

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

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

Absent: Ron McCall

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 led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 15, 1994 meeting as presented.

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A public hearing was held to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Ward advised the deadline for submitting an application was March 11, 1994 and that this is the second of two required public hearings. The City Administration recommends we submit the same project as last year, the Anderson Hollow and Spring Avenue area with sewer service and up-grade the water system in the Spring Avenue area. Mr. Ward advised this project would fit the criteria for low to moderate income guidelines needed for approval of this grant.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Ward answered several questions of Council and advised the City Administration felt this was the best application.

A public hearing was held to solicit public input on the proposed CDBG Application for the Microenterprise Development Project. Mr. Ward advised that both Ms. Welthy H. Soni and Mr. Robert Goldsmith of People, Inc., Abingdon, Virginia, were again present to answer any questions which may arise tonight. This item had been brought to Council at the last meeting and the City Manager had been advised to advertise a public hearing on this. This grant would cover a Microenterprise Program which is a new economic development program that supplies loans and training to individuals wanting to start a small business. They are asking Council to participate in a grant application to be submitted for a Community Development Block Grant with Russell County in the amount of \$160,000. Said funds would be divided between the two entities at rate of 60/40 (\$110,000 for Russell County and \$50,000 for the City of Norton.) Also, if Council does approve, then a representative from the City will be need to be appointed to the Multi-Jurisdictional Oversight Committee.

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Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Soni and Mr. Goldsmith for their presence.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application. (Insert)

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Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the submittal of a joint grant application with Russell

County for CDBG Funds in the amount of \$160,000.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following roll call vote, Roberts - NO, Wallace, Raines, and Mays - YES, Council moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the submittal of a joint grant application with Russell County for CDBG Funds in the amount of of \$160,000. as corrected. (Insert)

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the City was in receipt of a letter and check in the amount of \$19,200 from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Personnel and Training who handles The Local Choice Program, the hospitalization program in which the City participates. The City Manager recommended that these funds be refunded to the participating employees by crediting their Payroll Deduction Account.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Administration to implement the refund of \$300.00 to each employee by applying it toward their premium amount which is deducted from their payroll checks. This will start with the next paycheck.

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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 Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines announced regarding legal that there was no report to be made. 15946

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

It was nice to have Captain Kenneth Jackson of the Norton Police Department present tonight in the absence of the Police Chief.

Council is invited to the annual Chamber of Commerce Gala which is to be held on Saturday, April 9, 1994. The City will sponsor a table and any member and spouse who will attend needs to notify him.

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There were no comments from Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

*B. Robert Raines*

B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Margot D. Brown*  
Clerk