

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 20, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: F. L. Ramey, Assistant 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 Carlos Noaks, a member of the City of Norton Centennial Steering Committee.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 1995 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Mr. Verlin Carty, who is building a new funeral home on Hawthorne Drive, spoke to Council seeking approval to use City property for an entrance and driveway up to his building. He also stated this would be a common entrance used by the owners of property next to his and he was speaking for them also.

Following a brief discussion and due to the fact that the City Manager or Police Chief has not had a chance to look at this site, Council, upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: AYE - Wallace, Mays, McCall, Raines - ABSTAINING - Roberts, based on the positive consensus of the City Manager and Police Chief, granted a revocable permit allowing Mr. Verlin Carty permission to use City right-of-way for an entrance and driveway to his funeral home.

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A public hearing was held on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Rezoning Certain Property on Virginia Avenue Between 4th and 5th Streets from Residential "B" to General Business B-3.

Mr. Ramey advised this request from the Sturgill Family Limited Partnership was the first request the City has had on Conditional Zoning and it affects property on sections of Virginia Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets, N. W. Mr. Ramey further advised the Planning Commission has recommended favorable consideration and the City Attorney advised this meets all code requirements; however the sentence, "I (we) hereby proffer that the development of the subject property of this application shall be in strict accordance with the conditions set forth in this submission." will be added by the City Attorney at the end of the proffers and be signed by the applicant.

Mr. Ramey asked Mr. Sturgill to clarify for Council the difference in the proffers contained in Council's packets and the one that he distributed to them tonight. Mr. Sturgill explained that a sentence in the second paragraph of the second page had been agreed to by the Planning Commission but not added in the copy that was included in the Council packet. This corrected copy along with map and ordinance are to be attached to the original minutes and also attached to the City Zoning Map which is kept in the Zoning Administrator's office.

Prior to the public hearing, Mr. Sturgill went over the plans for this area.

Mr. Ramey advised that the proffers will be added to the zoning map and will go with the property as the Conditional Zoning Ordinance requires. There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Rezoning Certain Property on Virginia Avenue Between 4th and 5th Streets from Residential "B" to General Business B-3. (Insert) This ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Mayor Raines commended both the Planning Commission and Mr. Sturgill for the work done on this project.

Mrs. Robbie Tate, Chairman of the City of Norton Centennial Steering Committee, gave Council a brief synopsis of the Centennial Year and advised that the Committee was turning over to Council \$22,089.48 in cash and merchandise and requested that \$5,000 of the cash be used on the fireworks celebration for the 4th of July.

Mrs. Tate further made presentations to Council of a framed letter from President Clinton regarding the Centennial, the painting which won the Centennial Art Contest, and the framed Centennial Painting which they had commissioned and from which the Centennial Prints were made. They asked Council to hang in Council Chambers. Mrs. Tate also extended thanks to Council for their support. On behalf of Council, Mayor Raines accepted these items.

Mayor Raines, in turn, asked all members of the Centennial Committee to come forward and presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mr. Ramey advised the money would be transferred as soon as possible.

Mr. Robert Leonard, Treasurer of the Norton Industrial Development Authority, was present and presented to Council their 1995-96 budget for approval. While they are not required by law to present this budget to Council, part of the financial packet in securing a loan for the Hotel Norton required that this be done.

Mr. Leonard advised they had total revenue in the amount of \$234,165 and total expenditures of \$234,165 of which \$200,000 is debt service and the balance is for operating expenses.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the 1995-96 Norton Industrial Development Authority Budget.

Council had in their packets information regarding the early retirement opt-out for City Managers involuntarily separated from service. Mayor Raines advised this was a statute from the General Assembly with a price tag attached. Unless notified that we do not want to participate by July 1st, we will be included in this program.

Mr. Ramey advises the information on this has and is coming in slow and the City has tried to find out what the cost will be and can get no information on that.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to decline participation in the City Manager Opt-Out Early Retirement Plan. Mr. Ramey is to see that the appropriate letter be sent out to the proper party.

