

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 16, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Mr. J. W. Shupe, a member of the J. I. Burton High School Student Council and a member of the Senior Government Class who was present tonight.

Mayor Raines extended a welcome to members of the Senior Government Class of J. I. Burton High School.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 2, 1995 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1995 Thru June 30, 1996 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 the City Administration is proposing a General Fund Budget in the amount of \$5,498,999, Utility Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,664,116, School Budget in the amount of \$4,429,081, Special Revenue Social Services Budget in the amount of \$599,504, and Down Town Redevelopment Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,103,500. The only increase incorporated into this budget is the deposit for water services from \$40.00 to \$80.00. To balance the General Fund Budget \$428,347 will be taken from Unappropriated Reserves. To balance the Utility Fund Budget, \$184,476 will be taken from Unappropriated Reserves, a 3% cost of living adjustment for City employees, local funding to the School System of \$1,540,413 an increase of \$154,179 over the previous year. Also included is \$583,400 for capital projects.

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There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

The Mayor advised that action on this budget will be taken at the next meeting.

A public hearing was held to solicit public input on the proposed plan for the direct election of school board members to the Norton City School Board.

Mayor Raines advised that a petition was circulated and on November 8, 1994, the question of direct elected school board members was posed. It passed by a percentage of 60.8%. We are to the point now where we are soliciting public input. The City Attorney had been

directed to start the process. On March 21, 1995, Council asked the City Attorney for his legal opinion of what we could do. A public hearing was advertised for tonight which gave approximately 2 months to the citizens of Norton for an opportunity to come by the City Manager's office and see the process recommended by the City Attorney.

Mr. Pippin went over his plan which was taken from the Virginia State Code Section 21.1-57.3. He advised that the only item Council needed to decide upon tonight was whether the election would be held at large or by districts.

He further advised this plan, once adopted, would be forwarded to the Department of Justice for approval via a letter from the City Registrar.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Those with questions regarding this were Ms. Carrie Mann, a Senior Government Student of J. I. Burton High School and Mr. Stan Wilson, Nosler Street, Norton. Mr. Pippin answered these questions.

There being no further comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Roberts moved to direct the City Attorney to correspond with the City Registrar who in turn would make a submission to the Justice Department, that it is the decision of this governing body that the City of Norton, Virginia elect school board members at large. The motion was seconded by William Mays and was carried by the following votes: AYES - Roberts, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - NAYS - None.

Both Mayor Raines and Councilman McCall commended the City Attorney on the work done this policy.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of School Bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, in the Maximum Aggregate Amount of \$800,000.00.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had agreed to fund an \$800,000 project at the high school for an electrical and air conditioning upgrade and the best method to do this is through the Literary Loan Fund and the Virginia Public School Authority. The City has procured the services of bond counsel and are taking this one step at a time. The next step in order to begin to draw down on the Bond Anticipation Note is to adopt this ordinance which would authorize these bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There being no comments or questions from Council, a motion was made by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to adopt An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of School Bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, in the Maximum Aggregate Amount of \$800,000.00. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of An \$800,000.00 General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Note, of the City of Norton, Virginia, Heretofore Authorized, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof.

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Mr. Ward advised this resolution provides the method by which the School Bonds will be issued. The first step is the issuance of a School Bond Anticipation Note. This is the note that will provide the interim financing for the construction period of this project until the time we become eligible for Literary Loan Funds which is expected to be this fall. We have agreed on a loan with First Union Bank with terms of 4.788% and by passage of this resolution, the City will be authorized to execute all the necessary documents in relation to this Bond Anticipation Note and be authorized to begin drawing down the funds as needed to complete this construction project.

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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 A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of an \$800,000.00 General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Note, of the City of Norton, Virginia, Heretofore Authorized, and Providing for the Form, Details, and Payment Thereof. (Insert)

Council had in their packets a copy of A Proclamation Honoring Mr. William Passan, retiring principal of J. I. Burton High School. The Clerk read the proclamation which advises that May 26, 1995 shall be William Passan Day in the City of Norton.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Honoring Mr. William Passan.

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Following this, Mayor Raines presented Mr. Passan with a plaque containing this signed proclamation.

Mr. Passan spoke briefly to Council and those present and thanked them very much for this honor. (Insert)

Council had included in their packets A Proclamation Designating the Week of May 22 - 29, 1995 as Buckle Up America! Week.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Designating the Week of May 22 - 29, 1995 as Buckle Up America! Week. (Insert)

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The City Manager presented to Council, at the request of the District Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, a group of exit signs for Council's review and out of which recommendation needs to be made for use on the Norton By-Pass.

Mr. Ward went over each of these signs and advised in what area they would be used.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to accept the recommendations of the City Manager on these signs to be used on the Norton By-Pass.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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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 William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 no action was taken on the appointment to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Department of Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term, currently held by Ms. Beulah Hawk, and which will expire on May 22, 1999. Mayor Raines further advised that Ms. Hawk has served two consecutive terms and is not eligible to be reappointed to this Board.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Jack Mooney.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jack Mooney appointed to the Department of Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on May 22, 1999, filling the term of Ms. Beulah Hawk.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four year terms which will expire on May 10, 1999.

William Mays nominated Mr. Robert Leonard and Ms. Barbara Caruso to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Robert Leonard and Ms. Barbara Caruso reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four year terms which will expire on May 10, 1999.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Youth Services Board as a Student Representative for a four year term which expired on May 2, 1999.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Matt Frye to be reappointed to this Board. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Matt Frye reappointed as a Student Representative to the Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 1999.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Saturday, May 20, 1995 is Kid's Fishing Day at the City Reservoir and is being sponsored by the City Parks and Recreation Department and the Old Dominion Sportsmen Club. Prizes and awards will be given.

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Mayor Raines had been presented with A Proclamation Designating the Week of May 14-20, 1995 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Designating

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the Week of May 14-20, 1995 as Emergency Medical Services Week.
(Insert)

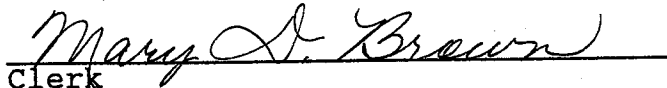
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk