

City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, September 28, 2020, 6:30 PM

Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia
24153

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, was called to order at 6:30 p.m., there being present all the members to wit: Renee F. Turk, Mayor, James W. Wallace, III, Vice-Mayor, Council members: Byron Randolph Foley, William D. Jones, and John E. Saunders; with Renee F. Turk, Mayor, presiding; together with James E. Taliaferro, II, City Manager; Rob Light, Assistant City Manager; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Charles E. VanAllman, Jr., Community Development Director; Mike Stevens, Communications Director; and Judy L. Hough, Deputy City Clerk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

Consider acceptance of the minutes from the September 14, 2020, regular meeting.

Accepted

B. Financial Report

Consider the acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the two months ending August 2020.

Received

4. New Business

A. Salem City School Board

Consider setting date for public hearing in accordance with Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, regarding the expiration of term for David Preston. (Suggest date of October 12, 2020) **AMENDED**

Randy Foley motioned to set a public hearing date of October 12, 2020, to receive candidates for the expiration of term for David Preston on the Salem City School Board. William Jones seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

B. Resolution of Support

Consider adopting Resolution 1389 in support of a grant applications for the Smart Scale Program.

Mr. VanAllman noted that this is a standard resolution that agencies such as the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) require when the City applies for a specific grant. This one is a Smart Scale Grant which is done every two years. He further discussed the Smart Scale funding program. He noted there are four projects. Two of those projects are downtown plans, finishing up College Avenue south of the current project and finishing the small section from White Oak Alley east to Market Street. The third one is finishing up the Roanoke River Greenway basically from Rotary Park down to the section that was completed on Cook Drive. The last project, which has been discussed for years, is the Apperson Drive (Route 11) and Orchard Drive intersection. Staff has spoken to VDOT engineers and asked them to help us determine what can be done at this intersection. He again noted that we are not obligated to these projects, and the Smart Scale Program is 100% grant funded so we do not have to match the monies we receive. Also, this is not to determine if these will be local projects administered by the City or if we allow VDOT to administer them. He noted that there are advantages to both methods.

There was further discussion regarding the Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive intersection.

Randy Foley motioned to adopt Resolution 1389 in support of grant applications for the Smart Scale Program. William Jones seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

C. Boards and Commissions

Consider appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Turk noted that the Boards and Commissions vacancies are listed on the City's website. There is a vacancy with a candidate for the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. Mrs. Denise "Dee" King has applied for this position. She noted there are other vacancies available, and she went over the list of positions.

Renee Turk motioned to appoint Denise P. King to the vacant seat on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023; and to appoint Rob Light, Assistant City Manager, to the following positions: Clerk of Council, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Salem Planning Commission, and

alternate member of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority. Randy Foley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.