

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 17, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 3, 1995 meeting as presented. 17110

Mayor Raines advised that the agenda is being amended to include Item 7-C-1, items A & B, which are two resolutions supporting the Appalachian Regional Commission. One is addressed to Governor George Allen and the other is to go to elected officials both State and Federal. 17111

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 17112

A public hearing was held on a Resolution Endorsing the City of Norton Application for Funding Through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Mr. Ward advised there were ten categories that fit into this program and he went over these with Council. The City has applied for one of these ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Grant) grants the past two years and has not received same. This year they have a project proposed in the amount of \$101,200 for an Enhancement Project. This project covers doing some streetscape work in a three block area, 600,700, and 800 blocks of Park Avenue. Some tree planting would be done in that area and replacement of current street lighting with decorative lighting in this area is also planned. 17113

Under the guidelines of this grant, the locality submitting the grant application must pay 20% of the cost associated with the grant; therefore Council has a resolution to adopt that states that the Council is authorizing the submittal of this grant and is willing to pay 20% of the total cost of this project which is approximately \$20,240. Deadline for submission of this grant application is January 31, 1995.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no comments during this time, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Endorsing the City of Norton Application for Funding Through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

(Insert)

A public hearing was held on soliciting public input on local Community Development and Housing needs in relation to Community Block Grant Funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mr. Ward went over the guidelines for a CDBG Grant and advised Council we had received one of these grants in 1988 and again in 1994. This public hearing is general in nature and the purpose is to solicit public input. If Council wishes to apply for a grant, then another public hearing will be held to identify the project prior to March 1, 1995.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Ward advised the City Administration is working with our planner on the Planning Grant to come up with a potential comprehensive project to do in our downtown that coincides with slum and blight removal. Also a representative of the planner will be in town tomorrow and business owners will be contacted by him.

Mayor Raines advised that if we submit an application, then we will schedule another public hearing.

Council had been presented a Resolution Supporting the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act Funding.

Mr. Ward advised this resolution requests that funds as pertains to the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act be included in the 1995-96 Commonwealth of Virginia Budget. Governor Allen's proposed budget has removed these funds and we have been asked to adopt this resolution as this will have an affect on our Lonesome Pine Office on Youth and the services they provide.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act Funding. A copy of said resolution is to be sent to Governor Allen and other individuals as contained in resolution.  
(Insert)

Council had in their packets a request by the Norton City Schools for the renewal of their Bingo/Raffle Permit for 1995 calendar year and that the \$25.00 fee be waived. City Code states these permits must be renewed annually.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to renew the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton City Schools for the 1995 calendar year and to waive the \$25.00 fee.

At this time, Vice Mayor Mays advised he would be abstaining from any discussion or vote on the next item which is the renewal of the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton Rescue Squad.

Mayor Raines advised Council had a request from the Norton Rescue Squad for the renewal of their Bingo/Raffle Permit for the 1995 calendar year and to waive the \$25.00 fee.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by the following roll call vote, Roberts, Wallace, McCall, Raines -

YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council moved to renew the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton Rescue Squad and to waive the \$25.00 fee.

Council had been presented with two resolutions in support of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Mayor Raines advised of the many various areas where ARC money had been used in our region. Federal dollars are looking at being cut and one of the programs they are looking at is the Appalachian Regional Commission. One of these resolutions is to be submitted to Governor Allen in his capacity as a governor serving on the Steering Committee of the ARC. This Committee is composed of all the governors of the Appalachian region. The second resolution is one soliciting support from elected officials both state and federal- to look closely at the ARC funding and to keep this program in tact. This organization has been of a vital benefit to us here in Southwest Virginia. 17119

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt both resolutions in support of the Appalachian Regional Commission. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended. 17120

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in regular session. 17121

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. 17122

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for 2 four year terms which will expire on January 28, 1999.

William Mays nominated Dorothy Graham and Damon Haynes to be reappointed to this Authority.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 17123

The Mayor declared Dorothy Graham and Damon Haynes reappointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for four year terms which will expire January 28, 1999.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire January 31, 1997.

Ron McCall nominated Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Linville Reed to be reappointed to this Commission. 17124

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed

by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

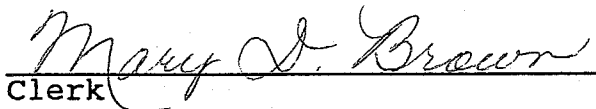
Mayor Raines declared Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Linville Reed reappointed to the Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire January 31, 1997.

There being no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or City Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk