

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 26, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: William Mays

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Emory and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 5, 1993 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised that in response to their authorization of his obtaining engineering services for a structural study of the Hotel Norton, Mr. Bill Thompson of Thompson and Litton Engineering was present to give Council this information. After giving each member of Council a packet on this, Mr. Thompson gave Council a summary of his findings. These findings were that bracings needed to be added due to the deterioration of wood framing in the building and that this needs to be done regardless of renovation or demolition and some barriers needed to be extended. Also the work should be done within the next six months. Mr. Thompson further advised Council that in his opinion the building was salvagable and that Council still had the same two options of either renovation or demolition.

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Following a lengthy discussion wherein Mr. Thompson answered questions of Council, the City Manager, and the City Attorney, it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Thompson report his findings to the Norton Industrial Development Authority at their next meeting which is to be held next week.

Also upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for engineering design for the bracing based on the approval and consent of the Norton Industrial Development Authority. Said funds are to come from the budget line item of Engineering.

Council set a date of November 18, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with NIDA. Mr. Thompson is to have some updated figures on what the costs would be to have the building renovated to a shell building or to have it demolished. Mr. Ward and his staff will work on some funding packages and scenarios as to how the building could be used which will be presented at this same meeting.

Council discussed a date of a joint meeting with the Planning Commission for the discussion of conditional zoning. Mr. Kevin Edwards, who worked as an intern at the City for the summer, prepared a report on Conditional Zoning and Mr. Ward presented a copy to each member of Council.

Mr. Ward advised that in the Comprehensive Plan Update done in 1989 this item was listed as one we needed to adopt.

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After reviewing this report, the Planning Commission is seeking a work session with Council to discuss the contents of this item. Inasmuch as there is a lot of material to read, it was the consensus of Council to plan a work session after the regular council meeting of December 7, 1993 with the Planning Commission if that date is suitable with their members.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Declaring Unfunded Mandates Day. Mr. Ward advised this was discussed and endorsed by the Virginia Municipal League at their recent conference and is also being done in conjunction

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with the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia School Board Association. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Declaring Unfunded Mandates Day. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, 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.

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.

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)

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Head Start Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Grace Livingston. This term will expire August 31, 1994.

Ron McCall nominated Ms. Donna Griffey to be appointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Ms. Donna Griffey appointed to the Head Start Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Grace Livingston who has resigned. This term will expire on August 31, 1994.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Halloween will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31st.

The City Administration had been informed that the City was not funded on the Transportation Enhancement Project; however we were encouraged to apply again next year.

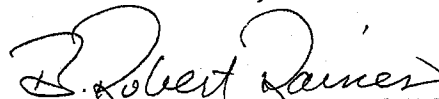
The Mayor, Vice Mayor, and he had attended the Virginia Municipal League Conference held in Richmond. Next year it will be held in Norfolk and he hoped all of Council would be able to attend.

He has named Mr. David Mullins as Fire Chief on a part time basis. This is a temporary measure that may or may not go into a permanent solution in the replacement of former Fire Chief, Danny Still.

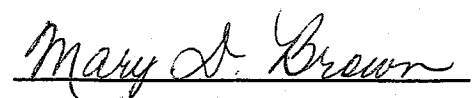
There were no comments from Council or the City Attorney.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

, Clerk