

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday June 21, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Terry Roop

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. John Ellington.

Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat prior to the pledge of allegiance led by the Assistant Chief of Police, James C. Lane.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Mays amended the agenda to include Item 6 F-1 - An Agreement Between the City of Norton and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and Item 6 F-2 - Request for One water tap in the county.

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

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Council had been presented with An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2011 Thru June 30, 2012 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mr. Ward explained that the public hearing process was completed and by adopting this budget City Council would be approving and appropriating the budget for the next fiscal year.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Roop, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year

of July 1, 2011 Thru June 30, 2012 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

The City Manager provided an update on the Upper Reservoir Dam Project and Discussion of Water Reserves. Mr. Ward stated that this project is well under way but it required the City to drain the Upper Reservoir by 27 feet resulting in water reserves of 66 million gallons. Mr. Ward further stated that we need to publicize the fact that voluntary water conservation measures should be employed by all citizens and businesses until this project is completed and the reservoir can be replenished.

Council had been presented with a request for a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$6,940 to the 2010-2011 Budget of the Norton City Schools. This amendment reflected additional state aid as a result of increased enrollment at the schools.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the budget amendment to the 2010-2011 Budget for the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$ 6,940.

The City Manager presented A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting A Five Year Capital Improvements Program. This program formalizes the City's capital improvements that have been identified for the next five years. Except for year one, this is a planning document that can change from year to year depending on needs, priority, and funding.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year a Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

Council had been presented with the 2011-2012 Budget of the Norton Industrial Development Authority (NIDA). After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the 2011-2012 Budget of the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

Council had a request for the approval of a transfer to the City of Norton Schools in the amount of \$102,000 to cover payroll and fringes and also a check to the NIDA in the amount of \$ 122,004.25 to pay the quarterly debt service on the Norton Commons Project.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the transfer to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$102,000 and a check to the NIDA in the amount of \$122,004.25 as specified above.

Council had been presented with an agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia, specifically the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy and the City of Norton as pertains to the Park Avenue Highwall Project. This agreement would provide the necessary funding for the engineering design of the project and compliment the City's Safe Routes to School Project.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Fawbush and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Norton.

Council had a request from Mr. Jason Niece of 5209 Drysdale Road for a water tap. This request, being in Wise County, must be approved by City Council. Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved one water tap request for Mr. Jason Niece of 5209 Drysdale Road.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into open meeting.

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Mayor Mays declared Council back in open meeting.

The Acting Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. The Acting Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by the following unanimous roll call

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vote: YES – Caruso, Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – Roop,
Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.
(Insert)

Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County Circuit Court for an appointment to the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Hunnicutt nominated Mr. Gordon Sandt for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2016.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fawbush, and approved by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Gordon Sandt nominated to the Wise County Circuit Court for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2016.

Mayor Mays opened the floor for appointments to the City of Norton Social Services Board

Councilman Fawbush nominated Lann Malesky and Whitney Hunnicutt to be appointed to this Board for four year terms which will expire on May 22, 2015.

Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Mayor Mays, and approved by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Mays declared Lann Malesky and Whitney Hunnicutt appointed to the Norton Social Services Advisory Board for four year terms which will expire on May 22, 2015.

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

The City was informed last week that we did not receive a grant for the Riverwalk Project from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The City can reapply later this year.

Summer Camps began on Monday, June 20th. The first camp is a two-week camp and there are 50 children signed up.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that one case has dropped off the delinquent tax sale list as the taxes have been paid. Also, he has been working with Mattern and Craig, the City Manager, and Commissioner of Revenue to obtain all the necessary easements for the Guest River Sewer Project.

In comments from City Council, Mayor Mays suggested, and Council concurred, that we will only have one meeting on July 19th and one meeting on August 16th.


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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Acting Clerk