

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 2, 1991; at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor Mays presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Absent: Robert Raines and Kenneth P. Asbury

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Prior to the invocation which was given by Rev. Kespelher and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by George Lewis, a few minutes of silence was held in memory of Mr. Fitz Rose, father of City Sheriff Bruce Rose, who had passed away recently.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 1991 meeting as presented.

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Vice Mayor Mays advised that the meeting of June 18 had no minutes - only notes of an informational type which will be kept in the City's minute book and no action needs to be taken on these.

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

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At this time, Vice Mayor Mays advised that there was an amendment to Item 6-E which is Executive Session. This will be expanded to also include Section 2.1-344(A) (3) Disposition of Real Property.

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Mr. Fred Ramey, Director of Planning/Development presented Council with a brief program on the downtown revitalization program. Mr. Ramey advised the City had spent in excess of 1.7 million dollars in the downtown area in various programs ie. Downtown Store Front Program, Street Scape Program, Property Purchase, Chamber Expansion, AT&T Building, parking lots and downtown park.

Mr. Ramey presented slides showing before and after pictures of the revitalization done in the downtown area, advised Council of the new participants in the Downtown Storefront Program, and advised of the start up of a Sidewalk Replacement Program in the residential areas of the City. He also recognized the members of the Downtown Store Front Committee and expressed thanks to Thompson and Litton for the donation of free design assistance during the past three years.

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Vice Mayor Mays stated Mr. Ramey had done an exceptional and outstanding job and commended him.

Council had been presented in their packets a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Honoring Mr. Bruce K. Robinette. Mr. Robinette will be retiring in the fall from Lenowisco.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Honoring Mr. Bruce K. Robinette which will be framed and sent to Mr. Robinette. (Insert)

Council had been submitted an application for a water connection outside the City by Danny and Belinda Boggs of the Josephine area.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a water tap to Danny and Belinda Boggs in the Josephine area.

During this time, the City Manager advised that our reservoirs are full and overflowing and that he will be bringing back to Council the changes in the Contingency Program and the Water Emergency Plan for Council's consideration.

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The City Treasurer supplied Council with a memorandum requesting a refund for taxes paid erroneously in the amount of \$205.80 by Mr. Richard C. McArthur, 202 -11th Street, N. W., Norton.

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Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize a refund in the amount of \$205.80 for taxes paid erroneously in the years 1988, 1989, and 1990 to Mr. Richard C. McArthur, 202 - 11th Street, N. W., Norton.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous 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 disposition of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

The Vice Mayor declared the meeting in regular session.

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The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

Vice Mayor Mays announced there was no action taken on the appointment to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority as that Board is in the process of reducing its size.

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The Vice Mayor also advised names for the other appointments had been give to the City Manager and that no action was taken on them.

In his comments, the City Manager advised of the activities that would take place on the 4th of July at the City Pool, City Park, and the fireworks.

Mr. Ward further advised that the Pilot Recycling Program has gone well and that the City is very pleased with the citizens participating in it. The City has had several hundred pounds of recyclables in the last several weeks.

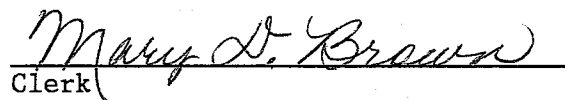
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There being no comments from City Council, the meeting was adjourned.



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk