

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 19, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Absent: Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Dr. Miller Liston and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 1993 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Bill Stokes of the Norton Rescue Squad read a proclamation declaring the week of May 23, 1993 - May 29, 1993 as Emergency Medical Services Week and sought Council's passage of same. Mr. Stokes also thanked Council for their past and future support of the Rescue Squad.

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It was the consensus of Council for the Mayor to sign this proclamation and Mayor Raines expressed his thanks for the efforts of the Rescue Squad.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Increasing the Meal Tax from 3% to 4% Effective July 1, 1993.

Mr. Ward advised the current levy on the meal tax was 3% and this increase would generate approximately \$85,000 in revenue.

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At this time, Mr. Pippin, the City Attorney, took his seat.

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

There were no comments or questions from Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending Article VII. Meal Tax; Section 23-192 of the Norton City Code Effective July 1, 1993. (Insert)

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax from 2% to 3% Effective July 1, 1993.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There were no comments made during the public hearing.

Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There were no comments from Council.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending Article VI. Transient Occupancy Tax; Section 23-172 of the Norton City Code to be Effective July 1, 1993. (Insert)

A public hearing was held to solicit public input for School Board nominations as per 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Ward advised only names submitted tonight could be considered for appointment to the City of Norton School Board.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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There were no comments made during the public hearing.

The City Manager advised three names have been submitted to him. These were: Joyce Smith, Yvonne Elmore, and Jeff Cantrell.

There being no further names or comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There were no comments or questions from Council. Mayor Raines advised these nominations would be considered at the first council meeting in June for appointment to the City of Norton School Board.

Council had in their packets a request from the Hope House for funding. Mr. Ward introduced Ms. Elizabeth Betterly, Executive Director of the Hope House, Ms. Betterly gave each member of Council a handout and requested funding in the amount of \$2,800.00. This amount was derived from a formula and requests are being made of all entities in the area they serve. Ms. Betterly gave her presentation and answered questions from Council.

Following a brief discussion, Council thanked Ms. Betterly for her presentation and advised they would take this into consideration.

Council had been presented in their packets a check in the amount of \$140,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$140,000.00 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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; and probable litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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

Mayor Raines advised there were no announcements to be made regarding appointments.

As to the matter of litigation, a motion was made by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, that the City hire the law firm of Penn, Stuart, Eskridge, and Jones to represent them in a lawsuit with Baker Pipeline Corporation.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that at the next meeting a public hearing would be held on the City budget. He further advised that the Flag Rock Recreation Area was open and our municipal pool would open on June 5, 1993.

There were no comments from the members of Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

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ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown
Clerk