

Galax City Council – Called Meeting
Minutes
May 23, 2022

Galax City Council convened in a special called meeting in City Council Chambers on May 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Mayor Greene called the meeting to order with the following Council persons present and they are as listed: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

Mayor Greene informed Council of a request to approve the proposed FY 2023 Galax City Schools Budget of \$4,062,714. The same amount requested in FY 2022.

Vice Mayor White made the motion to approve the FY2023 Galax City Schools Budget as presented. Councilman Haynes seconded the motion. Councilman Henck abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest pursuant to **Virginia Code Section 2.2-3112** Prohibited conduct concerning personal interest in a transaction; exceptions.

The FY2023 Galax City Schools Budget was approved with the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

Mayor Greene requested that the next agenda item, the appointment of Interim City Manager, be moved to the last item of the agenda, and to hold a closed session to discuss the matter with Council prior to the appointment to. There was a consensus to revise the agenda as Mayor Greene had requested.

Mayor Greene informed Council of a request to approve the authorization of a secondary check signer to serve for Department of Social Services. A replacement would be needed for Mr. Settlemyer who currently serves as a DSS check signer, whose last day will be June 1. There was a consensus to name the DSS check signer after the closed session.

Matt Settlemyer informed Council of a request by PUSH Ministries for a street closure (100 block of Grayson St. to Center St.) on June 18 from noon – 6:00 p.m. for a special community event. All business would be notified of the closure. Councilman Warr made the motion to approve the street closure on June 18. Councilwoman White seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

Mayor Greene informed Council of a request to consider approval of the Rex Theatre Lease in accordance with Va. Code Section 15.2-1800- Purchase, Sale, Use, of real property. After a discussion, Councilman Larrowe made the motion to approve sharing a copy of the revised Draft Rex Theater Lease from the City Attorney with the Back Roads Entertainment Group for review. Councilman Henck seconded the motion. Councilman Warr added that if BRG could get the Draft Rex Theater Lease back to Dana Woodel, she would send it back to the City Attorney and Council. It was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice

Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

At 2:35 p.m. Mayor Greene accepted a motion from Councilwoman White to enter in to closed session under the following Code of Virginia:

Personnel Matter (Discussion of Interim City Manager Position) – § 2.2-3711 A.1 of the Code of Virginia - Candidates for employment; the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, discipline, salaries, compensation, or resignation of employees.

Councilman Larrowe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

At 3:05 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Greene certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia Code were discussed and no action was taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.


Mayor Greene announced the Interim City Manager was previously discussed in closed session. He asked for a motion. Councilman Henck made the motion to appoint Judy Taylor-Gallimore the Interim City Manager effective June 2, 2022 upon her acceptance. Councilman Larrowe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

Vice Mayor White made the motion to add Councilwoman Ritchie as the secondary signer of checks replacing Matt Settlemyer on the Department of Social Services checking account. Councilman Haynes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

At 3:05 p.m. Councilman Henck made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Haynes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Richie, Councilwoman White, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Warr.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor


Clerk Interim City Mgr.