



CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM

5:30 PM, Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard
Salem, Virginia 24153

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

- 1) Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor
Salem City Council
- 2) Denise P. King, Chair
Planning Commission of the City of Salem, Virginia

A Joint Special Meeting/Work Session of the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, along with the Planning Commission of the City of Salem was held at the Salem Civic Center, Community Room, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia, 24153, on June 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., there being present the following members of said Council, to wit: Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor; Anne Marie Green, Vice-Mayor; Council members: Byron Randolph Foley (absent), H. Hunter Holliday; and John Saunders; Chris Dorsey, City Manager and Executive Secretary; H. Robert Light, Assistant City Manager, Clerk of Council, and Deputy Executive Secretary to the Planning Commission; and Laura Lea Harris, Deputy Clerk. Also present were Chuck Van Allman, Director of Community Development; Will Simpson, Assistant Director of Community Development and City Engineer; Mary Ellen Wines, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Max Dillon, Planner; and the following members of the Planning Commission: Denise P. King, Chair; Reid Garst, Vice-Chair; Jackson Beamer; Nathan Routt; and Mark Henrickson. In addition, Glenn Walters, owner, TownStudio, was present; and the following business was transacted:

Chair King and Mayor Turk called the respective meetings to order, did a Roll Call, and reported that this date, place, and time had been set for The Planning Commission and City Council to hold a Special Meeting/Joint Work Session.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. New Business

Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission

This meeting is an informational meeting only for the presentation and discussion of Comprehensive Plan 2045 - Back to Salem's Future."

Glenn Walters, owner, TownStudio, presented the proposed "Comprehensive Plan 2045 - Back to Salem's Future."

Discussion was held on the proposed Comprehensive Plan between Council and the Planning Commission. Questions they had were responded to by Mr. Walters and City Staff.

Recommendations were made by Mr. Walker for options in moving forward with finalizing the plan.

The next step will be for members of both the Planning Commission and City Council to note the goals they view as most important for the City. Staff will coordinate another meeting of both bodies to review this information and move forward with finalization of the plan.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Turk and Chair King adjourned the respective meetings of Salem City Council and the Planning Commission at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by:



H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Approved by:



Renée Ferris Turk
Mayor