

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 7, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Ron McCall

Absent: William Mays

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Prior to the invocation which was given by Rev. Larry Murphy, the Mayor asked for several moments of silence in memory of Vice Mayor Mays' father, Rev. Allen Mays, who passed away. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman of the City of Norton School Board, Marty Hagy.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 16, 1991 meeting as presented.

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During the Audience for Visitors, Mr. James V. Peters, Kentucky Avenue, came forward and advised Council that his name had been cleared in court regarding the December incident at the Water Plant. He further advised that papers would soon be served on the City of Norton.

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A public hearing was held to consider approval of the 1991-92 Norton City Schools Operational Budget which totals \$3,978,552 and includes \$1,283,215 of local funds for operations.

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The Mayor opened the floor for public comments on the School Board Budget.

There was no public comment on this budget and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion by Council and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following roll call vote: Sturgill - NO, Wallace, Raines, and McCall - YES, Council moved to adopt the City of Norton School Board Budget for 1991-92 which totals \$3,978,552.

Mr. Ward had presented Council in their packets a revised City Pre-Emergency Water Contingency Plan and the Declaration of a Water Emergency and advised Council of the changes.

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Following a brief discussion, Council decided to take no action on this item until a full Council is present.

In their packets, Council had copies of correspondence from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the property located near J. I. Burton High School advising that this land cannot be donated as it will be used in the construction of the by-pass. The City can use this land until that time and is to be in charge of maintenance and upkeep during this period. Also included was a copy of a Land Use Permit from VDOT on this property which specified this land could be used as a public and/or school parking lot.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the Land Use Permit issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation with the stipulation that the wording be changed to state it is to be used as a school parking lot.

Mr. Ward discussed with Council an outline of programs and projects which the City has, is, and will be working on regarding solid waste management.

During this discussion, Mr. Ward advised that the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Pilot Recycling Project is well under way and hopefully will begin in June. The area chosen by the administration for this is the 10th, 11th, Spruce, and Pine Streets areas. He also gave to Council a copy of a booklet and a magnet prepared for

residents.

Mr. Ward acknowledged Michele Knox, our Director of Parks and Recreation, for most of the work on this project. Ms. Knox was present and had several handouts displayed. She also had the two winning pieces in the Turn Trash into Art Contest conducted at the City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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.

The Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

The Mayor declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on April 1, 1995.

Mr. Wallace nominated Mr. Bill Stokes.

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

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The Mayor declared Mr. Bill Stokes reappointed to the Lebanon Group Home Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on April 1, 1995.

The Mayor announced there was no action on the other appointments.

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In his comments, Mr. Ward advised Council of the following:

The Virginia Employment Commission is holding an Open House on May 16th from 11:00 -2:00 and that Council is invited.

The City Administration had applied for a Virginia Municipal League Achievement Award and that he had a copy of this application for Council's review.

At the next scheduled council meeting, there will be three public hearings scheduled, two of which will be regarding our City budget and the third for nominations to the City School Board.

The Garden Club and the City are remodeling the area around the cannon in front of Council Chambers.

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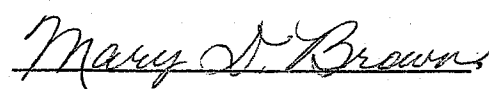
Flag Rock opened Friday, May 3, 1991, and is looking very good. The City has done some work there on shelters and the bath houses.

The Manager is very pleased with the turnout of citizens in Norton on the Clean-Up Day recently held. The City had more citizens to participate than any other municipality in the County.

There being no further comments from the City Attorney or Council, the meeting adjourned.


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk