

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Superintendent of Norton City Schools, Dr. Lee Brannon.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting as presented.

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

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Dr. Lee Brannon, Superintendent of the Norton City School System, and Ron McCall, Chairman of the Norton City School Board, were present at tonight's meeting to give Council an update and timeline on the Lawson/Fitchko Stadium Project.

Dr. Brannon presented members of Council with a handout and then proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation. He advised that the architectural firm of Rodriguez Ripley Maddux and Motley had been selected for this project. He then discussed the Design Phase of the project, which included a land survey being conducted by Anderson and Associates of Kingsport and a geo-technical report, which was conducted by Schnabel Engineering of Blacksburg. The facility will be built using both aluminum and concrete with a block brick stone veneer and a two level press box. He then briefly discussed the timeline with Council and advised that he would be at the March 6th meeting to discuss the budget on this project with Council.

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Following his presentation, Dr. Brannon answered questions from members of Council.

Mayor Raines commended Dr. Brannon and the members of his Committee for all the hard work put into this project.

In their packets, Council had been presented a copy of the Actuarial Valuation Report as pertains to the Virginia Retirement System, which was prepared by Wachovia. Mr. Ward advised that the City currently pays each employee's contribution to the VRS at a rate of 5%. He then proceeded to discuss five year projections that were based on this report.

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Following his summary of this report, Mr. Ward advised Council that either he or Mr. Shupe would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Mr. Ward began discussion with Council on the City regulations currently in our Code covering obscenity. He stated he would like to have Council's input on the possibility of implementing an ordinance that would regulate adult oriented businesses. He further advised that the City has not had any inquiries regarding the establishment of such

businesses; however, he feels the implementation of such an ordinance would be a way of ensuring proper regulation should such requests be made. He would like to have guidance from Council as to whether the City Administration should proceed on this.

The City Manager has discussed this with the City Attorney as to how the City could proceed on this whether through licensure or zoning.

Mr. Bradshaw advised he has reviewed other ordinances from various localities, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Municipal Code Corporation and has done a 31 page draft ordinance.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with the preparation of a draft ordinance and bring this back to Council for discussion.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section No. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Closed Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board for four year terms which will expire on January 28, 2011.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Dorothy Graham and T. J. Flanary to be reappointed to this Board.


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

Mayor Raines declared Dorothy Graham and T. J. Flanary reappointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board for four year terms which will expire on January 28, 2011.

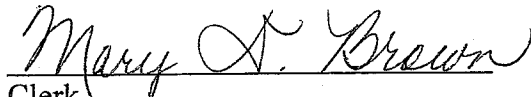
There were no comments from either the City Manager or City Attorney.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk