

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 4, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Ron McCall

Absent: Linda Sturgill and William Mays

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by City Manager Ward and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Superintendent of Schools, A. S. Armentrout.

At this time, Ms. Sturgill took her seat on Council.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 13, 1990 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines announced the agenda would be amended under Item 8D for a request for funds to supplement travel expenses for the football team to the State Playoffs.

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Mr. Bill Stokes, Director of Social Services for the City of Norton presented to Council for their consideration A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting a Study of the Feasibility of Restructuring the Commonwealth's Social Service Delivery System. Mr. Stokes advised Council that the State is planning to consolidate the Social Service Systems due to the Governor's plan on saving revenue and is to be implemented July 1, 1991.

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Mr. Ward, being a member of the Advisory Committee on this, advised Council that the Committee would be requesting a postponement of the implementation date of this consolidation, not that they are against it, but only if it is cost efficient and does not hamper the delivery of services to the recipients. They will also ask Secretary of Human Services Cullum to entertain an independent and thorough study of consolidation realizing that if the cuts are necessary, let them be handled on a local level on an equitable basis by each locality. Mr. Ward further advised that this resolution would support the Committee's request.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting a Study of the Feasibility of Restructuring the Commonwealth's Social Service Delivery System with copies to go Secretary Cullum, the Governor's Office, and all local legislators. (Insert)

Brenda Whitaker, a property owner on 13th Street in Norton, served as spokesperson for a delegation of residents from that street and Spruce Street in Norton regarding a drainage problem which exists from the Hunt and Associates development in their area and stated what they, as citizens, wanted done.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor Raines advised the citizens that Council had not received any requests from the Planning Commission and until that time could not react to these requests apart from having the architect look over the calculations of Hunt and Associates' engineer as was arranged by the City Manager. He further advised that Council was sympathetic to this problem and would do all they could do to address their concerns.

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A public hearing was held to consider financial encumbrances for the year ended June 30, 1990 totaling \$263,066 of which \$154,191 is attributed to the City of Norton General Fund and \$108,875 to the City of Norton School Operating Fund.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comment from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the financial encumbrances for the year ended June 30, 1990 totaling \$263,066 of which \$154,191 is attributed to the City of Norton General Fund and \$108,875 to the City of Norton School Operating Fund.

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Mayor Raines advised that the City's reservoir levels as of today were 61.1 million gallons and again commended the City Manager for using the PSA water during this time.

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The Mayor advised that a public hearing had been held at the last meeting on the Ordinance Regulating Bingo and Raffles, Providing for Permits, Accounting and Regulations Thereof, and Prescribing Penalties Thereof, and Prescribing Penalties for Violations.

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Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An ordinance Regulating Bingo and Raffles, Providing for Permits, Accounting and Regulations Thereof, and Prescribing Penalties for Violations. (Insert)

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the Norton City School Board to Participate in a Coalition for Equity in Educational Funding along with a letter from Dr. A. S. Armentrout, Superintendent of Norton City Schools explaining same.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the Norton City School Board to Participate in the Coalition for Equity in Educational Funding. (Insert)

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the City has been approved for a Virginia Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$744,700 at an interest rate of 0% for work on the City's I/I Project and that he needed authorization from Council to sign a Letter of Condition subject to the approval of the City Attorney. In order to close on this loan, several conditions need to be met and this Letter of Condition is one.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Letter of Condition as Pertains to the City's I/I Project in the total amount of \$744,700 at 0% interest subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Council had been presented with An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Water and Sewer Bonds in the Maximum Amount of \$744,700. Mr. Ward advised no action needed to be taken tonight. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting and action will be taken at that time. This is another requirement of bond counsel, Hunton and Williams.

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Councilman McCall requested Council to help with the transportation costs and overall expenses of the football team going to the state playoffs.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by

unanimous roll call vote, Council agreed to supplement the John I. Burton football team's travel expense to the state playoffs in the amount of \$5,000 with said funds to come from Unappropriated Reserves. 14948

Dr. Armentrout expressed his thanks on behalf of the football team, fans, and cheerleaders.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, 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. 14949

The Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

The Mayor declared the meeting in regular session. 14950

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Session with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert) 14951

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Cumberland Airport Commission for a four year term to expire October 31, 1994.

Councilman Wallace nominated Mr. Walley Witt.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 14952

Mayor Raines declared Walley Witt appointed to the Cumberland Airport Commission for a four year term which will expire October 31, 1994.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Social Services Advisory Board for two four year terms which will expire on November 21, 1994.

Councilwoman Sturgill nominated Mrs. Virginia Horne and Mrs. Marilyn Pace Maxwell for reappointment to this Board. 14953

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Virginia Horne and Mrs. Marilyn Pace Maxwell reappointed to the Social Services Advisory Board for four year terms which will expire on November 21, 1994.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that the City Christmas Dinner will be held Thursday evening, December 6, 1990 at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ward had been advised by the City's auditors that the annual city audit will be presented to Council at the next meeting. 14954

The City has been informed that it appears that the Norfolk-Southern Railway Company will not donate or finance the property on which the new AT&T facility is located and Mr. Ward advised that the closing on the purchase of this property will be hopefully held on Tuesday, December 11, 1990 for a purchase price of \$220,000. The City will issue a check and finance through the Virginia Revolving Loan Fund.


Some minor repairs had been made by the City on Chestnut Street and the street was opened up today.

There were no comments by the City Attorney. 14955

During Council's comments, Ms. Sturgill stated she would like to see the

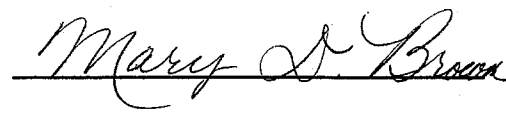
item of recycling brought up in January since state mandates will go into effect July 1st.

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk