

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**January 26, 2009**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on January 26, 2009, at 7:30pm in Council Chambers. All councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb.

Mayor Mitchell presented Jamie Hawkins, from the water treatment plant, a Certificate of Quality for achieving 100% accuracy testing for E Coli and other bacteria for 2008. This is the third consecutive year for this achievement.

Mayor Mitchell prayed the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Councilman Webb motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo – yea; Councilwoman Plichta – yea; Councilman Garner – yea; Mayor Mitchell – yea; Councilman Greene – yea; Councilman Davis – yea; Councilman Webb – yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland requested an amendment to the Credit Card Policy. This amendment would add the IT & Network Administrator to the list of employees authorized to have a city credit card for city purchases. Following a discussion Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the revision to the Credit Card Policy. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion. Councilman Lazo – yea; Councilwoman Plichta – yea; Councilman Garner – yea; Mayor Mitchell – yea; Councilman Greene – yea; Councilman Davis – yea; Councilman Webb – yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

Celeste Amburn, Executive Director of Twin County United Way, was present to introduce herself and to give Council an update on United Way and its activities.

Rob Goldsmith from People, Inc. had asked to be placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting, but he did not attend.

At 7:45pm, Councilman Lazo motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 A.5 – Business and Industry Development; Section 2.2-3711 A.3 – Real Property; and Section 2.2-3711 A.1 Personnel Matter. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. The following votes were made: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta –yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously passed.

Councilman Webb motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Garner

seconded the motion. Votes tendered: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously passed.

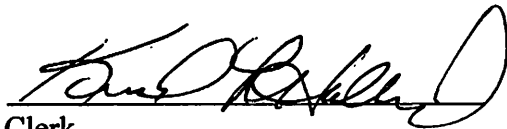
The Certification of Executive Sessions is made a part of these minutes.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Plichta and a second by Councilman Greene.



Mayor



Clerk

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION  
CLOSED MEETING

**WHEREAS, this** Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting Sections 2.2-3711 A.3 Real Property, 2.2-3711 A.5 – Business and Industry Development and Section 2.2-3711 A.1 Personnel Matter.

**WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712** of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, therefore be it resolved** that City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Upon motion by Councilmember Greene seconded by Councilmember Plichta

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Subject matter           N/A          

Departure           N/A          

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Garner, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, Davis, Lazo, and Webb

Nays: None

This Certification Resolution was adopted January 26, 2009.



Clerk/City Manager