

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

February 23, 2009

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on February 23, 2009 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, Willie Greene and Bill Webb. Derrick Davis was absent when the meeting was called to order.

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

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on two new appointments to the Galax City School Board. These appointments are to fill expiring terms on the Board. Each person who had expressed an interest in being appointed was given time to address Council and they are as listed: Andrew Blackburn; Brandon Boyles; Doug Brannock; Ray Kohl; Helen Kyle; Jacqueline Roberts and Doug Williams. Mayor Mitchell advised that the appointments would be made at the March 9, 2009 regularly scheduled Council meeting.

This date and time was duly advertised for a public hearing on an amendment to the FY 09 Budget. City Manager Holland outlined the amendment.

At 7:50pm, Councilman Davis arrived.

Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open. No comments were received and the hearing was declared closed. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to amend and appropriate the general fund budget in the amount of \$894,872. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes:

YEA _____ **NAY**

Councilpersons: **None**

Lazo

Plichta

Garner

Mitchell

Greene

Davis

Webb

Roger Neal's term on the Board of Zoning Appeals is expiring. The appointment is made by the Grayson County Circuit Court on the recommendation of Galax City Council. Mr. Neal will serve again if appointed and Andrew Blackburn had also expressed an interest in being recommended for the appointment. Councilman Garner motioned to recommend for appointment Roger Neal. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes:

<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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Lazo	None
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Plichta

Garner

Mitchell

Greene

Davis

Webb

Bill Sturgill, Galax City School Superintendent, discussed a request to amend and appropriate the City School budget in the amount of \$534,608 for a total of \$14,266,589. Councilman Garner motioned to approve the revised school budget. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. Following a discussion, the motion received unanimous approval by the following votes:

<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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Lazo	None
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Plichta

Garner

Mitchell

Greene

Davis

Webb

Councilman Garner amended his motion to include ...and appropriate. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion, which received unanimous agreement.

Assistant City Manager Barker, discussed approval of an agreement between the City and The Wired Road Authority for a grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the agreement as requested. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the following votes:

<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Lazo	None
Plichta	
Garner	
Mitchell	
Greene	
Davis	
Webb	

City Manager Holland advised that the nominating committee for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts had selected individuals to serve on the school's advisory board and they would like for Council to appoint said individuals. The terms will be staggered from one to three years. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the Advisory Board as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. The following votes were offered:

<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Lazo	None
Plichta	
Garner	
Mitchell	
Greene	
Davis	
Webb	

Ray Kohl distributed a proclamation stating the importance and values of families.

At 8:08pm, Councilman Davis motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 A.1 – School Board candidate Interviews.

At 10:15pm Councilman Greenemotioned to return to regular session. Councilman Webb seconded the motion that was unanimously approved by the following votes:

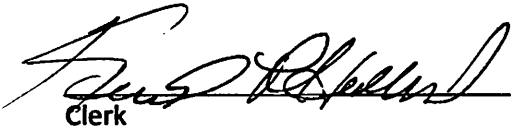
YEA _____ NAY

Lazo None
Plichta
Garner
Mitchell
Greene
Davis
Webb

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.



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 Section 2.2-3711 A.1 – Personnel Matter –school board candidates interview.

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 Webb

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

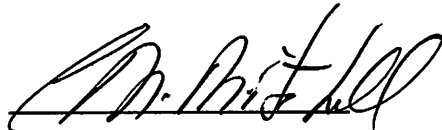
Departure N/A

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 February 23, 2009.



Clerk/City Manager