

City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, June 28, 2021, 6:30 PM

Andrew Lewis Middle School Auditorium, 616 S. College Avenue, 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 the following members to wit: Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor; James W. Wallace, III, Vice- Mayor; Council members: Byron Randolph Foley, William D. Jones, and John Saunders; with Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor, presiding together with James E. Taliaferro, II, City Manager; Rob Light, Assistant City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Clark Ruhland, Communications Specialist; Will Simpson, City Engineer; and Jim Guynn, City Attorney.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Bid Openings, Awards, Recognitions

Mayor Turk welcomed from the Salem Police Department Field Training Officer Jonathan Detzler and five new officers that have completed the academy and are currently in the middle of their Field Training period. Mayor Turk thanked them for choosing this field and expressed appreciation to them for their dedication to serving Salem. Field Training Officer Detzler came forward and introduced Jared Bridges, Matthew Duhon, Christopher Hayth, Aaron Haynes, and Hannah Rich. Mayor Turk thanked them again and conveyed that they have the support of the City of Salem behind them.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

Consider the acceptance of the minutes for the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

The June 14, 2021 Regular meeting minutes were approved as written.

B. Financial Reports

Consider acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the eleven months ending May 31, 2021.

The financial reports were received.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Hold public hearing and consider ordinance on first reading for rezoning the property of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition. (As advertised in the June 10 and 17, 2021 issues of the *Salem Times-Register*. Recommend approval; see page 2 of Planning Commission minutes). **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Jones stated that he would be abstaining from the vote as he is a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Will Simpson, City Engineer, clarified the details of the motion.

Mayor Turk opened the public hearing. Adam Hughes, 2542 Ellison Avenue, Worship and Creative Arts Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, came forward to speak. He explained the request for rezoning was to allow for installation of a new electronic sign and shared pictures of the sign with Council.

No other speakers came forward and there were no further questions.

Mayor Turk closed the public hearing.

Randy Foley motioned to rezone the property. Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. Mr. Wallace requested that the proffered conditions be stated for the record. He then shared that the proffered condition was that the property and signage would be used for religious purposes only.

Mr. Taliaferro questioned if the motion included the proffered condition and Mr. Foley restated the motion.

Randy Foley motioned to adopt the ordinance on first reading rezoning the property of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

Abstain: Jones

B. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Hold public hearing and consider ordinance on first reading for rezoning the property

of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District. (As advertised in the June 10 and 17, 2021 issues of the *Salem Times-Register*. Recommend approval; see page 3 of Planning Commission minutes). **STAFF REPORT**

Will Simpson, City Engineer, gave details of the proposed amendment,

Mayor Turk opened the public hearing.

Peter Fields, 6416 N. Barrens Road., Roanoke, owner of the building, spoke on the history of the building and confirmed the intended use for the building. Mr. Foley asked to clarify the available parking for this building. Mr. Fields explained that shared parking with lawyer's office is available behind them. There were no further questions or citizens to speak.

Mayor Turk closed the public hearing.

William Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance on first reading rezoning the property of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District. Randy Foley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

C. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Hold public hearing and consider ordinance on first reading for rezoning the property of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4- 8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District. (As advertised in the June 10 and 17, 2021 issues of the *Salem Times-Register*. Recommend approval; see page 3 of Planning Commission minutes). **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Simpson clarified the details of the proposed rezoning ordinance. Mayor Turk commented on the intent to restore historical use.

Mayor Turk opened the public hearing.

Leslie McVey, 2655 Lees Gap Road, Fincastle, Officer Manager for MCLIP Properties, LLC, addressed Council and stated that the property had recently been added to the Historical Register and spoke to the intent to renovate this property back to original intent for its historic use.

Mayor Turk closed the public hearing.

William Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance on first reading rezoning the property of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4- 8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

D. Special Exception Permit

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3). (As advertised in the June 10 and 17, 2021 issues of the Salem Times-Register. Recommend approval; see page 4 of Planning Commission minutes). **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Simpson explained the details of this request for a Special Exception.

Mayor Turk opened the public hearing.

Timothy Toohig, 5719 Glen Meadow Drive, Roanoke, property owner, addressed Council and confirmed the intent to make this property usable as a two-family dwelling.

William Jones motioned to approve the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3). Randy Foley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

E. Special Exception Permit

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 - 1 -1). (As advertised in the June 10 and 17, 2021 issues of the Salem Times-Register. Recommend approval; see page 6 of Planning Commission minutes). **WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER**

The petitioner has formally withdrawn his Special Exception request; therefore, no further action is required by Council.

F. Abstract of Votes

Receive the Abstract of Votes cast at the Democratic Party Primary Election held on June 8, 2021.

The Abstract of Votes was received.

G. Resolution Ending Local Declaration of Emergency

Consider adoption of Resolution 1402 ending the local declaration of emergency and rescinding its continuity of government ordinance, with such actions to be effective June 30, 2021.

Mr. Light clarified that the resolution also ends the separate continuity of government ordinance for the record.

Randy Foley motioned to adopt Resolution 1402 ending the local declaration of emergency and rescinding its continuity of government ordinance, with such actions to be effective June 30, 2021. William Jones seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

H. Amended City Pay Plan

Consider adoption of amended City Pay Plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

City Manager Taliaferro stated that this amendment addresses the work that has been done with the pay study for the Electric Department and this represents the changes for seven job classifications within the Electric Department.

Randy Foley motioned to adopt the amended City Pay Plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: Foley, Jones, Saunders, Turk, Wallace

7. Adjournment

Mayor Turk stated that Council meetings will be moving back to Council Chambers as a result of the Governor ending the State of Emergency. The first Council meeting in Council Chambers will be the July 26, 2021 meeting. The July 12, 2021 meeting will be held at Salem High School as it includes a joint work session with the School Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Audit-Finance Committee Meeting is cancelled.

There will be no Work Session for the June 28, 2021 meeting.