

City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia 24153

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, was called to order at 7:30 p.m., there being present the following members to wit: Byron Randolph Foley, Mayor, William D. Jones, Vice-Mayor, Council members: Jane W. Johnson, James A. Martin, and James L. Chisom; along with Kevin S. Boggess, City Manager; James E. Taliaferro, II, Assistant City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Melinda J. Payne, Director of Economic Development; Mike Stevens, Communications Director; and Stephen M. Yost, City Attorney.

Mayor Foley recognized new Salem Police Officer Christopher N. Hawks and thanked him for his service. He also noted that Officer Hawks had previously been a firefighter for the City.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Bid Openings, Awards, Recognitions

4. Consent Agenda

A. **Minutes**

Consider acceptance of minutes from the January 8, 2018, special meeting, work session, and regular meeting.

Accepted as presented

B. **Financial Report**

Consider the acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for five months ending November 2017.

Received

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. **Special Exception Permit**

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Jennifer Wiseman, lessee, and Roanoke Investments LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a beauty salon and day spa on the property located at 1200 Electric Road (Tax Map # 230-2-1). (Advertised in the January 4 and 11 issues of the Salem Times Register. Recommend approval see Page 1 Planning Commission minutes.) **STAFF REPORT**

Mayor Foley reported that notice of such public hearing had been published in the January 4 and 11 issues of the Salem Times Register, and the Planning Commission at its January 10 meeting recommended approval of the request.

Staff noted the following regarding the Special Exception Permit request: the subject property consists of a single parcel of approximately 0.4 acres, located at the southeast corner of Electric Road and Campbell Street, north of the intersection of Electric Road and Indiana Street. The property is occupied by a two-story office building. This request is to allow a beauty salon and day spa as a tenant in the office building. A beauty salon and day spa is considered a personal service and requires a special exception permit in RB zoning.

Mr. Taliaferro noted the property is zoned RB Residential Business District which requires a Special Exception Permit for a salon. He further noted that the petitioners were in attendance, the Planning Commission recommended approval, and no one spoke in opposition at that meeting.

James Martin noted that he did not have any specific questions. He believes this will be a good use for the property, and he hopes that everything goes well for the lessees.

Mayor Foley opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this request. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

James Martin motioned to approve the request of Jennifer Wiseman, lessee, and Roanoke Investments LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a beauty salon and day spa on the property located at 1200 Electric Road (Tax Map # 230-2-1). Jane Johnson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Johnson, Jones, Martin

B. Taxicabs

Consider setting the date for a public hearing in accordance with Section 98-94 of THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, for the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the next twelve (12) months. (Suggest March 12, 2018).

Mayor Foley noted that staff has recommended setting the public hearing for March 12, 2018.

William Jones motioned to set a public hearing in accordance with Section 98-94 of THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, for the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for March 12, 2018. James Chisom seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Johnson, Jones, Martin

C. Wireless Communications Infrastructure Bills

Consider adopting Resolution 1328 regarding wireless communications infrastructure bills HB1258 and SB405. **Supplemental Item**

Mr. Taliaferro noted last year the General Assembly had a couple of bills similar to the ones this year that would remove a lot of local government control over cellular towers. There was a compromise bill last year, but those same bills have basically reappeared this year. So Resolution 1328 would oppose the two bills in the General Assembly.

Mayor Foley asked there was anything else besides this resolution we should be doing. Should Council follow up with emails to Delegate Habeeb, Senator Suetterlein, and the others? Mr. Taliaferro noted that this would be a good idea.

James Martin motioned to adopt Resolution 1328 regarding wireless infrastructure bills HB1258 and SB405. James Chisom seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Johnson, Jones, Martin

D. 2017 Football State Championship

Consider adopting Resolution 1329 honoring the Salem High School Football team for winning the 2017 Virginia High School League 4A State Championship. **Supplemental Item**

Mayor Foley congratulated the team on their win and noted City Council will present the resolution to the entire team in a joint presentation with the Salem School Board on Wednesday, January 31 at the high school.

William Jones motioned to adopt Resolution 1329 honoring the Salem Football team for winning the 2017 Virginia High School League 4A State Championship. Jane Johnson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Johnson, Jones, Martin

7. Closed Session

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.