

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

February 28, 2005

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on February 28, 2005, at 7:30pm. The meeting was called to order by the mayor with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

Dr. Lazo opened the meeting with prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on establishing a required Central Absentee Voting district. Stacey Reavis, Voter Registrar, addressed the requirement and stated that the Conference Room in the Municipal Building meets the requirements. Mayor Mitchell opened the Hearing and called for comments. None were heard and he declared the Hearing closed.

City Manager Campbell advised that an ordinance relating to establishing a central absentee district would be presented at the next regular council meeting. This ordinance will require two readings before approval.

This was the date that those interested in being appointed to the School Board were invited to meet with Council to discuss their reasons for wanting to serve on the School Board. Mayor Mitchell asked that each person present make a short presentation and that the interview part of the meeting continue on Tuesday evening. The following individuals introduced themselves to Council: Janet Nuckolls, Donna Garland, Jim Woods, Kim Craft, Dr. Rod Cox, Susie Garner, Larry Spangler and Charles Shank. Roger Carpenter was unable to attend tonight's meeting but he is interested in receiving an appointment to the School Board.

On a motion by Councilwoman Plichta and a second by Councilman Greene members of Council unanimously convened in an Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)-Discussion with prospective candidates for appointment to the Galax School Board.

At 9.45pm members of Council returned to regular session on a motion by Councilwoman Plichta, a second by Councilman Greene and unanimous approval.

Councilman Valdez motioned to continue this meeting and to reconvene at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 1st, at this location for the purpose of continuing interviews of candidates

for appointment to the School Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Plichta and approved by all members.

On Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00pm Mayor Mitchell called to order the reconvened meeting from the previous evening.

All members of City Council were present for the reconvened meeting.

Interviews were conducted with the remaining candidates for appointment to the Galax City School Board.

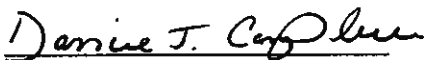
At 9:45pm Councilwoman Plichta motioned to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greene and approved by all members.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilwoman Plichta and unanimously approved at 9:50pm.



Mayor



Clerk

MOTION: Councilwoman Plichta

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(1)
(School Board Candidates)

SECOND: Councilman Greene

MEETING DATE February 28, 2005

CERTIFICATION 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: Councilpersons Lazo, Kirby, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, Valdez and Kyle

NAYS: None

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Danielle T. Campbell

Clerk of Galax City Council



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James Taylor