3711 A.7 – Consultation with Legal Counsel.

**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 Webb

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 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

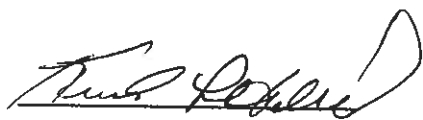
Departure \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis, Lazo, and Webb

Nays: None

This Certification Resolution was adopted November 10, 2008.



Clerk/City Manager

