

A special called meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 5:00 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 Fawbush.

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

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Before going into the agenda item of a Confirmation of the Declaration of a Local Emergency, Mayor Mays spoke briefly advising that all City personnel had done an excellent job during the blizzard which occurred the week-end of December 18th.

There was a concurrence to the comments of the Mayor by fellow council members.

Mr. Ward advised that there will be a special recognition of City officials and employees who had worked this disaster at the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 5, 2010.

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Mr. Ward advised that the purpose of this special called meeting is for Council to Adopt a Declaration of Local Emergency. He further advised that, during the snow event on December 18th, he contacted the Mayor to declare an emergency and this was done. Mr. Ward advised that the City had incurred expenses of approximately \$40,000 due to this event. He advised that this Declaration needs to be adopted within fourteen (14) days of the event or at the next council meeting, whichever comes first, and that this would put the City in line to receive any federal or state funds should such funds become available.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm a Declaration of a Local Emergency. (Insert)

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that he needed to know how many council members will be attending the Legislative Reception in Richmond on January 20th and 21st, 2010 in Richmond.

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In comments from City Council, Councilman Roop extended his wishes for a Happy New Year as did the other members of Council.

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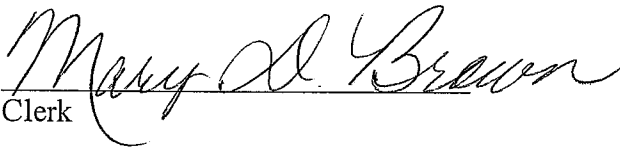
There being no further action to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk