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Connie Hodgens, Member
David Thompson, Member
John Pullen, Vice President
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LG Leonard, Member
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Susanna Lione, Member
Victor Molaschi, Member
Stephanie Novak, Member

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
1ST FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM #132
500 S. OAK STREET**

PRESENT: Vice President John Pullen; Committee Members: Cassi Webb, David Thompson, LG Leonard, Bryan Moyers, Susanna Lione, Jenifer "Nikki" Marley, and Victor Molaschi.

DEPT. STAFF: City Manager Cody Petree, Assistant City Manager Jeriahme Miller, City Secretary April S. Hill, Economic Development Manager Siale Langi, and Communications & Engagement Officer Carissa Katekaru.

ABSENT: President Holly Gray; Committee Members: Stephanie Novak and Connie Hodgens.

A. CALL CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER

The Legislative Policy Committee meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by David Thompson second by Bryan Moyers to nominate and appoint Holly Gray as President.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by John Pullen second by David Thompson to nominate and appoint John Pullen as Vice President.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on the City of Roanoke's legislative initiatives and priorities for the 89th



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Texas Legislative session and establish the City's position on key legislative issues.

City Manager Cody Petree gave an overview of Legislative Policy Committee's objectives. Mr. Petree stated The Committee shall meet regularly with the City's legislative delegation to build relationships and convey the City's position on important legislative issues.

Mr. Petree gave committee members a draft of the Legislative Philosophy, that includes important information, citing;

"Municipalities represent the level of government that is closest to the people, and local officials are best equipped to determine the unique needs of their communities. The City of Roanoke bears the primary responsibility for providing capital infrastructure, public safety, recreational and cultural activities, and other municipal services in response to the needs and preferences of City residents. Therefore, the City will support legislation that protects home rule authority, advances the principles of local decision-making, and enhances the health, safety, and welfare of its residents in the spirit of self-governance."

Mr. Petree listed the following key dates:

- November 11th – filing of bills
- January 14th – First day of Legislative Session
- April 1st – 3rd – possible travel to Austin
- June 2nd – Last day of Legislative Session

City Manager Cody Petree and Assistant City Manager Jeriahme Miller explained bills that have passed, or will possibly be passed, and how it affects the city, in regard to development, public safety, fiscal management, preemption of local authority, mandatory print publications, and elections.

Assistant City Manager Jeriahme Miller gave an overview of attending the Legislative Session and the process.

Mr. Petree stated the next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee will be in January, and staff will reach out to committee members with potential meeting dates.

4. Discuss dates to attend the 89th Legislative Session.

City Manager Cody Petree stated staff would email the committee members to coordinate availability, hotel accommodations, and transportation arrangements, for the April 1st – 3rd trip to Austin.



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D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by David Thompson second by Victor Molaschi to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.


April S. Hill, City Secretary


Cody Petree, City Manager