

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 15, 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 and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager, Mr. Ward, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the City Treasurer, Joe Stallard.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 1993 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Ms. Tootie Stidham of Norton, a representative of the Mamas and Papas, spoke to Council seeking permission to do a solicitation in the Walmart area for donations to the field house to be located at the high school. Also speaking on this item was Mr. Don Earls.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to authorize the Mamas and Papas to conduct this solicitation but they are to check with the Police Department on the safety aspect.

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Also speaking during the Audience for Visitors was Mrs. Lillian Artrip of 11th Street in Norton. She spoke to Council concerning a drainage problem she had been experiencing for the past two years and presented Council pictures of the problem area.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City should look into this and do what they can to help alleviate this problem until it can be studied and put in the Capital Improvement Plan for drainage work.

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Council had been presented An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1993 Thru June 30, 1994 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 advised a public hearing had been held on this ordinance at the June 1, 1993 Council Meeting and that Council was required to wait at least seven days from that public hearing before the ordinance could be passed. Mr. Ward advised the budget was in the amount of \$4,921,670 in the General Fund Budget and \$1,651,717 in the Water and Sewer Fund Budget.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1993 Thru June 30, 1994 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)

Council had a request from Vecellio and Grogan, the company who is building the Norton By-Pass, to utilize City property on Spring Avenue to put in approximately 200 cubic yards of dirt. They have advised that the proposed fill area will be graded uniformly and will be seeded and mulched. Erosion control will be installed.

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the City Administration seeks favorable consideration on this request.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the request of Vecellio and Grogan to utilize City property on Spring Avenue for the deposit of fill dirt.

Mr. Ward is to advise Vecellio and Grogan of Council's action.

In their packets, Council had A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Department of Transportation to Initiate a City Urban Highway Project.

Mr. Ward advised that this resolution covers the replacement of the Second Street Bridge and approaches which was included in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Tentative Six Year Plan. In order to get this in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Six Year Plan, Council needs to pass this resolution which states the City will pay its 2% share of the cost on this bridge. Replacement costs are estimated at \$485,000 and the City share will be approximately \$9,700.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Department of Transportation Initiate An Urban Highway Project. (Insert)

Due to the marriage of the City's Deputy Treasurer, Barbara Shifflett, Council was presented with A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments and Certificate Storage.

Mr. Ward also advised that he wished to add the Assistant City Manager, Mr. Fred L. Ramey, Jr., on these accounts at this time.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments and Certificate Storage. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that in Senate Bill No. 659 which will become effective July 1, 1993, local governments will be allowed to adopt an ordinance changing the due dates of taxes and to allow two equal payments if they so desired. He further advised that the City Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, and City Administration have no problem with changing the date if Council so desires. Mr. Joe Stallard, City Treasurer, was present to answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. Stallard advised the one biggest complaint received by his office was that taxes were due so close to the Christmas Holidays. Mr. Stallard also asked if Council decided to change the due date, it would be better to begin the change in 1994.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that they would like to hear what the citizens have to say and to receive some public input.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, 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 William Mays, 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 Roy

Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines announced there were no comments regarding probable litigation.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 1995.

William Mays nominated Police Chief Sam Mongle be reappointed to the Community Corrections Resources Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Police Chief Sam Mongle reappointed to the Community Corrections Resources Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 1995.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations of a Business Representative to the SDA-One Private Industry Council for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1996.

Jack Wallace nominated Mrs. Robbie Tate to be reappointed to the SDA-One Private Industry Council.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Robbie Tate reappointed as a Business Representative to the SDA-One Private Industry Council for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1996.

The Mayor advised no action was taken on the remainder of the appointments listed on the agenda.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City has entered into a contract with the independent auditing firm of Thrower and Thrower for the City's financial audit for the fiscal years of 1993, 94, and 95 and the contract provides that at the end of the three year audit period, Council may grant a two year extension for these services.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1993, the City will open bids at 2:00 p.m. for the replacement of the storm drainage system on the 13th Street area. Hopefully the contract will be in place before the end of this fiscal year.

The Best Friend Festival activities are now going on through Sunday, June 20th and he would like for everyone to attend.

This is the last meeting of this fiscal year. The first meeting next month will be July 6th and he advised Council that the City of Norton's Fireworks Display, as well as all other Fourth activities, will be on Sunday, July 4th.

New Council photographs have been received. One will be put on display in the lobby of the Municipal Building and each member of Council will receive a copy as soon as they are framed.

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There are two new seals and a photograph hanging in Council Chambers tonight and Mr. Ward advised Mr. Ramey was responsible for this and had done an excellent job.

In the comments from City Council, Mr. Roberts advised he had a call from a local businesswoman regarding the Sign Ordinance in that she cannot put a sign on Park Avenue regarding her business which is on Virginia Avenue. He wanted to make Council aware of this situation along with a couple others and maybe add an Appeals Process in this Ordinance. He asked Council to think about this and see if something could be done on a short term basis.

Mr. Ward advised he would be bringing the Sign Ordinance to Council on July 6th or earlier if Council so desires. If a public hearing is to be held, it must

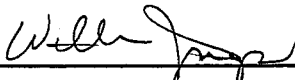
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be advertised 14 days before the hearing.

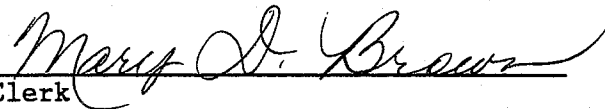
Mayor Raines advised that he, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Ramey had met with the Steering Committee of the Centennial at which time officers were elected. The Mayor advised this was a tremendous planning group and that he feels very good about this Committee.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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Vice Mayor William J. Mays

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Clerk