Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia

CL-2761 Old Business Item #: B.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 05/17/2022

Subject: Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2023 Danville Public School Budget

From: Henrietta Weaver, Accountant

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 05/03/2022

Final Adoption: 05/17/2022

SUMMARY

The Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 School Board Budget was scheduled for May 3, 2022. The City's Budget for Support of Schools includes $22,812,500 for Support of Operations, and $1,705,390 for Debt Service, for a grand total of $24,517,890. In addition, the Capital and Special Projects Plan includes $2,000,000 for various school facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council approve the attached Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Danville Public Schools Budget.

Attachments

Resolution

PRESENTED: May 3, 2022

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 05 . 01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Danville presented to the Council its estimate of the amount of money needed for the support of the public schools of the City during Fiscal Year 2023 which estimate reflected total proposed expenditures in the amount of $81,829,353; and

WHEREAS, the City shall contribute $22,812,500 for School Operations and $1,705,390 for School Debt Service for a total appropriation of $24,517,890; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does not intend by this resolution to guarantee to the School Board of the City of Danville any contribution for support of schools in future fiscal years above that amount required by Virginia law for support of schools; and

WHEREAS, a brief synopsis of the proposed Budget of the School Board for Fiscal Year 2023 was duly published, and, after public notice duly given, a public hearing with respect thereto has been conducted by the Council, after due public notice thereof, and upon consideration of which it is now necessary and desirable to approve the same as prescribed by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that, pursuant to Section 22.1-93 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the attached budget of the School Board of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 be, and the same is hereby, approved for educational purposes subject the above recited conditions.

APPROVED:

A. J. Jones

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M. Dch

Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

W. Clarke

City Attorney

FLAG OF INDEPENDENT UKRAINE RISES IN ROANOKE'S FREEDOM PLAZA

Roanoke's city government raised the Ukrainian flag Wednesday morning in Freedom Plaza, across from city hall, in a show of solidarity with the people of the independent nation under invasion by Russian troops. Martha Kuchar, a Ukrainian-American and professor of literary studies at Roanoke College, spearheaded the idea, presenting a petition to the city council on March 21. The Ukrainian national anthem was played on a speaker as the flag was raised by Michael Payne, husband of Ukrainian-American Inna Payne. "We honor and show support for the people of Ukraine who are fighting bravely in their own battle for freedom. This city of Roanoke stands in solidarity with Ukraine," said Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea. Kuchar spoke about how much the act means to the people of Ukraine. "We want them to know that we are supporting them, that our prayers and thoughts are with them every single day. The least we can do is make a demonstration, a visible sign of our support," Kuchar said. "To make this event happen is a tremendous tribute to the humanity and the decency of our city and their love for freedom loving people all over the world."

HEATHER ROUSSEAU PHOTOS, THE ROANOKE TIMES

The city of Roanoke raised the Ukraine flag Wednesday morning in Freedom Plaza, across from City Hall. The Ukraine national anthem was played on a speaker as the flag was raised by Michael Payne, husband of Ukrainian-American Inna Payne. "We honor and show support for the people of Ukraine who are fighting bravely in their own battle for freedom. This city of Roanoke stands in solidarity with Ukraine," said Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea.

Ukrainian-Americans and supporters of Ukraine gather with sunflowers and love and prayers in their hearts during a ceremony to raise the Ukraninan flag in Roanoke's Freedom Plaza, across from City Hall on Wednesday. From front left, Jerry Wu, and his mom, Annie Lin, husband and wife Jason Booker and Olha Andryeyeva, and Anna Miroshnychenko and Inna Payne. "I am so thankful that they are doing this. It's a little gesture, but it's a lot," said Miroshnychenko.

Anna Miroshnychenko takes a photo of the Ukraine flag raised next to the American flag in Roanoke's Freedom Plaza on Wednesday.

Dr. Martha Kuchar hugs Sofiia Melnyk during the flag raising ceremony Wednesday morning. Kuchar is Ukrainian-American and a professor of literary studies at Roanoke College. She spearheaded the idea to raise the flag of Ukraine near Roanoke city hall. "We want them to know that we are supporting them, that our prayers and thoughts are with them every single day. The least we can do is make a demonstration, a visible sign of our support," said Kuchar, adding "...to make this event happen is a tremendous tribute to the humanity and the decency of our city and their love for freedom loving people all over the world."

Va. Supreme Court unseals some of ex-parole chair's records

PATRICK WILSON
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Supreme Court of Virginia issued an opinion Thursday saying it would unseal some records in a case filed by Virginia Beach Judge Adrianne Bennett, who was the chair of the Virginia Parole Board during a time it was later found to have violated rules in its process used to release certain people from prison.

The court issued its 4-2 decision in response to a July filing from the Richmond Times-Dispatch asking the court to unseal its sealing order related to the filing Bennett made with the court.

The court's opinion said that "in the interest of openness and transparency, we further unseal the remainder of the case" with the exception of attachments filed by Bennett.

Bennett petitioned the court on May 20, 2021, asking it to take action in a matter that was then pending before the state's Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission (JIRC), a panel that investigates allegations of misconduct against judges. Bennett had been suspended from the bench in Virginia Beach, where she is a juvenile court judge, and asked the Supreme Court to order JIRC to reinstate her.

The Supreme Court denied her request a day later, and without any public notice, ordered the record of her filing to be sealed.

The JIRC investigation has concluded. Records of such investigations, by state law, only become public if JIRC makes a filing at the Supreme Court against a judge, which did not happen in Bennett's case. She remains on the bench in Virginia Beach.

The Supreme Court's opinion said Bennett's exhibits "are records of a then pending proceeding before the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. By law, records of proceedings before the Commission are kept confidential."

Two justices — D. Arthur Kelsey and Teresa M. Chafin — dissented to part of the opinion and argued that there were no satisfactory legal reasons to continue sealing of the JIRC documents. They quoted a state law that says the record of any JIRC proceeding "filed with the Supreme Court shall lose its confidential character."

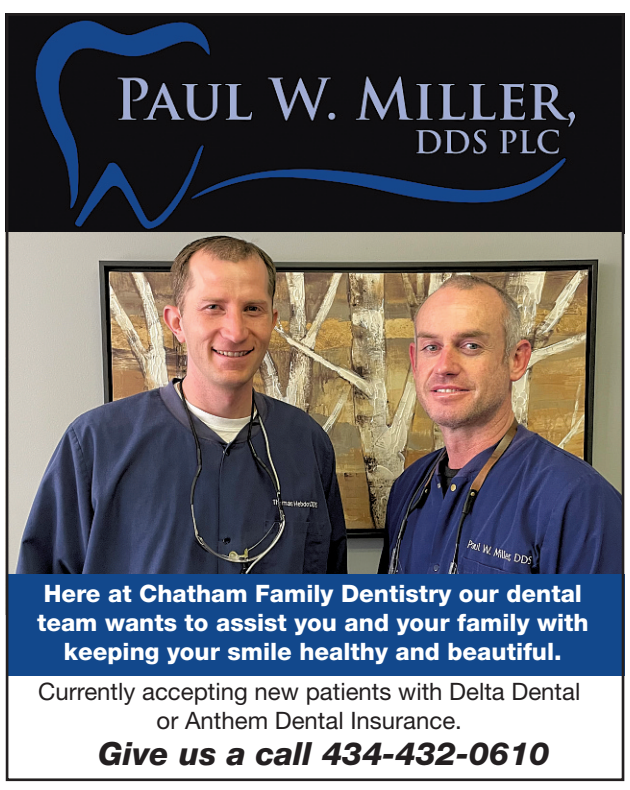
"Neither experience nor logic justified the initial sealing of this 'proceeding,' " the two dissenting justices wrote. "And nothing in today's order justifies our continued sealing of the JIRC documents."

Attorney David Lacy represents the newspaper and its publisher, Lee BHM Corp. in the case, and oral arguments were heard in March.

Bennett, who became a juvenile court judge in Virginia Beach in April 2020, was at the center of a scandal after the Office of the State Inspector General found the parole board violated law and policy that year, including not properly notifying victims and prosecutors about people being released from prison on parole.

At least two complaints were made about Bennett to JIRC.

One was made in April 2021 by a former parole board employee who alleged Bennett directed parole board staff to copy and paste a previous report about a person who was eligible for parole, to be used in a new review. The employee had never been asked to do that in the past and felt that using a previous report as her own work would result in falsification of the report.



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Danville Area Humane Society, Inc.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET – DANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

A Public Hearing will be held by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 427 Patton Street, or as soon after as may be heard, on the proposed budget for the Danville School Board for the Year Ending June 30, 2023. At the above time and place, the Council will receive written and oral comments from Citizens. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the School Board Office, 341 Main Street, Suite 100. Presented below is a brief synopsis of the proposed Budget.

Danville Public Schools Proposed Operating Fund Budget 2022 – 2023

	Budget 2021-22	Proposed 2022-23	Difference	
Revenues:				
State Funds	41,502,526	49,895,318	8,392,792	61%
Sales Tax	7,242,774	8,173,344	930,570	10%
City Appropriation	22,812,500	22,812,500	0	28%
Other Funds	1,012,839	948,191	(64,648)	1%
Total Revenues	72,570,639	81,829,353	9,258,714	
Expenditures:				
Instruction	51,174,352	56,255,923	5,081,571	
Administration, Attendance and Health	5,869,948	6,979,852	1,109,904	
Pupil Transportation	2,730,151	3,378,864	648,713	
Operation and Maintenance	9,025,886	10,150,761	1,124,875	
Debt and Fund Transfers	455,474	466,425	10,951	
Technology	3,314,828	4,597,528	1,282,700	
Total Expenditures	72,570,639	81,829,353	9,258,714	

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL
City of Danville, Virginia
Susan M. DeMasi, CMC City Clerk

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia

CL-2754 Old Business Item #: A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 06/07/2022

Subject: Real Estate Tax Rate

From: Henrietta Weaver, Accountant

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 05/17/2022
Final Adoption 06/07/2022

SUMMARY

The Real Estate reassessment is currently underway. Current projections anticipate an overall increase of not more than 5% in assessed values as compared to the current assessment. The majority of the anticipated increase relates to the reassessment of existing property, while approximately 1% is attributed to new construction.

BACKGROUND

The Commonwealth of Virginia Code requires that reassessments resulting in an increase in assessment of 1% or greater be advertised as a tax increase. The advertisement for the real estate tax must be published 30 days in advance of the public hearing. At that time, the City advertised a real estate tax rate of $0.84 per $100 as an effective tax rate increase of no more than 5%. Current data anticipates that maintaining the current rate of $0.84 would represent a 3.8 cent increase from a revenue neutral rate. However, the assessment is not complete and that amount may change.

Should the maximum average increase in values of 5% be realized, property assessed at $100,000 in the current year would be reassessed at $105,000 and the tax bill would increase from $840.00 to $882.00 annually, an increase of $42.00 annually or $21.00 per installment. If the average increase stays at the current 3.8%, a property assessed at $100,000 in the current year would be reassessed at $103,800 and the tax bill would increase from $840.00 to $871.92 annually, an increase of $31.92 annually or $15.96 per installment. In previous years, the closer staff got to concluding reassessment, the

projected percentage increase in values declined.

The estimated increase is an overall average and individual properties may increase at a greater or lesser percentage. The increase in the general reassessment together with new construction is anticipated to generate a $953,000 increase in real estate revenue for the FY 2023 Budget. The Proposed Budget includes an increase of $500,000 representing an estimated 1.96% increase in assessed values, after accounting for uncollectible amounts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Danville City Council adopt the attached Ordinance maintaining the current real estate tax rate.

Attachments

Ordinance

PRESENTED: May 9, 2022

ADOPTED: June 7, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 05 . 09

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE OF $0.84 ON EVERY, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUE.

WHEREAS, the City Code sets the real estate tax rate at $0.84 on every, One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted its biennial general reassessment of real property resulting in an increase of one percent (1%) or more of the total real property tax levied in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required, under Virginia Law, to conduct a public hearing on said increase after notice of the public hearing has been given in a newspaper of general circulation in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has complied with the requirements of Virginia Law, including the required notice, and has held a public hearing heard this day, on said increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that it hereby affirms the real estate tax rate of $0.84 on every, One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of assessed value contained in Sections 37-21 through 3-29 of the Danville City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective as of July 1, 2022.

APPROVED:

A. J. Jones

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M. Dell

City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

W. Clarke

City Attorney

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Woman disabled after copperhead encounter

CATHY DYSON
The (Fredericksburg) Free Lance-Star

It was the snakebite story shared around the globe.

At least that's how it felt to Rachel Myrick, who was bitten by a poisonous snake more than 4½ years ago in the foyer of a Spotsylvania County restaurant. The "crazy story," as she called it, was broadcast by media and digital outlets across the world.

At the time, it was one of the most viewed posts on all of Facebook.

But few people know the horror Myrick has endured in the wake of the copperhead encounter, said her fiancé, Michael Clem. He was with her on Sept. 12, 2017, when a snake about 8 inches long bit her twice on the toes and once on the side of her left foot as she entered LongHorn Steakhouse at Southpoint II in Massaponax.

Either the bites or the antivenin given to treat them — or perhaps the combination — threw Myrick into a disorder known as complex regional pain syndrome. The condition is severely disabling and causes pain that's often much greater than the initial injury, according to the Stanford Medicine website.

For the 40-year-old Myrick, every aspect of life has changed. The once on-the-go, successful real estate agent, runner and "Robo-Mom," as Clem called her, spends most of her days in bed or a wheelchair. She can walk with crutches, maybe an hour a day until pain and exhaustion overwhelm her.

The slightest brush against her skin, even from a breeze, can be debilitating.

"You feel like your skin is sunburned, then you take sand or shards of glass, depending on how bad my moment is, and you just rub it into the top," she said. "I'm in the worst pain of my entire life, times 10."

The website for the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association, which provides support and education, details the condition that many refer to as the "suicide disease."

"I try not to use that term," said Jim Broatch, executive vice president and director of the association, based in Connecticut.

But the reality is the McGill Pain Index rates it as the most painful chronic pain condition — worse than non-terminal cancer, childbirth and amputation of a toe or finger, he said.

"We're talking about relentless pain, 24/7," Broatch said. "Some people do die by suicide and others just gut it out every day. It's not something you'd wish on your worst enemy."

'Can't do anything'

Adding to the pain for Myrick and her longtime partner Clem, who live in Spotsylvania, are financial worries. Together, they were making about $300,000 a year before the snakebite, but she no longer can work and he's afraid to leave her for too long because she needs help with almost every aspect of daily life.

That's a bitter pill to swallow for someone who's "incredibly uncomfortable with being a burden," Myrick said. She regularly describes the time in her life before she "got bit," when as a single mother of two, she coached her daughter's cheerleading squad and did her own cheering for her son at baseball games.

When the Spotsylvania Parks & Recreation Department decided to honor a football or cheerleading coach who best exemplified the spirit of the game, sportsmanship and quality instruction, Myrick received the inaugural award in 2015, said Brian Barnes, recreation manager.

"She was dedicated, enthusiastic and expressed an unwavering positive attitude that was infectious," he said in an email.

That was in addition to Myrick's work schedule, which often covered six or seven days a week, and running races. Once, she flew to Colorado for a 10K run and to visit a relative. She did the race — a mile above sea level, and didn't have her best time — but then she hiked in the Rocky Mountains the next day and came home.

"That was my speed then, it was constant. It was great," she said. "I would have had it no other way. You go from that person to someone who can't take care of her own needs. You can't do anything."

There have been frustrations with getting insurance approval for treatments, side effects from the powerful painkillers she was prescribed and finally, the stress inherent with a legal battle. She decided to sue LongHorn's owner, Rare Hospitality International, for $25 million in damages. Rare Hospitality's parent company is Darden Restaurants, which operates more than 1,800 locations nationwide.

Initially, Myrick wasn't interested in a lawsuit — even though people around her, from those who took care of her during the six days she spent in the hospital after the snakebite to friends and co-workers — suggested she sue.

"I didn't feel like I was wronged," she said during a recent interview. "I didn't have a bit of animosity toward anyone, but maybe the snake, he wasn't really my friend."

She considered the incident "just the wild and crazy circumstances of life," she said.

But when her story got such widespread circulation, people began to post about other snake sightings, both at the restaurant and in the general area, Myrick and Clem said. He hired a private investigator to supplement what her attorney's investigation found, but the social media claims haven't been verified.

At this point, the case is under demurrer, meaning that even if the allegations are true, they are not sufficient to establish a valid cause of action. Next month, a judge in Spotsylvania County Civil Court will determine if the case will proceed.

Complex legal case

The case is complicated and complex, just like the disease from which Myrick suffers. Documents filed by Myrick's attorney in Spotsylvania Circuit Court allege the restaurant and other defendants didn't address a potential snake problem because of the habitat, including a nearby retention pond and rocky boulders around the front of the building.

Lawyers for the restaurant argued that even if Myrick could prove the "snake in question" had wandered into LongHorn — and not been brought in, perhaps, by another patron — the business wasn't liable, according to documents filed with the case.

"The Supreme Court of Virginia has held there can be no claims against a landowner for the trespass of wild animals," according to Rare Hospitality's filings. The defendants weren't aware "of a single Virginia case where a court has imposed liability against a landowner for harm caused by a wild animal" that was not in the person's possession.

At one point, the case entered the realm of the Eastern District of Virginia and Judge M. Hannah Lauck cited a "glimmer of hope" for Myrick. The judge said the intricacies of the doctrine pertaining to wild animals "are far from settled and do not categorically bar Myrick's claims."

PHOTOS BY PETER CIHELKA, THE (FREDERICKSBURG) FREE LANCE-STAR

Spotsylvania resident Rachel Myrick braces herself against a light breeze in the backyard of the home she shares with her fiancé, Michael Clem. Myrick has suffered since being bitten by a copperhead.

Rachel Myrick was bitten on her left foot by a copperhead as she entered LongHorn Steakhouse in Massaponax in 2017.

Rachel Myrick winces in pain as her fiancé' Michael Clem gently wheels her over the threshold of the couple's Spotsylvania home on Friday.

The Ginger Bread House

Mother's Day is May 8th!
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Danville, Virginia proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessment due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by an amount not to exceed 5.0 percent. When adjusted for estimated uncollectible accounts, revenue from the assessment will be increased by an amount not to exceed 2.0 percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be $0.8016 per $100 of assessed value. The rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Danville, Virginia proposes to maintain the current tax rate of $0.84 per $100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be $0.0384 per $100 or 5.0 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

   Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of Danville will exceed last year's by 1.93 percent.
5. The effective date for the tax increase will be the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

A Public Hearing on the proposed increase will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, Danville.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA
Susan M. DeMasi, City Clerk

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Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia

CL-2779 Old Business Item #: B.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 06/21/2022

Subject: Personal Property Tax on Aircraft Increase Effective January 1, 2023.

From: Henrietta Weaver, Accountant

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 06/07/2022

Final Adoption: 06/21/2022

SUMMARY

The Public Hearing for the proposed increase in personal property tax on aircraft was scheduled to be held on June 7, 2022.

The Fiscal Year 2023 City Council Introductory Budget contains a recommendation for an increase in personal property tax on aircraft from $0.30 per $100 of assessed value to $0.69 per $100 of assessed value. This increase is estimated to provide an additional $28,450 in annual revenue.

BACKGROUND

Danville's personal property tax rate on aircraft is currently undervalued compared to other nearby small rural airports, as identified above. Tax rates on aircraft are considerably greater at other regional airports since Danville's rate has not been increased in twenty years. Additional revenue is needed to support the local cost requirement to build additional hangars.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves the attached ordinance increasing the personal property tax rate on aircraft.

Attachments
Ordinance

F A I L E D

PRESENTED: June 7, 2022

ADOPTED: June 21, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 06 . 06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 37-36 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ON AIRPLANES FROM $0.30 PER $100 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO $0.69 PER $100 OF ASSESSED VALUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that Section 37-36, entitled "Tax on aircraft", of Article II, entitled "LEVY AND RATE OF TAX ON REAL ESTATE, TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, ETC.", Of Chapter 37. Entitled "TAXATION", of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

CHAPTER 37 – TAXATION
ARTICLE II. – LEVY AND RATE OF TAX ON REAL ESTATE, TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, ETC.
Sec. 37-36. – Tax on aircraft.

Pursuant to section 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, on all aircraft there shall be a tax of ~~thirty cents ($0.30)~~ **sixty-nine cents ($0.69)** on every One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of the assessed value thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other provisions and Sections of said Article II, of Chapter 37, of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, be, and the same are hereby, continued in full force and effect unless and until the same are hereafter amended or repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of January 1, 2023..

APPROVED:

Mayor

OFFICE OF THE
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF
DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

_____
City Attorney

Housecall service brings care to home

RACHAEL SMITH
The (Lynchburg) News & Advance

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

From left: Whitney Pugh, owner of Agenacare, performs a patient assessment at her in-home Urgent Care visit. Kirstin Figel gathers her supplies together to make a housecall visit.

Stacey Shelor was tired of waiting rooms.

She was having a harder time getting doctor's appointments for her family members and was looking for a change.

She became a client of Agenacare Housecalls soon after it launched in 2019 through a mutual friend of the owner.

"I tried this out and it was absolutely fabulous because you make a phone call, they set up a time and they are at your home, which is nice because you feel comfortable in your home," she said.

Shelor, a Salem resident, liked that Agenacare could do anything a general practitioner would.

"And I also like the fact that this group of professionals treat you like you're a family member or friend, versus just a number," she said.

Now, these services are available to Lynchburg-area residents as well.

Whitney Pugh, owner and founder of Roanoke-based Agenacare Housecalls, launched the business in fall 2019 after working in corporate medicine for years, tired of what she described as a broken health care system.

"I remember sitting there thinking, 'I hate what I do. I've gone to school for seven years to run people in and out like a cattle market.' I was so frustrated with it,'" she said.

As a family nurse practitioner, she decided she could complain about it or fix it.

"I was sitting there with my husband and I said, 'I'm going to start a concierge house call urgent care practice on mobile, and I'm going to go to their homes,' and I remember he looked at me and was like, 'What?'" she said.

Only a few months after launching, the COVID pandemic reached the area.

Pugh had to determine whether she would keep going or shut down. But she never shut down or turned a patient away.

COVID-19 put Agenacare on the map, she said, because patients had to find alternatives to what they were used to in terms of primary health care.

She started with 25 patients in 2019 and grew to have 500 patients in 2020.

When COVID-19 hit, it was calming to Shelor to have a professional who she knew come into her home fully masked and shielded.

"They even wore a hazmat suit, God bless them," she said.

If her family needed COVID-19 testing, Agenacare was able to come to their home and do that as well. They also conduct yearly physicals, sports physicals, and strep tests, give stitches and perform blood work and X-Rays.

"It was quick, efficient and they were out. That's the other part of this, is they're in and out. They listen to you and they take care of what needs to be taken care of as far as your health issues are concerned and then it's over and you don't have to sit and wait," she said.

Pugh said the average time from when a call is made to when a provider shows up at their home is two hours.

"So you don't have to go sit in an [emergency room] waiting room or urgent care waiting around for hours," she said.

In 2021, it was time to add on a team of health care professionals to come along with Pugh, who ended up serving close to 10,000 patients.

"We just kept flourishing and kept growing ," she said. "I wanted to really take it like you know how the doc used to go back to the homes years ago. That was really what I was bringing back because sometimes change doesn't always mean for the better," she said.

Pugh said though the flagship office is based in Roanoke, her team can travel all over the state to see patients, lending itself to the Lynchburg area where it grew a client-base over the years.

Agenacare opened in Lynchburg earlier this month and plans to open a physical office once it gets busier.

Pugh is proud of how the business has grown but mostly of its customer service.

"You'll find that from the time they call us to the dispatchers, to the provider, to the follow up calls, they're always treated respectfully, kindly," she said. "That's always been my thing because when you feel bad you don't want to be treated like crap."

Agenacare also doesn't take insurance, a move Pugh said has cut out a lot of the health care stress and hurdles.

"If insurance determines that you can't do something or they don't want you to do something, they tell you it's not going to be paid for. And then your hands are held because the patient doesn't want to pay it because it's too expensive and the company can't pay it," she said.

So the business doesn't take insurance and just charges one flat fee per visit or membership.

"With insurance, even though people may have premiums of $500 to $1,000 a month, reimbursements for us, per house call, would be right at $50. It's just not feasible and it doesn't work," she said. "So we took that whole piece out of it so we don't have to deal with the insurance and the patients don't either."

Along with COVID-19 testing, other services include flu vaccines, suture and wound care, physicals, telehealth, IV nutrition therapy and lab draws.

The company offers direct primary care plans, family memberships and corporate memberships.

Shelor said her days are over of sitting in crowded waiting rooms and she feels safer having health professionals come to her.

Agenacare sees not only her family but her extended family now, too.

"It's just become a part of our life," she said. "I consider them my general practitioner. I don't call anybody else. This is who I call for everything."

Gunfire erupts at party; 1 dead, 7 hurt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHESTERFIELD — A 20-year-old man was fatally shot and seven other young people were injured after gunfire erupted during a graduation party in central Virginia, police said Saturday.

Two separate fights between attendees of the mostly outdoor party in Chester were reported shortly before police received a call about shots fired late Friday night, Chesterfield County Police Maj. Brad Badgerow said at a news conference.

It was not immediately clear whether the incident was a gunfight with multiple shooters, Badgerow said, though he noted officers had recovered more than 50 casings of four different calibers.

"Whether that means it was four people shooting — I can't tell you that. But it looks like there were at least four different weapons that were fired," he said.

The department said when officers arrived at the scene, they discovered 20-year-old Taborri J. Carter of Petersburg suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers rendered aid, but he died at the scene. Five other shooting victims had already left the scene before police arrived, according to a news release that said their injuries appeared to be non-life-threatening.

Two other people were injured when they were struck by a vehicle as they fled the shooting, police said. Those injured ranged in age from 16 to 21 and were from Chesterfield or nearby localities.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON PROPOSED INCREASE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE ON AIRPLANES

A ***Public Hearing*** will be held by the ***Council*** of the City of Danville, Virginia on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, at which time citizens may appear and be heard by the Council on the following proposal by the City of Danville, Virginia:

To increase the Airplane Personal Property Tax from $0.30 per $100 of assessed value to $0.69 per $100 of assessed value, effective January 1, 2023, as authorized by Section 58.1-3500 and 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia and Section 1-1 of the City Charter. Any concerns of the public about this matter should be presented at the scheduled public hearing.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be viewed on weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the office of the City Clerk located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 427 Patton Street, Danville, Virginia.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL,
City of Danville, Virginia
Susan M. DeMasi, CMC, City Clerk

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia

CL-2777 Old Business Item #: A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 07/05/2022

Subject: Fee Increases Effective July 6, 2022

From: Henrietta Weaver, Accountant

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 06/21/2022
Final Adoption: 07/05/2022

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2023 City Council Introductory Budget contains recommendations for the following new fees/fee increases:

An increase in hangar rental fees based on unit size; this increase is estimated to provide an additional $18,880 in revenues.

An increase in the Public Library auditorium rental fee from $15 per hour to $25 per hour; this increase is intended to make rental fees comparable to other City rental fees.

Establishment of a Public Library maker space rental fee of $25 per hour; this is intended to make rental fees comparable to other City rental fees.

A public hearing was held June 21, 2022 for the above proposed rate and fee increases.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Danville City Council adopt the attached ordinance establishing and increasing fees.

Attachments
Ordinance

PRESENTED: July 5, 2022

ADOPTED: July 5, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 06 . 11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RENTAL FEES OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, the city of Danville charges fees for public use of facilities; and

WHEREAS, these fees are designed to help recoup a portion of the costs of providing use of these facilities not usually shared by all citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that certain facility rental fees, be, and the same are hereby, established and approved in accordance with the two schedules, which are hereto and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth within, as follows:

Schedule 1. Transportation - Airport Fees

Schedule 2. Parks and Recreation - Facility and Program Fees

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become effective on and as of July 1, 2022.

APPROVED:

A. D. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan M. Dell
CLERK

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

OFFICE OF THE
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF
DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Schedule 1

CITY OF DANVILLE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
AIRPORT FEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9, and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

RENTAL FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
80' X 80' Clear Span	$1,040	$1,248
65' X 60' Clear Span	$740	$888
55' X 51' Clear Span	$300	$505
T-Hangar (Old)	$150	$180
T-Hangar (New)	$175	$210
Tie-Down	$40	$40

Schedule 2

CITY OF DANVILLE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
FACILITY AND PROGRAM FEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9 and § 25-3, and Danville City Charter § 2-19.

FACILITY	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Library Auditorium	$15 per hour	$25 per hour
Library Maker Space	$0 per hour	$25 per hour

VIRGINIA MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Resignations dealing a double blow

MICHAEL MARTZ
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Virginia's mental health system is suffering a double blow from the resignations of the director of the state's largest psychiatric hospital and the deputy director of forensic services for people who enter the state system through criminal courts.

State officials confirmed that Brandie French will step down as director of Eastern State Hospital near Williamsburg on June 1 and Christine Schein on Wednesday served her last day as deputy director for forensic services at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

The state gave no explanation for the departures, but the timing isn't good for Virginia's oldest public mental hospital, which also has the highest percentage of forensic patients of any facility in the state behavioral health system.

"We had a serious exodus of folks in the last administration [of then-Gov. Ralph Northam]," said Sen. Monty Mason, D-Williamsburg, who serves on the Virginia Behavioral Health Commission. "For that to continue, you have a lot of people with a lot of history associated with what we're doing who are no longer there."

The resignations come a just over a month after two patients, both felons, escaped from Eastern State. Law enforcement agencies apprehended the two escapees — one in Chesapeake on Easter Sunday, the day after the escape, and the other in Norfolk four days later. Authorities said he had a firearm.

Virginia's behavioral health facilities have been struggling with overcrowding and understaffing, as well as a backup in the evaluation of patients to determine whether they are mentally competent to stand trial on criminal charges or, if not, to restore their competency so they can.

Many of those patients are there on misdemeanor charges for minor offenses, but languish in the hospital until their competency can be evaluated and, if necessary, restored.

"There's got to be a better way than sending people with misdemeanor crimes to be restored so they can be tried for them," said Mason, who hopes the Senate prevails in budget negotiations that could produce an agreement this week that the General Assembly can consider in special session on June 1.

REGISTER & BEE, FILE

Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Danville has the third largest percentages of forensic patients in the state system at 76%.

The Senate budget includes money for an amendment he sponsored to boost the fee for competency evaluations from $750 to $1,200 to encourage more qualified professionals to perform them.

French had been CEO and director of Eastern State for more than two years, dating back to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic that killed 26 patients and two staff at state facilities, but none at the hospital in James City County. Previously she had worked as chief operating officer at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, a state institution in Nottoway County for elderly patients with behavioral health problems.

She will be replaced as facility director on an interim basis by William "Dewey" Jennings, who is currently assistant director of administration and has more than 25 years of experience in state government.

Schein has worked in the job for almost five years, with previous experience at Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and St. Joseph's Villa in Henrico.

Clinical psychologist Angela Torres will become interim director for forensic services. Currently, Torres is working as forensic oversight manager, developing state and regional policy on mental health and criminal justice.

She previously served as chief forensic coordinator at Central State Hospital near Petersburg, which operates the only maximum-security forensic unit in the state system.

Eastern State and Central State have the largest percentages of forensic patients in the state system at 85% and 81%, respectively, followed by Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Danville at 76% and Western State Hospital in Staunton at 60%.

Mason contends that the state hospitals — including a rebuilt Eastern State — "are not designed for this kind of a patient."

Yet, he said, most of the patients in the hospitals "are that kind of patient exactly."

Another potential hepatitis A exposure probed in Roanoke

THE ROANOKE TIMES

A possible hepatitis A exposure has been identified by local health officials at another Roanoke restaurant.

It's the latest in an ongoing series of hepatitis A infections within the regional Roanoke and Alleghany Health Districts involving restaurant workers and the wider community.

As in other recent incidents, a food service employee was diagnosed with hepatitis A, a potentially lethal liver inflammation that can be transmitted by consuming contaminated food or drink.

However, after gathering information this week at Tuco's Taqueria Garaje, the health department determined that the infected worker did not directly handle food and there is "no significant risk of exposure to the public."

That was also the original announced no-risk finding earlier this month after an employee of Luigi's Italian Gourmet tested positive for hepatitis A. The health department later modified that statement, saying the worker may have handled food before it was cooked after all.

Also, as it did for Luigi's customers, the health department will offer hepatitis A vaccines, this time to anyone who had fare from Tuco's, a Southwestern-style eatery on Salem Avenue, from May 3 to 15.

"Out of an abundance of caution and given the high level of sensitivity to the current hepatitis A outbreak in our community," the health department said.

Those vaccines will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last, at the Roanoke Health Department, located on the second floor at 1502 Williamson Road:

3 to 6 p.m. Thursday
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday
1 to 4 p.m. Friday

"We are saddened to announce another case connected to a current hepatitis A outbreak in our area" said Dr. Cynthia Morrow, local health department director.

The local health district said last week it had identified 56 cases of hepatitis A this year. Typically, the area sees an average of two to three cases per year.

Most of the cases have been identified in at-risk populations, particularly the among members of the substance use community, injection drug users and the homeless. The large majority of cases are located in Roanoke and are found in those aged 30-39.

Hepatitis A is a virus that causes liver inflammation, which can prevent the organ from functioning normally. The virus is spread through fecal to oral transmission, which means a person ingests fecal matter, usually in microscopic amounts.

People also can contract the virus from using drugs with others, certain types of sexual contact or caring for someone who has the virus.

Symptoms may develop 15 to 50 days following exposure. People are at increased risk if they have been in close and continuous contact with an infected person, particularly in a household or day care setting.

Last year, a hepatitis outbreak at two Roanoke-area Famous Anthony's restaurant locations that originated from an employee killed four people and hospitalized more than 30.

The health department said it conducted a comprehensive inspection at Tuco's and interviewed key personnel.

"The restaurant's management team is fully cooperating with the investigation," according to the health department, which determined the worker didn't handle food directly and led to a finding of "low risk" to the public.

Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, changing a diaper or before preparing food can help prevent the spread of hepatitis A. Routine vaccination reduces the risk of this disease and is available to anyone. Virginia has experienced widespread outbreaks of hepatitis A, and vaccination is recommended for everyone.

For more information, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/epidemiology-fact-sheets/hepatitis-a/

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON PROPOSED NEW FEE AND FEE INCREASES

A ***Public Hearing*** will be held by the ***Council*** of the City of Danville, Virginia on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, at which time citizens may appear and be heard by the Council on the following proposals by the City of Danville, Virginia:

1. Hangar Rental Fees

To increase hangar rental fees identified below, effective July 1, 2022, pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9 and Danville City Charter § 2-19:

RENTAL FEE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
80' X 80' Clear Span	$1,040	$1,248
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To establish and increase rental fees identified below, effective July 1, 2022, pursuant to Danville City Code § 2-9 and § 25-3, and Danville City Charter § 2-19:

FACILITY	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Library Auditorium	$15 per hour	$25 per hour
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A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be viewed on weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the office of the City Clerk located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 427 Patton Street, Danville, Virginia.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL,
City of Danville, Virginia
Susan M. DeMasi, CMC, City Clerk

Council Letter
City of Danville, Virginia

CL-2773 Old Business Item #: A.

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date:	06/21/2022
Subject:	Consideration of the City of Danville Budget, CSP, and Budget Appropriation Ordinance
From:	Henrietta Weaver, Accountant

COUNCIL ACTION

First Reading: 06/07/2022

Final Adoption: 06/21/2022

SUMMARY

The Public Hearing for the Budget of the City of Danville and Capital and Special Projects (CSP) is scheduled to be held on June 7, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The City Manager presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget in early March 2022. City Council held a work session and meetings with City staff in April to review and make modifications to the proposed budget. City Council's Introductory Budget was presented for public review on April 30, 2022; a public hearing was scheduled for June 7, 2022.

There are no real estate tax rate increases proposed in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023. A public hearing was held May 17, 2022 on the real estate tax rate.

A public hearing was held on June 7, 2022 for proposed rate and fee increases in the following areas: $0.39 increase in personal property tax on aircraft, increase in hangar rental rates, a $10 increase in rental fee for Public Library auditorium, and a $25 new fee for rental of Public Library maker space. The schedule of authorized full-time and full-time equivalent part-time positions is included.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached Resolutions approving the City and CSP Budgets, and the Budget Appropriation Ordinance to appropriate the budget to the various funds for Fiscal Year 2023.

Attachments

Resolution

Resolution

Ordinance

Authorized Positions

PRESENTED: June 7, 2022

ADOPTED: June 21, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 06 . 26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Budget of and for the City of Danville for Fiscal year 2023 has been prepared and introduced by the City Manager and received and considered by the Council, including the Budgets for the following funds:

Fund	Proposed Expenditure	Contribution/ Transfer to (from) General Fund
General Fund	$ 122,537,580	$
VDOT Special Revenue Fund	11,853,520	
Wastewater	11,216,510	705,760
Water	10,769,770	953,300
Gas	26,261,180	3,196,330
Power & Light	129,291,090	10,572,610
Telecommunications	1,107,640	81,000
Transportation	5,582,070	
Central Services	299,850	
Motorized Equipment	5,112,890	
Insurance Fund	4,056,700	
Sanitation Fund	4,531,680	
Cemetery Fund	995,580	

AND WHEREAS, a brief synopsis of said Budget has been duly published and a public hearing with respect thereto has been conducted by the Council, after due public notice thereof, and upon consideration of which it is now necessary and desirable to approve the same as prescribed by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia that the attached Budgets for the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 representing the General Fund, VDOT Special Revenue, Water, Wastewater, Gas, Power & Light, Telecommunications, Transportation, Central Services, Motorized Equipment, Insurance, Sanitation, and Cemetery Funds, be, and the same are hereby, approved for

informative and fiscal planning purposes pursuant to the City Charter and Sections 15.2-2503 through 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

APPROVED:

A. L. Jones

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M. Dell

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

PRESENTED: June 7, 2022

ADOPTED: June 21, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 06 . 27

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL AND SPECIAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Danville has proposed, and the City Council has reviewed a plan prioritizing, scheduling, and funding capital and special projects; and

WHEREAS, this plan has been updated to assist with the City in the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of various public facilities that promote the development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides an expedient process for the City of Danville to acquire, construct, extend, renovate, and improve its utility systems in an orderly and coordinated fashion to promote the public welfare of the City and to comply with Federal and State environmental protection regulations; and

WHEREAS, projects proposed to be funded with proceeds from bonds and bond anticipation notes are contingent upon City Council's approval of the issuance of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, such approval shall be by resolution and appropriation by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it should be recognized that the plan beyond Fiscal Year 2023 is for planning purposes and does not obligate or commit the City to projects included in the plan beyond Fiscal Year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital and Special Projects Plan referred to above and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney

Americans plan for summer despite COVID surge

CALEB JONES AND
STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

HONOLULU — A high school prom in Hawaii where masked dancers weren't allowed to touch. A return to virtual city council meetings in one Colorado town after the mayor and others tested positive following an in-person session. A reinstated mask mandate at skilled nursing facilities in Los Angeles County after 22 new outbreaks in a single week.

A COVID-19 surge is underway that is starting to cause disruptions as the school year wraps up and Americans prepare for summer vacations. Many people, though, have returned to their pre-pandemic routines and plans, which often involve travel.

Case counts are as high as they've been since mid-February and those figures are likely a major undercount because of unreported positive home test results and asymptomatic infections. Earlier this month, an influential modeling group at the University of Washington in Seattle estimated that only 13% of cases were being reported to U.S. health authorities.

Hospitalizations are also up and more than one-third of the U.S. population lives in areas that are considered at high risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Northeast has been hit the hardest.

Yet vaccinations have stagnated and elected officials nationwide seem loath to impose new restrictions on a public that's ready to move on even as the U.S. death toll surpassed 1 million people less than 2 1/2 years into the outbreak.

"People probably are underestimating the prevalence of COVID," said Crystal Watson, public health lead in the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security's Coronavirus Resource Center. "I think there's a lot more virus out there than we recognize, and so people are much, much more likely than they anticipate to be exposed and infected."

A major metric for the pandemic — the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases in the U.S. — skyrocketed over the last two weeks, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. The figure was about 76,000 on May 9 and jumped to nearly 109,000 on Monday. That was the highest it had been since mid-February, when the omicron-fueled surge was winding down.

Deaths are still on the decline and hospital intensive care units aren't swamped like they were at other times during the pandemic, likely because vaccinations and immunity from people who have already had the disease are keeping many cases less severe.

CALEB JONES, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brett Walsh and Emma Yates, bottom right, tourists from Australia, sit Monday on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. A COVID-19 surge is under way that is starting to cause disruptions as schools wrap up for the year and Americans prepare for summer vacations.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGETS – CITY OF DANVILLE

A ***Public Hearing*** will be held by the ***Council*** of the City of Danville, Virginia on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon after as may be heard, in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 427 Patton Street, on the proposed budgets of the City of Danville for the Year Ending June 30, 2023. At the above time and place, the Council will receive written and oral comments from ***Citizens***. The proposed budgets may be examined on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Office of the City Clerk located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 427 Patton Street, the Danville Public Library on Patton Street. Presented below is a brief synopsis of the proposed Budgets.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL'S INTRODUCTORY FY 2023 BUDGETS - CITY OF DANVILLE

GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	EXPENDITURES	GENERAL FUND
General Property Taxes	$ 37,217,240	General Government Administration	$ 12,895,380
Other Local Taxes	31,329,500	Judicial & Constitutional Offices	8,190,080
Licenses, Permits & Privilege Fees	283,330	Public Safety	35,219,710
Fines and Forfeitures	353,000	Public Works & Transportation	4,964,270
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	696,940	Health & Welfare	9,520,590
Charges for Services	3,336,230	Parks, Recreation & Cultural	5,796,630
Transfers from Other Funds	17,673,000	Community Development	2,257,270
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,100	Non-Departmental	16,142,970
Recovered Costs	8,490,570	Support of Other Entities	1,720,080
Non-Categorical Aid (State)	5,525,020	Transfers Out:	
Shared Expenses (State)	5,637,550	Schools Operations	22,812,500
Categorical Aid (State and Federal)	10,070,100	Schools Debt Service	1,705,390
		RIFA	75,000
Toal Revenues	120,637,580	Transportation	-
Transfer from Fund Balance	1,900,000	Cemeteries	-
		Motorized Equipment	292,710
		Capital Projects	165,000
		Grants	780,000
Total General Fund	$ 122,537,580		$ 122,537,580
VDOT Street Maintenance Special Revenue	11,853,520	Street Maintenance Expenses	11,853,520
Total General & Special Revenue Funds	**$ 134,391,100**		**$ 134,391,100**

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

	Wastewater	Water	Gas	Electric	Telecom	Transportation	Central Services	Motorized Equipment	Insurance	Sanitation	Cemetery	Grand Total
Operating Revenues	$ 9,188,520	$ 9,033,560	$ 22,703,540	$ 122,974,470	$ 771,300	$ 4,472,200	$ 296,220	$ 3,894,640	$ 4,067,710	$ 3,855,930	$ 975,770	$ 182,233,860
Expenditures	10,510,750	9,816,470	23,064,850	118,718,480	1,026,640	5,582,070	299,850	5,112,890	4,056,700	4,531,680	995,580	183,715,960
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,322,230)	(782,910)	(361,310)	4,255,990	(255,340)	(1,109,870)	(3,630)	(1,218,250)	11,010	(675,750)	(19,810)	(1,482,100)
Add: Depreciation	2,028,770	1,660,660	1,690,430	8,696,410	485,610	797,270	13,880	925,540		379,820		16,678,390
Contribution/Transfer (to) from General Fund	(705,760)	(953,300)	(3,196,330)	(10,572,610)	(81,000)			292,710				(15,216,290)
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	$ 780	$ (75,550)	$ (1,867,210)	$ 2,379,790	$ 149,270	$ (312,600)	$ 10,250	$ -	$ 11,010	$ (295,930)	$ (19,810)	$ (20,000)

COMBINED FUNDS

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
General Fund	$ 120,637,580	$ 122,537,580
Special Revenue Fund	11,853,520	11,853,520
Proprietary Funds	182,233,860	183,715,960
Subtotal	314,724,960	318,107,060
Add:		
Transfer to General Fund		15,509,000
Transfers from Fund Balance	4,763,810	2,551,100
Deduct:		
Transfers from General Fund		
Transfers to Fund Balance		
Depreciation		(16,678,390)
Subtotal	319,488,770	319,488,770
Less:		
Interfund Transfers	(9,310,650)	(9,310,650)
Interfund Recoveries	(17,673,000)	(17,673,000)
Interfund Charges	(6,828,480)	(6,828,480)
Total Budget	$ 285,676,640	$ 285,676,640

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL
City of Danville, Virginia
Susan M. DeMasi, CMC City Clerk

PRESENTED: June 7, 2022

ADOPTED: June 21, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 06 . 04

BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Budget of and for the City of Danville for Fiscal Year 2023 has been prepared by the City Manager and, after collaboration with the Council, completed and introduced and a brief synopsis thereof was duly published once in the newspaper having general circulation within the City and due notice given of a public hearing which was held on June 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers, at which any citizen of the City had a right and opportunity to attend and to state his views with regard to such Budget, and such public hearing having been held as advertised, all pursuant to the requirements and provisions of Sections 8-6 and 8-7 of the Charter of the City of Danville, Virginia, 1986, as amended, and of Chapter 25 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Council, after having duly considered all views and opinions expressed at such public hearing, approved such budget and does now desire to appropriate funds necessary and available to finance the Budget for the operations of the City for Fiscal Year 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Danville, Virginia, that:

1. The Estimated Revenues and Revenue Contributions and the appropriation of funds to finance the Budgets of and for the City of Danville, Virginia, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be, and the same hereby are, as follows:

I. GENERAL FUND

Estimated Revenue FY 2023	$122,537,580
Appropriations	122,537,580
Unappropriated	-0-

II. VDOT STREET MAINTENANCE FUND

Estimated Revenue FY 2023	$11,853,520
Appropriations	11,853,520
Unappropriated	-0-

III. UTILITY FUNDS

		Wastewater	Water	Gas	Electric	Telecommunications
Operating Revenues	$	9,188,520	9,033,560	22,703,540	122,974,470	771,300
Expenditures		10,510,750	9,816,470	23,064,850	118,718,480	1,026,640
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(1,322,230)	(782,910)	(361,310)	4,255,990	(255,340)
Add:						
Depreciation		2,028,770	1,660,660	1,690,430	8,696,410	485,610
Contribution/Transfer (To)/From General Fund		(705,760)	(953,300)	(3,196,330)	(10,572,610)	(81,000)
Increase (Decrease In Fund Balance	**$**	**780**	**(75,550)**	**(1,867,210)**	**2,379,790**	**149,270**

IV. OTHER FUNDS

		Transportation	Central Services	Motorized Equipment	Insurance	Sanitation	Cemetery
Operating Revenues	$	4,472,200	296,220	3,894,640	4,067,710	3,855,930	975,770
Expenditures		5,582,070	299,850	5,112,890	4,056,700	4,531,680	995,580
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(1,109,870)	(3,630)	(1,218,250)	11,010	(675,750)	(19,810)
Add:							
Depreciation		797,270	13,880	925,540		379,820	
Contribution/Transfer (To)/From General Fund				292,710			
Increase (Decrease In Fund Balance)	**$**	**(312,600)**	**10,250**	**-0-**	**11,010**	**(295,930)**	**(19,810)**

2. Flexible budgets are hereby authorized whereby appropriations may be increased to the extent that actual revenues exceed the original revenue budget amount. This provision shall apply to the following:

Appropriation	Revenue
Purchased Power	Electric Revenues
Natural Gas Purchases	Natural Gas Revenues
Cast Iron Main Replacement	Gas Refunds
Electric Capital Reserve	Electric Refunds
DMV Fees	DMV Fees-P/Taxes
Landscape Projects	Donations - Grant Fund
Capital Expenditures from Grants-in-Aid	Utility Grants-in-Aid of Construction
P/W Street Maintenance	VDOT Street & Hwy Maintenance
Social Services	State Categorical Aid – Department of Social Services
Mass Transit Fund	State & Federal Categorical Aid – Transportation
Police/Fire/PRT Departments Extra Pay	Recoveries – Extra Pay
Police Department	Federal & State Forfeiture Funds
Police Department Investigation Expense	Interest Earned – Unexpended Federal & State Forfeiture Funds
Commonwealth Attorney Prosecution Expense – State	Forfeited Funds and Interest Earned on Forfeited Funds
HAZMAT Reimbursable Expenditures	Emergency Services Funds
Older Americans Title IIIB	Program Income
Older Americans Title IIID	Program Income
Economic Development Projects	Proceeds from Sale of Buildings or Property

Appropriation	Revenue
Human Resources Wellness Program Expenditures	Wellness Recovery Funds
Grant Funds	State/Federal Funding & Private Donations
Clerk of Court – Index/Records	Virginia Supreme Court – Technology Trust Fund
Community Development Fund CDBG-Rehab-Private Property HOME-Rehab-Private Property	Program Income
All Funds Repairs/Replacement from Insurance/Accident Claims	Recoveries – Accident Claims

3. For the operation of the several city departments, as set forth in the "Intra-governmental Service Fund" Budgets, the Council hereby authorizes transfers from the General Fund for cash deficits resulting from internal charges and credits for the Year Ended June 30, 2021.

4. The accounting for funds designated within all funds as unanticipated grants/donations not exceeding $100,000 and requiring no local funding are authorized for expenditure/assignment within the appropriate fund ***unless council action is required by the Grantor***. Unanticipated grants/donations in excess of $100,000 to be submitted as an additional appropriation ordinance for City Council approval and adoption.

5. Transfers of funds from the General Fund to the accounts in the "Special Grants Fund" of the City for the purpose of making temporary advances to the Special Grants Fund pending receipt of reimbursements of such grant funds and for the purpose of adjusting any cash deficits in such Special Grants Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, be, and the same are hereby, authorized.

6. Any deficit resulting from the operations of the Cemetery Enterprise Fund and Motorized Equipment Fund shall be financed by a transfer from the General Fund.

7. Authorization to transfer up to ½ the increase in Unassigned Fund Balance to the Budget Stabilization Fund at June 30, 2022 up to the maximum balance as prescribed by City Council's Financial Policy.

8. Authorization to transfer unexpended funds for the Line of Duty Act (LODA), General Liability Insurance, and Worker's Compensation to the Insurance Fund to be held in reserve for future expenses unless such transfer reduces unassigned Fund Balance/Retained Earnings in respective funds.

9. The Fiscal Year 2023 Personnel Budget setting forth the Personal Services Detail showing approved as to the total number of authorized full-time and full-time equivalent part-time positions is attached. The City Manager be, and he is hereby, authorized to allocate positions within similar occupational groupings as he may deem necessary and appropriate for the operation of the City, provided that the total number of positions and the total expenditures therefore do not exceed the authorized numbers and amounts set forth in the Budget.

10. The Chief Financial Officer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to record the budget appropriations made hereby and the expenditures thereof in such manner and in such detail as may be appropriate for management and financial reporting purposes.

11. A sum of sufficient amount be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purchase of inventories of materials and supplies, and/or equipment and vehicle parts to maintain adequate operating inventories for City departments, provided cash funds are available for payment of said purchases.

12. The funds appropriated in Fiscal Year 2022 and in prior years for the City or School System which were encumbered by purchase order or contract as of June 30, 2022, be, and the same are hereby, reappropriated for the purpose of liquidating said outstanding encumbrances.

13. Appropriations for the following are deemed to be on a continuing basis and will continue in effect until the purposes have been achieved or said funds expended whichever comes first:

Police Department - Investigation Expense

Commonwealth Attorney-Prosecution Expense-State Funds

Appropriations for Grants Funds - Federal, State, Local Share

Law Library

Unexpended Tuition Reimbursement Funds – To the extent funding has been committed and approved prior to June 30

Capital Improvement Projects (unless transferred or cancelled by the City Manager and/or City Council)

Sheriff's Office – Jail R& B Fee

Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Scholarship Funds & Revolving Accounts

Recoveries/Appropriations - Accident/Insurance Claims

CARES Act Funds

14. Appropriations designated as transfers to Capital Improvements, other than projects funded by grant or the issuance of bonds, are hereby authorized as appropriations in the receiving fund in accordance with the Capital Improvements Plan approved by City Council.

15. Transfers from the Casino holding account are authorized to be posted to projects and operations as approved by City Council Resolution.

16. At the discretion of the City Manager or the Budget Director in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer, expenditures in excess of the amount budgeted for Group Health Insurance, in part or in whole, can be financed by a transfer from the Insurance Fund, if sufficient reserves are available in the Insurance Fund.

17. Authorization for appropriation of Law Library Revenues reserved from prior fiscal years in Advance Collections.

18. Authorization for appropriation of Children's Services Act (CSA) Revenues reserved from prior fiscal year in Special Revenue Fund - Undesignated.

19. Authorization to carry forward unexpended appropriation for Regional Industrial Facilities Authority Debt Service including interest earned and to designate as reserved funding to be used for the purpose for which it was appropriated.

20. Authorization to carry forward unencumbered appropriation for Support of Public Schools as of June 30, 2022.

21. Authorization for the City to transfer any unencumbered funds for Support of Public Schools from Schools Operations account to School Capital Projects in the Capital Projects Fund as requested by Schools.

22. Authorization for appropriation in the Capital Projects Fund of Support of and Debt Service requirements for the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority as provided in the General Fund Budget.

23. Subject to the provisions herein, departments are authorized to transfer budget between line items within the department within the same fund with the following limitations:

- No transfers allowed to or from salary/benefit line items to operating line items unless approved by City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or Budget Director.
- No transfers allowed from fixed line items (General Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation, Depreciation, Debt Service Principal/Interest, Motorpool Rental) to operating or salary/benefit line items unless approved by City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or Budget Director.
- All transfers must be approved by Department Director or designee.

24. The City Manager or designee is authorized to transfer budget from contingency within same fund.

25. City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or Budget Director authorized to transfer funds between departments within same fund at year-end to cover over-expenditures and during the fiscal year for special one-time purposes.

26. Budget Adjustments are hereby authorized for Bond Refundings as approved by City Council.

27. Transfers of funds from the General Fund to the Economic Development Fund are available for transfer to the Industrial Development Authority for payments of economic development projects.

28. This Ordinance shall become and be effective on and as of July 1, 2022.

AND BE IF FINALLY ORDAINED that a transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund up to $3,000,000 is hereby authorized to cover various revenue shortfalls per the guidelines of the Budget Stabilization Fund Policy.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:

City Attorney