

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 1, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, Robert Raines and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Absent: Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was lead by Captain Kenneth Jackson of the Norton Police Department.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 1997 meeting as corrected. (In paragraph 17850 and 17851, "The Mayor" and "Mayor Raines" should have been "The Vice Mayor" and "Vice Mayor Mays").

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Ruby Leho Edwards, 805 Locust Avenue spoke to Council regarding the recent addition of a garbage charge to her water bill. She states that she has no use for this service adding that she either recycled or burned her garbage. Mayor Raines advised her that this is the ordinance that is in effect and in order to change it a public hearing would have to be held. Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Edwards advised Council that she was not going to pay this charge and wants this ordinance taken off the book and wants it changed.

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Mayor Raines commended Mrs. Leho on her recycling habits.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia As Amended. Mr. Ward advises that this readopts Title 46.2 of the Motor Vehicle Code recently passed by the General Assembly. The City Manager briefly went over the changes with Council.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing. Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There were no questions or comments from Council after the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia As Amended. (Insert)

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 ET SEQ.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Ward advised the adoption of this ordinance will have the City in compliance with the Code of Virginia and the City Attorney recommends the passage of same.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing. Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

There were no questions or comments from Council following the public hearing and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 ET SEQ.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting a Revised Downtown Storefront Improvement Program and Providing for the Administration of the Same, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts with Reference to the Said Program. Also included in the packet was a copy of a draft program that had been sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development and a summary on this proposed program and the old program. He briefly went over the differences in these two programs.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting a Revised Downtown Storefront Improvement Program and Providing for the Administration of the Same, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts with Reference to the Said Program with the recommendation that a letter will be written to the Department of Housing and Community Development asking that should there be money left after the application process can we be allowed to redistribute said funds for the use of walls and rears of buildings. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Appalachian Regional Headstart Board for the remainder of Ms. Grace Livingston's term on this Board which will expire on August 31, 1997.

Roy Roberts nominated Mr. Hoke I. Horne.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Hoke I. Horne appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Grace Livingston on the Appalachian Regional Headstart Board which will expire on August 31, 1997 and also appointed Mr. Horne to a three year term on this Board which will expire on August 31, 2000.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

That he had followed up on the item of the VDOT sign placed in front of the Lost Creek Development Property. Lost Creek Development had contacted VDOT and the sign can be moved at the developer's expense.

Councilman Roberts advised the developers had told him that the cost to move this sign is \$5,500. He feels we should contact proper VDOT and state officials to get this sign moved.

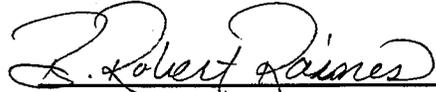
Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager will follow up on this and advise VDOT that this is both a public and private partnership between Lost Creek Development and the City and see if something can be done to get this sign moved.

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The Fourth of July will be Friday and City offices will be closed. He briefly went over the activities the City has planned.

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

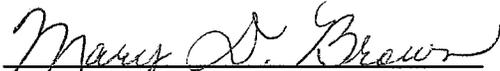
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B. Robert Raines

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk