

Holly Gray, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bryan Moyers, Council Member
David Brundage, Council Member



Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

Brian Darby, Council Member
Hogan Page, Council Member
David Thompson, Council Member

**MINUTES
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 S. OAK STREET
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Carl E. "Scooter" Gierisch, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray; Council Members: Brian Darby, Bryan Moyers, David Thompson, and David Brundage; City Manager Cody Petree, City Secretary April S. Hill, and City Attorney Jeff Moore.

DEPT. STAFF: Assistant City Manager/Chief of Police Jeriahme Miller, Fire Chief Chris Addington, Public Works Director Shawn Wilkinson, Parks and Recreation Director Ray McDonald, Development Services Manager J.R. Hames, Executive Assistant Jeannie Homer, Economic Development Manager Siale Langi, and Communication and Public Administrator/Marketing Carissa Katekaru.

ABSENT: Council member Hogan Page.

A. CALL CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER

City Council called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Gierisch.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Cody Petree introduced Siale Langi, the new Economic Development Manager.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

Lindsay Glacy, Roanoke resident, expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City Council members representing her Ward (Ward 1), Holly Gray and Hogan Page. Mrs. Glacy further thanked the Roanoke Fire Department for hosting many tours for the homeschoolers, and the Roanoke Police Department for going above and beyond to teach her children the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



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Mrs. Glacy explained, the first time in 12 years, since moving to Roanoke, she has been put in a precarious situation by statements that were outlandish, unfounded, completely irresponsible, and upsetting. The statements placed a spotlight on homeschoolers and labeling them as fanatical, and being posted on the Trophy Club Public Safety Police and Fire Facebook page. Mrs. Glacy stated she has escalated this matter to the Texas Coalition of Homeschooling and has hired an attorney, as a precaution, due to possible outcomes of the social media posts.

Mrs. Glacy expressed her concerns as a parent, teacher, and for her children, as a direct result from the public accusation. This places a threat to homeschoolers, and city leaders should be held to a higher standard, and act accordingly online. Mrs. Glacy stated this is upsetting and is asking, at the very least, a public retraction be made, as the accusation was made in a public forum. Mrs. Glacy thanked the Mayor and City Council for their time and continued support of home-schooled families.

Mrs. Glacy concluded with Proverbs 13:16

"Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness."

Helen Ward, Roanoke resident, expressed her concerns with the Roanoke Roundup event coinciding with the May elections, as this causes issues with parking at the Roanoke Public Library, making it more difficult to get in to vote. Mrs. Ward asked if it would be possible to change the date and/or the location of the event, to eliminate this issue.

Mrs. Ward stated she attends almost all City Council meetings, and has made an observation. Mrs. Ward explained she has never seen the opposing Mayoral Candidate at a City Council meeting, until he filed to run for Mayor. Mrs. Ward stated he is walking neighborhoods in Roanoke and is answering questions inaccurately. Mrs. Ward suggested the opponent would be able to answer questions more accurately, if he had attended or paid closer attention to meetings. Mrs. Ward gave examples of this.

Mrs. Ward concluded with a big thank you to the current city leaders, as she has lived in Roanoke since 1995, watching Roanoke grow and progress. Mrs. Ward stated she truly appreciates the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff, for working hard to keep the charm of Roanoke, while sensibly managing the growth and progress. Mrs. Ward expressed her gratitude for the city leaders, who strive to represent all residents, without prejudice against personal differences.

Jon Shedden, Roanoke resident, stated competition in any election is healthy. When you run for Mayor, you get to decide what type of Mayor you will be, and that's what you campaign on. Being one that represents all of its residents, or one that seeks to divide all of its residents. Mr. Shedden address Sean Turner, explaining that although some of his campaign posts has highlighted some of the city's amazing businesses, it has also highlighted hate and divisiveness. Mr. Shedden, gave an overview of the frightening incident that occurred at Medlin Middle School on March 26th, which his children attend. Mr. Shedden confronted Mr. Turner about a Facebook post that possibly resulted in the



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incident occurring. Mr. Shedden explained that Mr. Turner's response told him all he needs to know, about what kind of Mayor he would be. Roanoke is for everyone, please vote accordingly.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Finance Director Kyle Lester introduced his finance team, Krista White, Rebecca Tambunga, and Sarah O'Brien. Mr. Lester thanked Forvis for all of their hard work.

Lauren Berry Stamey, Director of the Public Sector with Forvis, gave an overview of the annual audit.

E. PROCLAMATION

1. Mayor Gierisch read a proclamation declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed and considered separately.

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on March 26, 2024.

Motion made by Holly Gray second by Bryan Moyers to approve Consent Agenda Item 1.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Holly Gray second by David Thompson to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will hold a closed Executive Session meeting pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:



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CITY COUNCIL DID CONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.

Sections 551.071 and 551.072

To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding hotel occupancy tax and related issues.

Section 551.087

To deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:59 P.M.

1. **Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE** To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding hotel occupancy tax and related issues.

No action taken.

2. **Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE** To deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

No action taken.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Holly Gray second by Brian Darby to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



April S. Hill, City Secretary



Carl E. "Scooter" Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

