

Galax City Council
Special Called Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Galax City Council convened in a special called meeting in the City Council Chamber on May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 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, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Henck, Councilwoman Burnett, and Councilman Bowers. Councilman Warr was absent.

Vice Mayor White gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing of FY2025 City Budget

City Manager Burnette spoke before the public hearing began. He reminded Council that the FY25 City Budget was now drafted, the School Board had presented the FY25 School Budget, and held the public hearing, which was included in the City Budget. Council had reviewed the budget previously and made revisions that were now included. The next step would be to hold the public hearing, (pursuant to Section 15.2-2506, Code of Virginia) at the next Council meeting on May 13th, where it could potentially be approved.

Mayor Greene declared the public hearing open for discussion, or public comments. Councilwoman Burnett inquired about a citizen's email being discussed at the public hearing. Mayor Greene stated that public hearings were for citizens to attend in person to address concerns, or make comments. *(Per Code, the City's public hearings have to be advertised well in advance via local newspaper, City's website, and the Municipal Building lobby bulletin board.)*

With no public comments made, Mayor Greene declared the public hearing for the FY25 City Budget closed.

City Manager Burnette stated that at the next City Council meeting on May 13, the FY25 School Budget would be adopted at that time. By state law, this would need to be adopted by May 15, 2024. He added that hopefully the City Budget would be approved at the same meeting.

City Manager Burnette closed by informing Council the Staff recommendation was to approve the FY25 City Budget as presented (after the changes were made to it at the last meetings) at the next Council meeting on May 13, 2024.

Councilwoman Ritchie made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Bowers seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilwoman Richie, Councilman Henck, Councilwoman Burnett, and Councilman Bowers.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk