



CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Regular Session, 6:30 PM, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia 24153

WORK SESSION

[**WORK SESSION IS CANCELLED FOR MARCH 10, 2025**](#)

REGULAR SESSION

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; Anne Marie Green, Vice-Mayor; Councilmembers: Byron Randolph Foley, H. Hunter Holliday, and John Saunders; with Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor, presiding together with Chris Dorsey, City Manager; Rob Light, Assistant City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Chuck Van Allman, Director of Community Development; Mike Stevens, Director of Communications; and Jim Guynn, City Attorney.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Bid Opening, Awards, Recognitions

4. Consent Agenda

A. Citizen Comments

Comments from the public, limited to five minutes, on matters not already having a public hearing at the same meeting.

John Breen, 142 Bogey Lane, addressed Council and spoke of concerns with availability of options for citizen input. He expressed his opinion and suggestions on Council's engagement and communication with the public. He also reviewed items he

originally requested in 2022 that Council place on the November 2025 ballot for nonbinding public votes.

Stella Reinhard, 213 N. Broad Street, spoke to Council on possibilities for enhancing various entry points into the City for both residents and visitors.

B. Minutes

Consider acceptance of the February 24, 2025, Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved as written.

5. Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

6. New Business

A. Roanoke Regional Partnership Annual Presentation

Council will receive the annual presentation from the Roanoke Regional Partnership by John Hull, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

John Hull, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership, presented an overview of the Roanoke Regional Partnership's projects and accomplishments during 2024.

B. Sale of Property

Consider authorizing the City Manager to finalize and execute documents for the sale of the property located at 2102 West Main Street, Tax Map #137-2-1, consisting of 2.68 acres.

City Manager Dorsey gave a brief overview of why this property was purchased in 2019. He also shared details of the proposed contract.

Randy Foley motioned to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute documents for the sale of the property located at 2102 West Main Street, Tax Map #137-2-1. Hunter Holliday seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

C. Appropriation of Funds

Request to appropriate additional federal funding and adjust state and local funding for the Apperson Drive Bridge Project. **Audit - Finance Committee**

Randy Foley motioned to accept the additional HIP Community Project Grant federal funding of \$3,500,000, appropriate the additional federal funding and adjust state and local funding in the Capital Projects Fund. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

D. Appropriation of Funds

Request to appropriate and transfer projects to the Capital Projects Fund, Water Capital Fund, and Sewer Capital Fund. **Audit - Finance Committee**

Randy Foley motioned to appropriate and transfer 2024-2025 operating budget from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Also, to transfer and appropriate 2024 General Obligation bond proceeds and interest from the Water Fund to the Water Capital Fund. Also, to transfer and appropriate 2024-2025 operating budget and net position from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Capital Fund. Additionally, that interest earned on 2024 General Obligation bond proceeds be administratively appropriated when received to be spent on any Water Capital Fund project as specified by the City Manager. Hunter Holliday seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

E. Appropriation of Funds

Request to Appropriate Fund Balance and State Grant Revenue for Ambulance Purchase. **Audit - Finance Committee**

Randy Foley motioned to appropriate \$211,820 to the Designation of Beginning Fund Balance account, increase the budget in the Fire State Grant Revenue account by \$153,180, increase the budget in the Fire State Grant Expenditure account by \$153,180 and increase the budget in the Motor Vehicles and Equipment account by \$211,820. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

F. Boards and Commissions

Consider appointments to various boards and commissions.

Randy Foley motioned to recommend Gary Eanes for Circuit Court reappointment for a five-year term ending March 20, 2030, to the Board of Zoning Appeals; also, to recommend Jeff Zoller for Circuit Court appointment as a full member to replace

Frank Sellers for the remainder of a five-year term ending March 30, 2028, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Anne Marie Green seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

7. Closed Session

Hold a closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711A(5) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for a discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Anne Marie Green motioned that, in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 A(5) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, Council hereby convenes to closed session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. John Saunders seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

Nays: None

Abstaining: None

Anne Marie Green motioned to reconvene at 7:54 p.m. in accordance with Section 2.2-3712 D. of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended to date, Council 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. Randy Foley seconded the motion.

Ayes: John Saunders, Hunter Holliday, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green, Renee Turk

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by:



H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Approved by:



Renée Ferris Turk
Mayor