Council had in their packets a copy of a check to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$107,000.00 and dated May 30, 1995. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check dated May 30, 1995 in the amount of \$107,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

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A discussion was held on the first Council Meeting in July since our meeting date is the 4th of July.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that they dispense with the first meeting in July.

Included in Council's packets was information on three various grants which has been awarded to the Police Department. Mr. Ramey briefly went over these grants with Council. Grants #1 is a Department of Criminal Justice Services Crime Analysis Capabilities for Local Law Enforcement Grant which will allow the City to hire and train a clerical employee to perform statistical analysis of crime trends in the City. This grant will also help with some dispatching assistance and the purchase of some new computer equipment to support our 911 System. The total grant is for \$30,305 with state funds totaling \$22,729 and local funds to be \$7,576. Each grant is renewable.

Grant #2 is a Department of Criminal Justice Services Community Crime Prevention Grant which will allow the City to hire a law enforcement officer to establish better crime prevention programs in our schools; establish a Crime Prevention Council with area businesses and civic groups, and develop an active Neighborhood Watch Program in certain areas of the City. In addition, this position will assist with normal patrol and law enforcement activities as do other officers in the City. The total grant amount is \$32,249 with state funds totaling \$24,187 and local funds to be \$8,062. Both grants together total \$62,554 with a total of state money in the amount of \$46,916, and total local money in the amount of \$15,638.

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Grant #3 is a U. S. Department of Justice Grant and the City has not been advised of the amounts involved. Mr. Ramey advised when this information was available, this grant would be brought back to Council for action.

Police Chief Sam Mongle was present to answer any questions of Council on these grants.

Assistant City Manager Ramey advised the Police Department has in two separate accounts approximately \$17,000 of which the City Administration recommends \$10,000 will be applied to the local funds for these two grants. Council would only need to appropriate \$5,638.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the acceptance of Grants #1 and #2 and

allocated the amount of \$5,638 from Unappropriated Reserves to apply toward local monies needed for these grants.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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

Advising this would be the last time Council would have to do so, Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton School Board for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1998.

Roy Roberts nominated Mr. Marty Hagy.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Marty Hagy reappointed to the City of Norton School Board for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1998.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for five year terms which will expire June 2, 2000.

William Mays nominated Mr. Jon Rockett and Mr. William Hutchinson be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared the names of Mr. Jon Rockett and Mr. William Hutchinson be submitted to the Judge of the Circuit Court for appointment to the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Duffield Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 1999.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Fred Ramey, Jr.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Fred Ramey, Jr. appointed to the Duffield Development Authority for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 1999.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for an appointment to the Community Corrections Resources Board/Community Criminal Justice Board for a two year term which will expire on June 30, 1997.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Sam Mongle be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Sam Mongle reappointed to the Community Corrections Resources Board/Community Criminal Justice Board for a two year term which will expire June 30, 1997.

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In his comments, the Assistant City Manager advised:

The City has begun to work on the Downtown Revitalization Grant and one of the first steps is to issue Requests for Proposals for various types of professional services such as engineering design and construction, administration, architectural/structural engineering services, and management assistance. Typically, the grant requires City Council to do the interviewing process for these professional services and also to make the selection. In the past, Council has asked the City Administration to do this and the minutes need to show how Council wants this to be handled.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Administration to bring their recommendations to Council for final approval on the various types of professional services.

Mr. Ramey advised it would take approximately 90 days to get under contract for this grant and throughout this period, the Administration will be bringing items back to Council for approval.

Council was advised that the City Administration has begun monitoring our reservoirs. Today's report shows a total of 111.7 million gallons.

The City would like to commend the Best Friend Festival Committee for the activities of the last week.

The City will have activities on the Fourth of July beginning at 12:30 with a Pool Party; 7:00 Freddie Bradley will be at the City Park, and 9:30 fireworks will be discharged.

In comments from Council, Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to Mr. Ramey for filling in while the City Manager is on vacation and also for his work with the Centennial Steering Committee.

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There were no comments from Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

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ATTEST:

Mary L. Brown

Clerk