

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 16, 1998 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Father Joe Facura and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Captain Kenneth Jackson of the Norton Police Department.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 1998 meeting as presented.

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At this time a special presentation was made to Councilman Roy Roberts for his 17-1/2 years of service as a member of City Council and to Councilman Ron McCall for his 8 years of service as a member of City Council. Mayor Raines presented each with a plaque and a framed and matted Centennial print. He then went over the many projects that had transpired during their tenures.

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

19046

A public hearing was held to consider a budget amendment in the amount of \$167,068 to the 1997-98 Norton City School Budget.

There were no comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

19047

Councilman McCall stated the handout given to Council tonight states where the money came from, but does not show where it is to be expended. He felt that Council did not have all the information they needed.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, it was Council's decision to table this item until such time as they are given additional information.

Council had in their packets An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1998 Thru June 30, 1999

Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, Use Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

19048

Mr. Ward advised the budget has been duly advertised and a public hearing has been held. The total amount of this budget is \$11,635,056.

Mayor Raines advised this budget included a 2% COLA raise for employees, a Capital Improvement Program in the approximate amount of \$700,000, two projects in the water and sewer funds, a program to ensure the safety of our water tanks, and an increase in our residential garbage fees from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per month.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote, Councilmen Roberts, Wallace, Mays, McCall, Raines - YES, NO votes - None, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting The Budget For the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1998 Thru June 30, 1999 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had the Norton Industrial Development Authority 1998-1999 Fiscal Budget which needs Council's approval per NIDA's loan with the Powell Valley National Bank for the Hotel Project.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the Norton Industrial Development Authority's 1998-99 Fiscal Budget as presented.

Council had A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

The City Manager advised this resolution formally adopts the plan to proceed with the next five years and the items in year one are funded. Years 2 - 5 are for planning purposes only.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote, Councilmen Roberts, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, NO votes - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting A Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

A discussion was held on the date and time for the City's Organizational Meeting.

19051

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to hold this meeting on July 1st at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

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 and consultation with legal counsel as pertains to possible litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

19052

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, 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 yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting.

19054

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote, Councilmen Roberts, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, NO votes - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised there were no announcements to come from the Executive Session.

19055

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He will be out of town on vacation June 26 - July 3, 1998.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, for the 4th of July holiday. Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 4th.

19056

He would like to express his personal thanks to both Councilmen Roberts and McCall for their years of service and support.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised he had given the City Manager a letter today with reference to the record keeping of the Council Meeting minutes wherein we need to begin listing council members names and their votes when adopting an ordinance or a resolution. This is due to a case that has been brought before the State Supreme Court. He advised that Council may have to adopt a resolution which will readopt previous resolutions and ordinances.

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Mayor Raines again express his appreciation to Councilmen Roberts and McCall for their service to the City of Norton.

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

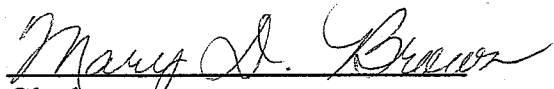
CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines

Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk