

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 1, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Robbie Tate, Chairman of the City of Norton Centennial Steering Committee.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 1994 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised that the agenda was being amended under Item 6-E in New Business. Item 6E-A is being added and covers a Grant Proposal Project - Norton Highway Median Project.

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During the audience for visitors, Mrs. Robbie Tate, Chairman of the City of Norton Centennial Steering Committee, spoke briefly to Council and symbolically presented Council with their teal colored blazers with a request that Council is to wear them at all official activities during 1994. Also presented to Council was a Centennial Badge. Mrs. Tate also advised that each member of Council had purchased their blazers individually.

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Mr. Charles Daniels and Mr. Don Green spoke to Council on behalf of the fund raising of the Centennial Committee. He advised they had raised and presented to Council checks in the amount of \$34,500 and advised that their proposed budget was in the amount of \$130,000. He asked that Council donate \$70,000 toward this \$130,000 and that they would raise the difference.

Mr. Daniels then presented to Mrs. Tate through Mayor Raines checks in the amount of \$34,500 to be deposited in the Centennial Account.

Following a brief discussion, Council offered to split the difference and allocate \$65,000. Of this amount, \$25,000 has already been obligated in the '93 - '94 budget and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$40,000 to come from Unappropriated Reserves, which when added to the \$25,000 already appropriated, will make the total matching funds to the Norton Centennial Steering Committee \$65,000. The City Manager is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$65,000 to be deposited on Wednesday, February 2nd.

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Mr. Daniels stated a request would be made of the Steering Committee that any funds left over after the Centennial will go to the City. He further advised of additional donations other than money that are being given to the Committee by area businesses.

Mayor Raines advised that Council very much appreciated the efforts of the Steering Committee and Mrs. Tate, on behalf of the Steering Committee, thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Ward advised that Council had appropriated \$25,000 in the current budget to update the City's mapping system. He advised that the City and the Town of Wise had previously applied for a Cord Grant which they did not receive. He advised that the City and the Town of Wise are now working with Lenowisco in advertising for professional services on a GIS Mapping System for the City and Wise. The Town of Wise has approved this and he is seeking Council's approval.

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It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward proceed in this direction of updating the City's mapping system.

Council had in their packets A Resolution to Provide for Regulation of Basic Service Tier Rates and Related Equipment, Installation and Service Charges of Any Cable Television System Operating in the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advises this resolution formalizes the previous action taken by Council at a previous meeting and he asked for favorable consideration and passage of this resolution.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution to Provide for the Regulation of Basic Service Tier Rates and Related Equipment, Installation and Service Charges of Any Cable Television System Operating in the City of Norton. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that Lenowisco has prepared a joint resolution endorsing Appalachian Corridor B (U.S.23/I-181) as Virginia's Selected Route for Interstate 73 which will be adopted by Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties, the City of Norton, and themselves. City Council had previously adopted a resolution in support of this. Once adopted, a copy will be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Joint Resolution of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, Scott County Board of Supervisors, Wise County Board of Supervisors, Norton City Council, and the Lenowisco Planning District Commission Board of Directors Endorsing Appalachian Corridor B (U.S.23/I-181) as Virginia's Selected Route for Interstate 73. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a proclamation declaring the week of February 7 - 11, 1994 as Travel Agency Week in the City of Norton.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council declared the week of February 7 - 11, 1994 as Travel Agency Week in the City of Norton. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a proclamation declaring the week of February 13 - 19, 1994 as Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council declared the week of February 13 - 19, 1994 as Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised that the Small Business Administration Natural Resource and Development Program, which is administered by the Virginia Department of Forestry is accepting grant applications up to February 4, 1994, and Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, has a grant prepared to improve the median on Tipple Hill. The amount of the grant is \$1,132.40 and the City's share will be an additional \$980.00. In order to submit this grant, Council's permission is needed.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to submit this grant for the Highway Median Project to the Small Business Administration Natural Resource and Development Program.

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, Actual or Probable Litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and acquisition of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) 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 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 yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert) 15924

Mayor Raines announced there was no action taken on probable litigation and on the appointment to the Social Services Advisory Board. 15925

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a term which will expire on May 10, 1995.

William Mays nominated Mr. Robert Leonard to be appointed to this Authority. Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 15926

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Robert Leonard appointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a term which will expire on May 10, 1995.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He has been invited and will attend the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 3, 1994 which will be a budget meeting.

He wanted to publicly thank the Rescue Squad for the use of their four wheel drive vehicle during the snows we have experienced. He further thanked all the public safety volunteers (rescue, fire, and police) as it has been a very hectic few weeks for them.

The Capital Improvement Project meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m.

He has tickets for sale for the Ms. Golden Centennial Beauty Contest which will be held on February 11th and for the Centennial Ball which will be held at the Holiday Inn on February 12th. 15927

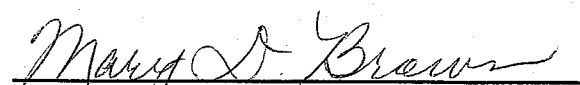
Council has been invited to the Centennial Charter Day Celebration on February 15th at Mosbys with guest speaker, Buck Henson.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk