

Galax City Council  
Minutes  
June 12, 2023

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:02 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, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

Councilman Haynes gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ Regular Meeting – May 8, 2023

*Councilman Henck made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 8. Councilman Haynes seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

➤ Joint Meeting of Council and Planning Commission – May 25, 2023

*Vice Mayor White made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 25. Councilman Haynes seconded. Mayor Greene asked for corrections or revisions. Vice Mayor White informed Council of two revisions, and Councilman Henck noted one. Mayor Greene asked for a motion to approve the minutes with revisions. Vice Mayor White made the motion to approve the May 25 minutes with revisions. Councilman Henck seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Galax City FY2024 Budget

Gavin Blevins, Interim City Manager explained the city had completed the FY2024 budget public hearing at the May 08<sup>th</sup> regular meeting without any concerns voiced from the public. He said the proposed budget was balanced, with no tax or fee increases included (general fund). The total budget as presented:

• General Fund	\$28,155,739
• Utility Fund	\$ 6,681,880
• Stormwater Fund	\$ 497,900

City Council had already conducted the public hearing at the May 8 meeting; approval was permissible.

*REVISED:* The Storm Water and Utility Funds were the same.

The changes to the General Fund were as follows:

Expense:

10.4.1209.3200 – Reassessment	\$15,000
10.4.4530.5699 – Welfare (DSS)	\$195,370
10.4.9102.6017 – Contingency	\$(45,283)
<b>Total Change –</b>	<b>\$165,087</b>

Revenue:

10.4.3220.xxxx – Welfare Revenue \$165,087

Total Advertised General Fund Budget – \$28,355,739

Total Revised General Fund Budget – \$28,520,826

**Difference – \$165,087**

*Councilman Henck made the motion to approve the FY24 budget as presented with revisions. Councilwoman Ritchie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

**Board and Committee Appointments**

• **Planning Commission**

Russell Austin, Janet Nuckolls, and Josepha Thompson sent in letters of interest to be reappointed and/or appointed.

*Councilwoman Ritchie made the motion to reappoint Russell Austin and Janet Nuckolls on the Planning Commission for a four-year term each, and to appoint Josepha Thompson for a four-year term vacated by Ron Catron. Vice Mayor White seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

• **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Roger Neal and Doug Williams submitted letters of interest to be reappointed.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to reappoint Roger Neal and Doug Williams on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term each, Councilman Haynes seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

• **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**

Mr. Blevins explained there were two 2-year seats up for appointment and neither candidate was eligible for reappointment. He said only one letter of interest from Allison Adams had been received. He also discussed the informal committee structure memo regarding the layout from the Recreation Director, Tony Quesenberry. He suggested the removal of one of the two open seats, and suggested the creation of a more specific and official committee structure. There was interest to have someone appointed from the school system to the board. He said there was one person who currently was an employee of the school system, Brian Stuart, Assistant Principal at GHS that was willing to serve.

*Councilman Henck made the motion to appoint Allison Adams and Brian Stuart to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilman Haynes seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

Councilman Larrowe suggested Council move forward regarding the evaluation of the structure relating to the effectiveness of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. He said one concern

expressed to him was that ideas being put forth from the committee were not making their way through to implementation without good explanation. He felt it was a good time to evaluate the committee structure and its role so the committee members could understand their role, and be able to execute against those expectations. Councilman Henck said the Public Services Committee had also discussed a similar concern at the May meeting.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to direct the City Manager to prepare a revised committee structure and or organizational document that sets forth the responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilman Henck seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck*

- **Library Board**

Mr. Blevins explained there was one seat up for a 4-year term on the Library Board. He said the city had received letters of interest from Lynne Barker and Sylvia Richardson.

*Mayor Greene asked Council to vote by a show of hands when the candidate’s name was called. Ms. Barker received seven votes from Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck. Mayor Greene congratulated Ms. Barker for being appointed to the Library Board.*

**Public Hearing, Amendments to City Code Section 153-36, Water & Sewer Rates**

Mayor Greene announced this was the date and time for a public hearing for amendments to the City Code Section 153-36 regarding water & sewer rates. Mayor Greene opened the public hearing. Gavin Blevins informed everyone that due to an error with the newspaper advertisement for the May meeting, the City was required to reconduct the public hearing and approval process to validate the ordinance amendment. There were no comments at the public hearing in May regarding the rates. He said as discussed in the budget work sessions; the proposal was that City Code Section 153-36 concerning water/sewer rated be amended as follows:

<u>City Rates</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water & Sewer Base Rate (6000-gallon min.)	\$34.00	\$39.00
Over 6000 gallons	\$ 4.75	\$5.50
<u>County Rates</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water & Sewer Base Rate (6000-gallon min.)	\$68.00	\$78.00
Over 6000 gallons	\$ 9.50	\$11.00

Mr. Blevins said the increase in rates was a reflection of increases in operating costs and the required debt covenant in which we must maintain on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Debt Service. If approved, the ordinance change would go into effect on July 1, 2023.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to approve the amendments to City Code Section 153-36 as presented. Councilwoman Ritchie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

**Project Light (God’s Storehouse)**

Gavin Blevins gave background information on the Project Light/God’s Storehouse project. He said the project was bid for construction and received bids. The management team negotiated with

the lowest bidder to bring the project within budget, but due to many factors, there was no way for the contractor to come any closer to budget. Mr. Blevins said in order to move forward with construction utilizing the lowest bidder, the city would need to appropriate an additional \$467,890, as well as the additional \$198,000 previously guaranteed on behalf of God's Storehouse, and accept bid. The bid negotiation process had taken approximately 3 weeks.

*Vice Mayor White made the motion to consider the additional appropriation request to complete the project with the lowest responsive bidder and accept that bid as negotiated. Councilman Haynes seconded the motion. Vice Mayor White amended the motion upon request of legal counsel, the appropriation was to the IDA. Councilman Haynes amended the second motion.*

Keith Barker, addressed Council in depth regarding the Project Light/ God's Storehouse history, the financial facts, and future plans. More grant money than anticipated, but inflation had eaten some up over the last 2 years. Materials, labor costs, had increased. Coram Construction was the lowest bidder. Reduced as much as possible, cutting 150,000 to the 1.96M budget. He said the request was that the City consider the additional funds into a building that the City already owns. God's Storehouse does not own the building. He said they were a partner in this with the city. He told of the many programs that would continue operating as well as expand which included: Literacy, mentoring, peer recovery counseling, and others. Some income would be generated through peer recovery and the rent from ten offices that would be built. He said that he felt it was a definite worthwhile investment from the city. Investing in citizens, jobs, sobriety, reduce hunger, and community. Mr. Barker said that they were working to close the gap in the \$467,890 request as much as possible. They were currently working to reduce the amount as much as possible.

*After Council members discussed the request further, Vice Mayor White restated her original motion to approve the additional appropriation request to the IDA to complete the project with the lowest responsive bidder and accept that bid as negotiated. Councilman Haynes had previously seconded, and the motion was approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, and Councilman Larrowe. Councilman Warr and Councilman Henck voted "nay".*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Galax FY2023 Budget Amendment Public Hearing**

Mayor Greene announced this was the date and time set to hold a public hearing regarding amending the FY23 operating budget for the City of Galax. Mayor Greene opened the floor for public comments. Gavin Blevins, explained the purpose of the amendment was to clean up the FY23 Budget. The additional revenue received included:

- VDOT – Street Maintenance \$182,063
- Farmer's Mkt. \$15,000
- Police Christmas Program \$9,296
- DSS \$144,677
- VDOT Paving Grant \$401,334
- VDOT McArthur St. grant carried over to FY23 \$175,529

Mr. Blevins said the total change in budget was \$927,899 in the General Fund. Mayor Greene closed the public hearing with no public comments made. Councilman Larrowe asked if the expenditures matched to offset the revenue. Mr. Blevins confirmed they did.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to adopt the FY23 Budget as amended. Vice Mayor White seconded, and the motion was approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck. \*Councilman Haynes stepped out prior to the FY23 amendment discussion, and returned after the vote.*

### **Chief Cooper, Galax Police Department Update**

Chief Cooper was present and gave an overview of the police department and updates on initiatives they were undertaking. One of the highlights of the update was the live demonstration of a tactical robot the PD acquired to assist in dangerous situations they may encounter.

### **MRPDC Representative Appointment**

Mayor Greene informed Council at the Mount Rogers PDC Annual Dinner Meeting, a long-time representative of the Galax Planning Commission and MRPDC representative for the City of Galax, Ron Catron, announced that he would be resigning, and would therefore vacate his seat on the MRPDC Executive Committee, term expiring Dec. 31, 2025. Mr. Catron made a recommendation at the annual meeting to appoint Brandon Boyles, Vice Chair, as his replacement to serve the remainder of his term on the MRPDC Executive Committee.

*Councilwoman Ritchie made the motion, to appoint Brandon Boyles to serve the remainder of Ron Catron's term on the MRPDC Executive Committee. Vice Mayor White seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

### **VDOT E. Stuart Drive Crossing**

Gavin Blevins informed Council of a request to approve a resolution which would endorse the Transportation Alternative New River State Park Crossing Project on behalf of the city and would commit the city to the 20% match (\$85,400) required for the project, which would begin in FY25, and to be completed in FY27. He said the resolution would also allow the City Manager to sign documents related to applying for the funds and executing project-related documentation.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Warr seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

### **Opioid Fund Dispersals**

Gavin Blevins informed Council the city had received \$41,434 in direct distribution during FY22 & FY23, and has received applications for dispersal in accordance with our program. He said we had also requested additional funds from Virginia to be used in future years. Mr. Blevins said as of now, we had FY23 & FY24 fund dispersals planned and were preparing to request additional funds for FY25. He also answered a question by Councilman Larrowe regarding the difference in the total and what was slated to be dispersed. Mr. Blevins stated the funds were unexpended.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to approve the requests to disperse \$10,000 of FY23 funds to the Twin County Recovery Court, and \$2,980 to Non-profit Peer Recovery Reimbursements. Vice Mayor White seconded. Councilman Henck asked who the Non-profit Peer Recovery Reimbursements entities were. Councilman Haynes said the information was in the materials*

*provided which included: God's Storehouse, the Rock Church, Galax Schools Prevention Education, etc. Councilman Henck asked for the totals to be itemized in the future. Jolena Young said each year a request would be sent out to each of the Non-profit Peer Recovery Groups and ask for them to submit receipts for reimbursement. She said it was done on a reimbursement basis. The motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

Gavin Blevins informed Council that the FY24 Opioid Funds also needed to be disbursed which totaled \$29,040. The break down was as follows: Galax Schools \$5000, Twin Co. Recovery Court \$10,000, MRCSB \$2,120, Non-profit Peer Recovery Groups \$11,920.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to approve the FY24 dispersals. Councilman Haynes seconded.*

Councilman Henck asked who the non-profits were which totaled \$11,920. Mr. Blevins stated they were the same as previously listed for the FY23 disbursements which also included Corner Stone Church.

*The motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

### **Revised VDOT Capital Improvements Plan**

Gavin Blevins informed Council of the updated VDOT-specific capital improvements plan (maintained by the city per VDOT requirements) had been provided for their review and approval. He said all changes must be approved, and this revision had taken into account completed projects, updates to existing projects, and projects the city projected to be part of future VDOT programs via plans, applications, or otherwise. There was a short discussion.

*Councilman Warr made the motion to adopt the CIP as proposed. Councilman Haynes seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

### **MRRP Board Alternate from Galax IDA**

Gavin Blevins explained the Mount Rogers Regional Partnership (MRRP) had a member of the IDA that serves on their Board and traditionally that had been the IDA Chairman, Roger Neal. He said due to conflicting schedules for participation at the MRRP meetings, the MRRP made changes to their bylaws to allow appointment of member alternates in the event that the primary appointed member could not be available. MRRP requested City Council to appoint an alternate from the IDA to the MRRP board. Doug Vaught was recommended by the current Chairman, Roger Neal.

*Councilman Haynes made the motion to formally appoint the IDA Chairman, Roger Neal, to the Mount Rogers Regional Partnership Board and appoint Doug Vaught as the alternate. Councilman Larrowe seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

## **Reassessment of Real Estate**

Gavin Blevins informed Council the Mount Rogers PDC completed a cooperative procurement in 2023 for all of the localities in the district to be able to use for real estate reassessments. Proposals received, in accordance with the Request for Qualifications, were dispersed to the localities in late April. He said the city's last reassessment was completed in 2019 by *Wampler Eanes* with a go-live in 2021. The lowest responsive bidder received this time was *Pearson's Appraisal Services* @ \$21.25 per parcel (*Wampler Eanes* was \$22.00 / parcel). Qualifications and references for both firms were excellent and both qualified. The total cost of the reassessment would be \$78,391 based on 3,689 parcels. Mr. Blevins stated other factors considered in the proposals included services and billing. The lowest bid total was \$81,158.00 from *Wampler Eanes*, which included data entry and clerical work.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to approve the proposal for Wampler Eanes to complete the reassessment and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for services. Councilwoman Ritchie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

## **Appointment of Deputy Commissioner of Revenue**

Gavin Blevins informed Council in order for anyone other than the Commissioner of Revenue to officially sign abatement forms, supplement billing, etc. for the Commissioner's Office, they must be appointed and thereby granted that legal authority, as required by Code of VA §15.2-1603. The request of Council was to consider appointing Krista Ward, Commissioner of Revenue employee, as Deputy Commissioner. He said this would also allow the Deputy Commissioner to be eligible for the Career Development Program.

*Councilman Haynes made the motion to appoint Krista Ward as Deputy Commissioner. Vice Mayor White seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

## **Event - "Stories & Strings on Main"**

Gavin Blevins informed Council of an event that was developed after Council officially adopted the events calendar for the year, "Stories & Strings on Main". The Tourism & Downtown Committee request a festival that would pull together a small festival during the week of Fiddlers to draw people out of the park during the day to downtown. The hope was also to bring the locals to come join in the festivities.

Event Name:	"Stories & Strings on Main"
Date:	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Time:	11am-4pm, Streets close at 8am and re-open at 5:00 pm
Streets to close:	Main Street from Oldtown to Washington, and Grayson Street from Jefferson to Rex Lane.

*Councilman Warr made the motion to approve the event as recommended as part of the City's annual calendar of events. Councilwoman Ritchie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

## **USDA Resolution**

Gavin Blevins informed Council of a request to approve a USDA Resolution. He explained in order to be eligible for Rural Development funding through the USDA for the Water Treatment Plant, the city was required to pass a resolution stating the prescribed language identifying the official of the city authorized to sign legal documents for the city. He said this resolution would authorize the Mayor, Willie Greene to execute documents on behalf of the City of Galax.

*Councilman Larrowe made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Henck seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

## **City Manager Hiring Committee**

Gavin Blevins informed Council of a request from Mount Rogers PDC to appoint two members of City Council to serve on the hiring committee for a city manager. He explained, per the city's agreement with the Mount Rogers PDC, the City Council needs to select two members to serve on the hiring committee, and was advised to select a third, consulting member to provide professional input. He said the full hiring committee would consist of five members - two City Council, one consulting, plus the MRPDC Executive Director and Deputy Director.

*After a discussion among Council members, Councilman Haynes made the motion to appoint Council Vice Mayor White and Mayor Greene to serve on the hiring committee. Councilman Larrowe seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.*

Mayor Greene reminded Council that a consulting member to provide professional input on the hiring committee still needed to be chosen. After Council discussed with HR Director, Susan Carico, there was a consensus for Council members to send suggestions to Ms. Carico who would work with Council to vote individually on those submitted to determine a representative for the hiring committee. Ms. Carico then gave an update on the City Manager hiring process. She said applications were submitted to MRPDC (consulting firm) on May 29<sup>th</sup>. They were reviewed by the Director & Deputy Director, and for various reasons, twenty-five applications were excluded, there were two maybes, and seven applications the consulting firm had ready for the hiring committee's approval. Ms. Carico said we were now ready to move forward. She said the date for the final interviews were dependent on how smoothly the process goes with the hiring committee. The hope was to establish the hiring committee within the next two weeks.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **City Manager Report**

- Title VI Implementation Plan
- Twin County E911 – Radios Policy



- Chestnut Creek Study/NFIP
- Urban Development Area
- Water Plant Upgrades
- Sidewalk Assessment
- Downtown Mainstreet Pedestrian Improvements (VDOT) Project
- DSS Building Renovations
- Eastview Housing Project
- Ordinances for water/sewer rate change
- Vehicle license fee modification for 2023
- Discussed city's agreement for shared services costs with Grayson & Carroll Counties
- DSS FY24 Compensation Plan & Governor's budget
- Organization Structure Assessment (OSA)
- Rosenwald Felts School – new lease

#### **Councilman Larrowe**

- Flood Plain Plan – Needed for long term development
- BRCEDA – New Director needed
- District Three – Monthly Report
  - Budget
  - Farm Fresh Checks for seniors
  - Free Vaccination Program for seniors includes Shingles
  - Cool Care Program

#### **Councilman Haynes**

- Galax Grayson EMS
  - Trucks need to be replaced
  - Possibly re-boxing truck
  - Parking lot needs work - \$200K
- Council Meetings on audio/video
- Need for AED's in City Depts./ Rec. Ctr.
- Rec. Center Issues
  - No Dixie League
  - Need for pickle ball courts
- Flood Plain Discussion
  - Requested Gavin to put together a summary for Council to better understand time tables, costs & requirements, resources, and development
  - A good, comprehensive document was needed

#### **Vice Mayor White**

- Splash Program at GES
  - Great opportunity for children
- Dist. Three
  - Applications for Farm Fresh Checks hand out at Farmer's Market

#### **Councilwoman Ritchie**

- Recreation Board
  - Suggested meeting more than twice annually
- Farmer's Market
  - Thursday nights & Saturdays working well

#### **Councilman Henck**

- Dental at Free Clinic
  - Free or discounted ready by December
  - Working now to get everything in order
- Health Insurance for City Employees
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  - Next budget cycle may require a needed investment by Council to provide affordable insurance to employees
- National Flood Insurance
  - Comes with many questions as to the cost and requirements on private businesses
  - Door still open to look for creative solutions
  - Much to be discussed yet
  - Many man hours to go into this from the city and may have an enormous cost

### **Councilman Warr**

- Galax Farmer’s Market
  - Jordan Shaw & Patti Love – great job!
- Recreation Board
  - ATM needed for festivals discussed
- Jeep Festival this weekend
  - Food, Music, & fun
- Strings & Stories Festival
  - Discussion on new festival
- Grow with Google
  - Local businesses

### **Mayor Greene**

- Attended a Broadband Conference
  - Discussed the importance
- Golf Cart Routes
  - Consider changing routes, signage, and rules to allow golf carts city wide
  - Safety concerns

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Greene accepted a motion made by Councilman Larrowe at 8:50 p.m. to enter into closed session under the following Code of Virginia:

- **Real Property, § 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 County’s or Town’s bargaining or negotiating position.**

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

At 9:20 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Greene certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia code section were discussed and no action was taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:20 p.m.



Willie T. Greene

Mayor



G. N. Blum

Clerk

