

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 15, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Cliff Daniels presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Raines followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the members of the First United Methodist Church Pre-School along with their instructor, Mrs. Linda Sturgill.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 17, 1990 council meeting as presented.

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Mayor Daniels recognized both newly elected Council Members, Linda Sturgill and Ron McCall, and incumbent William Mays.

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

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A public hearing was held for consideration of the 1990-91 Norton City School Board Budget which totals \$3,924,142 and includes \$1,117,715 of local funds.

Their were no comments from the public or Council during this hearing.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the City of Norton 1990-91 School Board Budget which totals \$3,924,142 including \$1,117,715 of local funds.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property on West Main Avenue from a General Business District (B-3) to Two Parts Consisting of Local Business Zone (B-1) and a Residential B (RB) Zone.

The City Manager made a presentation to those present going over the areas involved with maps. These changes were the recommendations of the Planning Commission and they have unanimously recommended Council's acceptance of these changes.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Mrs. Linda Sturgill, 1703 West Main Avenue, spoke to Council concerning these changes and advised that Local Business would give the citizens more protection than General Business.

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Mrs. Betty Lewis, West Main Avenue, spoke briefly and concurred with Mrs. Sturgill. She also pointed out that a large part of this area was in a flood hazard zone that the City has special regulations for that type zone. She felt the emphasis should be on enforcement.

After much discussion and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission and adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Rezoning Certain Property on West Main Avenue from a General Business District (B-3) to Two Parts Consisting of Local Business Zone (B-1) and a Residential B (RB) Zone. (Insert w/Map)

Mr. Ward advised Council that the Commissioner of Revenue is now consulting with the Building Inspector as an in-house policy on every business license that is issued.

Mayor Daniels advised that Council had previously decided that business licenses would be routed through the Zoning Administrator and if there was any question as to interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance, they would then be routed through the appeals process rather than be allowed to open and then worry about it.

The City Attorney presented Council with a Resolution of the City Council of

the City of Norton, Virginia Dispensing with Second Reading of Ordinances.

Mr. Asbury advised this was a housekeeping item and that this was included in the New City Charter.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Dispensing with Second Reading of Ordinances. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised this resolution would have to be passed at each organizational meeting held by City Council.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include Two New Streets for Municipal Assistance Payments.

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Mr. Ward advised the City was in the process of taking in Trent Street and Wharton Lane into the City system for maintenance purposes so that we can receive maintenance payments from the Commonwealth. In order to do so, we have to pass this resolution and send in a VDOT Form U-1. Mr. Ward further advised that the Planning Commission has approved and accepted these plats.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include Two New Streets for Municipal Assistance Payments. (Insert)

Council also discussed the speed limits, marking of lanes, and lighting in this area. Mr. Ward advised the Administration was working on all of these items with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Police Chief Mongle read this resolution to Council and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. (Insert)

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Mayor Daniels expressed Council's pleasure of Chief Mongle's participation in this Torch Run.

Chief Mongle also presented Council with a Proclamation regarding Police Officers Week being May 13th through 19th and Police Officer's Day as May 15th.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the above proclamation. (Insert)

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Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for A Litter Control Grant.

Mr. Ward advised this resolution was one of the requirements to obtain this grant in the amount of \$3000 as we have in the past three years. Mr. Ward advised that this year the City would like to expend these funds toward the area of recycling.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for A Litter Control Grant. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$110,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$110,000.

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Mr. Ward presented Council with information regarding the update of the

City's Computer System.

He advised that the City was running out of space on the current System 36 and that there were three alternatives from which the City could choose These being: Continue with the current System 36, Upgrade the System 36 to 120 meg, or Purchase a New AS/400 IBM Computer System.

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After much discussion, Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with ordering the new AS/400 IBM Computer System, to make sure we're getting the proper storage capacity, and advised the Manager to prepare an analysis of cash flow versus lease/purchase. The Manager is to get this information to Council and this would be ratified at the next meeting. Council would also like to know if there is another use for the System 36 rather than use it for trade-in purposes.

Mr. Ward presented Council with information regarding the proposed 911 Phone System. When this was begun in 1986, all towns, Wise County, and the City of Norton who were participating passed an ordinance stipulating tariffs which were to be paid by each individual entity. This ordinance stated that if the tariffs needed to be increased, each municipality would jointly amend the tariff.

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Following a brief discussion, Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with advertisements for a public hearing if the County proceeded to do so.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous 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 discussion of acquisition/disposition of real property as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended.

The Mayor declared Council in Executive Session.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

The Mayor declared Council back in regular session.

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

Upon a resolution by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Daniels advised they had received information as to the acquisition/disposition of real property from both NIDA and Kenneth Asbury and that there were no comments to be made at this time.

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The appointment to the Community Services Board will be tabled.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a 4 year term.

Councilman Mays nominated Mr. Byron Cantrell.

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

Mayor Daniels declared Mr. Byron Cantrell appointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for a four year term which will expire May 10, 1994.

During his comments, Mr. Ward advised that the paving for the spring had been completed and that the entire length of Park Avenue from curb to curb have been paved.

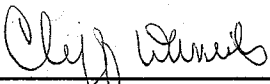
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Mayor Daniels advised he had received a lot of comments on the paving.

Vice Mayor Raines wished to commend the City employees for all their work during the paving.


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There being no further comments from Council or the City Attorney and no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.



Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary A. Brown