

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 16, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Jack Wallace

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Chairman of the School Board, Cliff Daniels.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 1997 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda under Item 6-C Executive Session to include the item of Discussion of Legal Services. This item will be 6-C-4.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Debbie Mullins, representing the Norton Peanut Football League Cheerleaders, spoke to Council requesting \$1,300 to help purchase uniforms for the 60 girls participating.

Following a discussion, Councilman Roberts made a motion to table this until the next meeting and have the City Manager do some research on the donations made to the Norton Peanut Football League. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council authorized an increase in the Parks and Recreation budget in the amount of \$1,000 to be earmarked for the Norton Peanut Football League Cheerleaders. Said funds are to be taken from the Contingency Fund.

Mayor Raines advised Mrs. Mullins that in the future the time to seek funds is during the budget process of each year.

Council had a discussion on the extension of the effective date of an ordinance beyond thirty days.

The City Attorney advised that he had looked into this item and that the City Charter specifically states that ordinances become effective 30 days after enactment unless the time is shortened because of an emergency; therefore he does not think that we have statutory or charter authority to extend an effective date. Therefore the ordinance will go into effect thirty days from its passage.

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Jack Kennedy, Circuit Court Clerk, was present and stated that the ordinance needs to be submitted to the FBI for ultimate approval and that this will probably slow down the issuance of concealed handgun permits in the City for approximately six months.

The City Attorney advised that the City has to send a certified copy of this ordinance to the Virginia State Police and the State Police then forwards this on to the FBI for approval. The City has done this. The City and State have done all they can do on the City must now wait for approval from the FBI.

Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$175,000.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$175,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 the disposition of publicly held property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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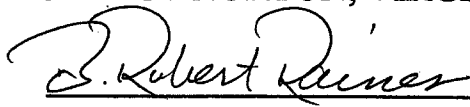
Mayor Raines advised that under personnel the City had received a letter dated September 11th from Joe Pippin resigning as City Attorney effective October 11, 1997. Mayor Raines advised that Mr. Pippin has served the City for five years and has been a part of several projects which have caused the City to move forward. He has provided a valuable service to the City and will be missed. As a result of this resignation, Mayor Raines appointed a committee composed of Vice Mayor William Mays, Councilman Jack Wallace, and City Manager E. W. Ward to seek applications for legal services and submit those back to Council with a recommendation so that Council can move forward on this prior to the leaving of the City Attorney.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

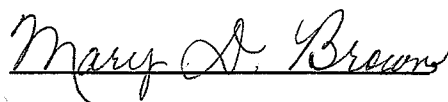
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned and Council went into a work session with the City of Norton School Board.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines
Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk