

City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2019, 7:30 PM

Electric Department Conference Room, Electric Department, 730 West Main 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 (absent), Jane W. Johnson, Vice-Mayor, Council members: William D. Jones, James A. Martin, and John E. Saunders; along with James E. Taliaferro, II, Interim City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; and Stephen M. Yost, City Attorney.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

Consider acceptance of the minutes from the March 11, 2019, work session and regular meeting.

Accepted as presented

4. New Business

A. Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA)

Consider request to adopt Resolution 1354 setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief for the 2019 tax year. **Audit - Finance Committee.**

Mr. Jones noted the Audit Finance Committee met earlier this evening to discuss this request. In December 2005, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) provided relief to owners of personal use motor vehicles statewide. City Council adopted an ordinance enacting these changes to the Act in December 2005. The City uses the "Specific Relief" method to allocate the relief at the same percentage across the board to the first \$20,000 of personal use value. Vehicles valued at \$1,000 and below receive 100% tax relief. The Committee reviewed the request and recommends adoption of the resolution that establishes the percentage reduction for personal property tax relief at 56.66% for the City of Salem for the 2019 tax year.

William Jones motioned to adopt Resolution 1354 setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief for the 2019 tax year. James Martin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Martin, Saunders

Absent: Foley

B. Budget Work Session Dates

Consider setting dates for 2019-20 budget work sessions. (Suggested dates are April 23, 24, and 25, 2019.)

Mr. Taliaferro noted that Council needs to consider setting dates for the 2019-20 budget work sessions. The proposed dates are April 23, 24, and 25, 2019.

William Jones motioned to set April 23, 24, and 25, 2019, for 2019-20 budget work sessions. James Martin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Martin, Saunders

Absent: Foley

5. Closed Session

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.