

# City Council Meeting MINUTES

*Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:30 PM*

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

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## 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 (absent), and John E. Saunders; with Jane W. Johnson, Vice-Mayor, presiding; together with James E. Taliaferro, II, Interim City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Melinda J. Payne, Director of Economic Development; Mike Stevens, Communications Director; Charles E. VanAllman, Jr., Community Development Director; Judy Hough, Deputy City Clerk; and Stephen M. Yost, City Attorney.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. Consent Agenda

### A. **Minutes**

Consider acceptance of the minutes from the March 22, 2019, special meeting and from the March 25, 2019, joint work session and regular meeting.

Accepted as presented

### B. **Financial Report**

Consider the acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the eight months ending February 2019.

Received

## 4. Old Business

### A. **Budget Work Session Dates**

Consider revising dates for the 2019-20 budget work sessions. (Suggested new dates are April 29 and 30, 2019.)

William Jones motioned to set April 29 and 30, 2019, for the 2019-20 budget work sessions. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Saunders

Absent: Foley, Martin

**5. New Business**

**A. Appropriation of Funds**

Consider request to amend School Operating Fund and School Grants Fund as approved by the School Board on October 9, 2018. **Audit - Finance Committee**

Mr. Jones noted the Audit Finance Committee met earlier this morning. The School Operating Fund and Grants Fund budgets were amended for fiscal year 2018-2019 by the School Board at their meeting on October 9, 2018. The Board amended the Operating Fund to increase revenues and expenditures by \$318,311. They also amended the Grants Fund to increase revenues and expenditures by \$10,026. The Committee reviewed the request and recommends appropriating \$318,311 to the Operating Fund and \$10,026 to the Grants Fund.

William Jones motioned to approve School Division budget amendments of \$318,311 to the Operating Fund and \$10,026 to the Grants Fund. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Saunders

Absent: Foley, Martin

**B. Appropriation of Funds**

Consider request to amend School Operating Fund, School Grants Fund and School Cafeteria Fund as approved by the School Board on March 26, 2019. **Audit - Finance Committee**

Mr. Jones noted the Audit Finance Committee also discussed this request. The School Operating Fund, Grants Fund, and Cafeteria Fund budgets were amended for fiscal year 2018-2019 by the School Board at their meeting on March 26, 2019. The Board amended the Operating Fund, Grants Fund and Cafeteria Fund by \$401,398, \$27,557, and \$2,275 respectively. The Committee reviewed the request and recommends appropriating \$401,398, \$27,557, and \$2,275 to the Operating Fund, Grants Fund, and Cafeteria Fund respectively.

William Jones motioned to approve School Division budget amendments of \$401,398 to the Operating Fund, \$27,557 to the Grants Fund, and \$2,275 to the Cafeteria Fund. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Saunders

Absent: Foley, Martin

**C. Appropriation of Funds**

Consider request to appropriate funds for CDBG Community Improvement Grant and approve Resolution for CDBG project. **Audit - Finance Committee (Supplemental Item)**

Mr. Jones stated the Audit Finance Committee also discussed this request. The City has applied for and been awarded a FY2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$535,000. These funds will come from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to undertake a Downtown Revitalization Project. A requirement of the grant is that the funds need to be appropriated and a resolution passed before the contract is completed and executed by VDHCD. The Committee reviewed the request and recommends approving Resolution 1355 and appropriating \$535,000 to revenue account, State Grants - Capital Projects and expenditure account, CDBG Project.

William Jones motioned to approve Resolution 1355 and to appropriate \$535,000 for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Project. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Saunders

Absent: Foley, Martin

**6. Closed Session**

**A. Closed Session**

Hold a closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711A(3) and A(8) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for a discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Mr. Jones motioned to move to closed session at 7:37 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711A(3) and Section 2.2-3711A(8) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for a discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the

provision of legal advice by such counsel. John Saunders seconded the motion.

William Jones motioned to reconvene at 8:37 p.m. and that in accordance with Section 2.2-3712D of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended to date, Council hereby certifies that in Closed Session only items lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such items identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Saunders

Absent: Foley, Martin

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.