

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
November 14, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 14, 2001 in the courtroom of the W. Harold Snead Public Safety Building. The meeting was called by the mayor at 6:10 pm. Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, Greene, Valdez and Lemons were present for the meeting. Councilman McCarter was absent.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for the two chief of police finalists to address Council with an overview of their background and experience and to outline their philosophy on community policing. The two are Rick Clark and Mitchell Reed.

Following Mr. Reed's discussion Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as outlined in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(1) at 6:25 pm. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. At 6:55 pm Councilman Wilson motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Rick Clark outlined his background and addressed his views on community policing. Following his presentation, Councilman Wilson motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(1) at 7:19 pm.

Dr. McCarter arrived at 7:30 pm and joined the executive session.

Councilman Lemons motioned to return to regular session at 7:49 pm. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Certification of Executive Session is a part of these minutes.

This was the date duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed elementary school construction. The public hearing was opened at 7:51 pm. Mr. Cook, school superintendent, outlined the proposed construction. Those who spoke in favor of the proposed project were **Mary Gynn, Ruth Hall, Jean C. Kuhn and Donna Garland**. With no further comments being heard, Councilman Lemons motioned to close the hearing. Councilman Hamden made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the second reading of the Industrial Facilities Ordinance and to adopt said ordinance. Councilman McCarter offered the second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Tina Hampton, president of the Galax Education Association was present at tonight's meeting to discuss American Education Week.

The GEA also provided refreshments for members of Council.

City Manager Campbell discussed a planning study for the downtown area. The study would be done by Virginia Tech students and a panel made up of professionals knowledgeable in the planning area. The study will cost approximately \$11,000.00. He advised that this study could provide valuable and useful information for maintaining a healthier downtown. Councilman McCarter motioned to table a decision until the next meeting. The motion was seconded. The following councilmen each tendered a yea vote: Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, McCarter, Valdez and Greene. Councilman Lemons tendered a nay vote.

Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the City Manager's recommendation to accept the low bidder for the purchase of an emergency power generator for the Recreation Center. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

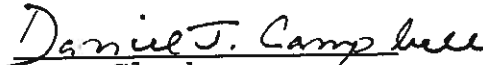
At 8:12 pm Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(1) - Discussion for Chief of Police employment. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15 pm.


Mayor


Clerk

MOTION: Councilman Hamden 6:25 pm

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(1)

SECOND: Councilman Lemons

MEETING DATE: 11/14/2001

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, Greene, Valdez, Lemons

NAYS:

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman McCarter

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman McCarter

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council



MOTION: Councilman Wilson 7:19 pm

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(1)

SECOND: Councilman Hamden

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VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, McCarter, Greene, Valdez, Hamden, Lemons

NAYS:

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ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Dr. McCarter arrived 7:30 pm

Denise J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council



MOTION: Councilman Hamden 8:12 pm

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(1)

SECOND: Councilman McCarter

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VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, McCarter, Greene, Valdez, Lemons, Hamden

NAYS: None

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ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

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Denise J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council

