

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 2, 1993 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 Father Tom Collins and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 1993 meeting as presented.

During the audience for visitors, Mr. Sam Austin and Jack Mooney came forward requesting financial help for the Norton Little League in order to get the season started.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to give the Norton Little League the sum of \$3000 to be taken from Special Activity Accounts of the Parks and Recreation Department Budget with the provision that they get the community involved by donations. Also they are to come back to Council in June with a report or sooner if they are in need of additional funds.

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A public hearing was held to solicit public input on a Community Development Block Grant Application for Proposed Improvements to the Anderson Hollow and Spring Avenue neighborhoods.

Mr. Ward advised this was the second public hearing required to make application. At the first hearing, Council instructed Mr. Ward to work with Lenowisco on finding a project they felt would be fundable. He and Mr. Glen Skinner of Lenowisco felt that the Anderson Hollow and Spring Avenue water and sewer projects had the most merit.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Steve Collins asked where Anderson Hollow was located.

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

Mr. Skinner was present and went over this project and answered questions from Council.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to proceed with the Spring Avenue and Anderson Hollow water and sewer projects.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application with two changes made. These changes are for the amount of the grant from \$488,925 to \$473,925. (Insert)

Following the recent work session with members of the Norton Industrial Development Authority regarding the Hotel Norton Project, Council held a discussion on this project.

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Mayor Raines advised they had two and maybe possibly three options to decide upon. These being: 1. Tear it down. 2. Keep and renovate it. 3. Look to find a developer to buy as is.

Mr. Charlie Daniels, a member of the Norton Industrial Development Authority, was present and spoke to Council regarding the history of NIDA and the Hotel Norton.

Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded

by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to recommend to the NIDA that they advertise the hotel property and the former Park Avenue Hospital property for sale as is and that the City will underwrite the customary cost up to \$5,000 for same and this is to be advertised in a large market. These funds are to come from Contingency.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, 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 pending litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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.

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

The Mayor advised as to personnel no action was taken and as for litigation there were no announcements.

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In his announcements, the City Manager advised:

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is to be held Saturday, March 20th, at Mosby's Restaurant in Norton. The City has again been asked to be a sponsor and to buy a table. It was the consensus of Council to do so and Council members are to get back to Mr. Ward as to who will be able to attend.

The posters belonging to the winners of the Keep Norton Clean Contest were hung in Council Chambers. The contest was held for children in grades K-11 and is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

There were no comments from Council or the City Attorney.

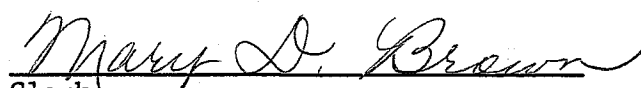
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk