

City Council Special Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 5:30 PM

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission of the City of Salem, Virginia
Salem Civic Center, Community Room, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, VA 24153

1. Call to Order

A Joint Special Meeting/Work Session of the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, along with the Planning Commission of the City of Salem was held at the Salem Civic Center, Community Room, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia, 24153, on February 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., there being present the following members of said Council, to wit: Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor; James W. Wallace, III, Vice-Mayor; Council members: Byron Randolph Foley, William D. Jones, and H. Hunter Holliday; Chris Dorsey, City Manager and Executive Secretary; H. Robert Light, Assistant City Manager, Clerk of Council, and Deputy Executive Secretary to the Planning Commission; and Chris Dadak, on behalf of Jim Guynn, City Attorney. Also present were Chuck Van Allman, Director of Community Development; Mary Ellen Wines, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Max Dillon, Planner I; and the following members of the Planning Commission: Vicki G. Daulton, Chair; Denise P. King, Vice-Chair; Reid Garst, Neil L. Conner, and Jackson Beamer. In addition, the following representatives for Hope Tree were in attendance: Jon Morris, Hope Tree; Todd Robertson, Stateson Homes; Mike Snyder, Snyder & Associates; Tom Low, Civic By Design; and Chris Burns, Balzer & Associates; and the following business was transacted:

A. Roll Call

1) Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor
Salem City Council

2) Vicki G. Daulton, Chair
Planning Commission of the City of Salem, Virginia

Mayor Turk and Chair Daulton called the meeting to order and reported that this date, place, and time had been set for City Council and the Planning Commission to hold a work session.

2. New Business

A. Joint Work Session with Planning Commission

The meeting is an informational meeting only related to the Hope Tree rezoning application; no official action will occur on behalf of Council. There will be no public hearing component at this meeting.

Hope Tree provided an overview of the rezoning request submittal that had been made. Staff reviewed public comments from the public hearing held at the February 14, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. Staff provided insight and Council and the Planning Commission posed questions they had to the Hope Tree representatives.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Turk inquired if there were any other items for discussion and hearing none, adjourned the joint session at 8:45 p.m..