

## GALAX CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes

March 14, 2005

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on March 14, 2005, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the mayor with all councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

Councilman Kirby opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman Greene requested that two items on the agenda be changed. He asked that the Planning Commission appointment be moved to the first item and that the School Board appointment be the last item on the agenda. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to reappoint Roger Martin to another term on the Planning Commission. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time advertised for a joint public hearing between Council and the Planning Commission to receive comments on the rezoning request for a specific piece of property on Meadow Street. Mr. Catron, chairman of the Planning Commission explained that Bobby Money and Roy Walker would like the zoning changed from R-2 to B-2 to allow for the construction of a strip center. Mr. Money answered questions offered by members of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Catron opened the Public Hearing and called for comments. No comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

Planning Commission members present for the Hearing are as listed: Ron Catron, Jim Adams, Sharon Plichta, Ruth Hall, Allan Funk and Roger Martin. Anne Vaughan was absent from the meeting.

Following presentation of a Central Absentee Ordinance Councilman Greene motioned to accept the first reading of said Ordinance. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Herman Stamper, representing Bob McAllister, presented a request for Vacation of Public Right-of-Way. This is an unconstructed right of way on property owned by Mr. McAllister and located between Parkwood and Cherry Streets. Mr. Stamper explained

that Mr. McAllister proposes to divide the land into four tracts and to sell said tracts. Following discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to allow Mr. Stamper to proceed with the vacation process. The motioned was seconded and unanimously approved.

Loretta Evans, a Swanson Street resident, addressed Council with a request to buy a small city owned lot that adjoins her property. Following her statements, Mayor Mitchell advised her that the request would be taken under advisement.

Dr. Sproviero discussed a request for construction of a public street from the Wal-Mart store to Glendale Road. Council took no action on the request.

Councilman Greene motioned to set the week of April 18 for large item solid waste collection. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A resolution was presented acknowledging Council's support for the Twin County Regional Airport application to apply for grant funding from the Tobacco Commission. Following a discussion, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion. Councilpersons Lazo, Plichta, Mitchell Greene, Valdez and Kyle each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Kirby offered a nay vote.

Roger Carpenter, a school board candidate who could not attend the last meeting was present at tonight's meeting to give his reasons for wanting to serve on the School Board.

At 8:24pm Councilman Kirby motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to interview Mr. Carpenter and to discuss a School Board appointment. The motion received a second and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilwoman Plichta and a second by Councilman Greene, Council returned to regular session at 9:03pm.

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

Councilman Kirby motioned to nominate Donna Garland, Susie Garner and Roger Carpenter as candidates for the School Board appointment. Councilman Lazo motioned that the nominations be closed. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following votes were garnered:

Donna Garland  
C. M. Mitchell  
Willie Greene  
George Valdez  
Robert Lazo

Susie Garner  
Helen Kyle

Roger Carpenter  
Sharon Plichta  
Robert Kirby

Donna Garland received the appointment.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:06pm on a motion by Councilman Greene.



Handwritten signature of the Mayor, appearing to be "B. P. Mitchell", written in cursive above a horizontal line.

Mayor

Danica J. Campbell  
Clerk



MOTION: Councilwoman Plichta

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

SECOND: Councilman Greene

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### 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, & 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

*Denise J. Campbell*

Clerk of Galax City Council



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