

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
March 28, 2005**

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

Councilwoman Plichta prayed the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with their reading. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval for the zoning request of Bobby Money to rezone his property on Meadow Street from R-2 to General Business (B-2) for the purpose of constructing a strip mall. Councilman Lazo motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation as written. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance proposing the Central Absentee Voter District. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A Swanson Street resident wants to purchase a small tract of city owned property on Swanson Street. City Manager Campbell advised that after consulting with School Superintendent Cook it would not be advisable to sell the property. The State Department requires that school systems own a minimal amount of property, and, that it is important for the City to retain all currently owned land in and around the schools. Mr. Campbell further advised that the Swanson Street resident would be allowed access to her property from the city owned property.

Councilman Greene motioned not to sell the City owned property on Swanson Street. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

School Superintendent Mr. Cook was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the proposed School Board's budget for 2005-06. He stated that the total amount of the budget would be \$11,450,605.00 and \$3,601,955.00 of that amount would come from city funds. Following his discussion, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the construction bids for the Swanson Street Sewer Project. Following review of the bids, he recommended that the second low bidder, Landform, be awarded the contract for the project. Councilman Greene motioned to accept the bid from Landform (\$234,223.00). Councilman Kirby offered a seconded to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell referred to and discussed the proposed agreement for the planning and design process for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. The agreement is with K. W. Poore and Associates. The amount of city funding for this study will be approximately \$2,000.00. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the study. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

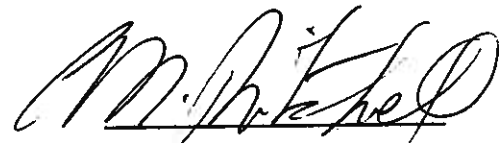
Councilman Greene motioned to accept the yearly Health Department Agreement. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) – Consideration of a resignation and promotion of public officers. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

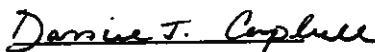
Councilman Kirby motioned to return to regular session. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Kirby at 8:40pm.



Mayor



City Manager

MOTION: Councilman Greene

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(1)

Consideration of a resignation and promotion
of public officers

SECOND: Councilwoman Plichta

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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 and Greene

NAYS: None

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilpersons Kyle and Valdez

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Donna J. Copple

Clerk of Galax City Council

