

A special called meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, William Mays, Joseph Fawbush, and Terry Roop

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Terry Roop.

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors.

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At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

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Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City of Norton to Apply for Funding from the Virginia Department of Health Financial Construction Assistance Program. This resolution, if adopted, will authorize the City Manager to apply to the Virginia Department of Health for a grant to construct a water tank as part of the Norton/Big Stone Gap Water Interconnect Project.

Mr. Ward advised that the deadline for making application for these economic stimulus funds is March 27, 2009 and the City's next regular meeting was not until April 7, 2009. He further explained the need for the water tank and how it would enhance the City's purchase of water from the Town of Big Stone Gap.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES - Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Roop, Mays, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to approve A Resolution of the City of Norton to Apply for Funding from the Virginia Department of Health Financial Construction Assistance Program. (Insert)

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

There will be a grand opening of the Lonesome Pine Economy Drug located at 517 Park Avenue on April 2, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The City Council meeting scheduled for April 7, 2009 is the same date for the next City of Norton School Board Meeting. The School Board will be meeting at J. I. Burton High School and will have a public comment time for school consolidation. It was the consensus of City Council to keep its meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> as brief as possible so that individual members could attend this School Board meeting.

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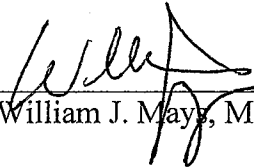
In comments from City Council, Mayor Mays advised that he will be out of town on April 21, 2009 and will not be in attendance at that council meeting. Since that is the meeting that is scheduled for the City's budget work session, City Council, by consensus,

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agreed to move the work session to Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City's Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Acting Clerk