

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



Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

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

**MINUTES
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 S. OAK STREET
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Carl E. "Scooter" Gierisch, Jr.; Council Members: David Brundage, Bryan Moyers, Hogan Page, and David Thompson; City Manager Scott Campbell, City Secretary April S. Hill, and City Attorney Jeff Moore.

DEPT. STAFF: Assistant City Manager Cody Petree, Chief of Police Jeriahme Miller, Fire Chief Chris Addington, Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services Vicki Rodriguez, Public Works Director Shawn Wilkinson, and Parks and Recreation Director Ronnie Angel.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray-Moore and Council Member Brian Darby.

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

There were no announcements.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Gierisch read a statement from Chris Moore, who was unable to attend, representing the neighborhood of Parks of Roanoke:

The parking situation at the "Primary" entrance to the Parks of Roanoke creates multiple issues for its inhabitants ranging from possible head-on collisions, hitting car doors as they are opened, pedestrians crossing the road, and reduced throughput for emergency vehicles during times of need.

I put emphasis on the "Primary" entrance as it is often said that if we do not like the parking situation at the Marshal Creek entrance, then we should use the other one. Unfortunately, the other larger entrance is practically unusable due to traffic patterns at 377. There are very few residents who actually use this entrance.



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Parking at the Marshal Creek and Berkley Dr. entrance is reduced to a single lane for most of the day. Many times, there are as many as 8 cars in total taking up both sides of the road and this does not include the random neighbors stopping to pick up their mail. This causes decreased visibility in the area, which is especially dangerous for those entering into the neighborhood from Marshal Creek. Entering the neighborhood here usually requires an amount of speed to be carried to ensure you are out of oncoming traffic. This puts the driver at risk of missing pedestrians walking out from between cars, car doors being opened, bicyclists in the lane, and even other drivers leaving the neighborhood. This situation also essentially creates a roadblock for vehicles trying to enter the neighborhood including emergency vehicles.

To resolve this, we are asking you to consider treating Berkley Drive as a No Parking Zone as is done for many other Primary entrances to neighborhoods.

D. 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 May 24, 2022.
2. Consider and acceptance of the FY 2022-2023 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget.
3. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Roanoke and Flock Group, Inc., to access Flock's technology platform and Flock Safety dashboard for investigative purposes.

Motion made by David Thompson second by Bryan Moyers to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by David Thompson second by Hogan Page to approve Resolution No. 2022-109R, casting the City of Roanoke's vote for Jim Carter for the appointing of one member to the Board of Managers of the Denco Area 9-1-1 District.
Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion made by David Thompson second by Hogan Page to approve an Agreement between the City of Roanoke and Tarrant County Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 1 for American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Recovery Funds.



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Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by David Thompson second by Bryan Moyers to approve the Purchase of Radios, Consoles and Related Equipment for Police and Fire Department utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion regarding On-Street Parking Regulations.

Mayor Gierisch stated there are numerous issues with street parking throughout the city. Mayor Gierisch stated one particular issue, which was brought forth by Mr. Chris Moore (Mayor Gierisch read Mr. Moore's statement during public input), is parking at the Marshall Creek Road and Berkley Drive entrance, which causes decreased visibility in that area.

Councilmember David Thompson stated that when Mr. Moore reached out with his concerns, which included photos of the issue, it was very evident that it becomes challenging at that intersection. Council Member Thompson suggested setting guidelines to allow various times when "no parking" is allowed, to help alleviate the issues on various city streets.

Mayor Gierisch stated a survey was sent to all neighborhoods some time ago, concerning street parking, and the results were approximately 50/50.

City Manager Scott Campbell stated the city surveyed nine neighborhoods, and four neighborhoods responded affirming they would like to see some added restrictions. Further information was given to the four neighborhoods, and there were no overwhelming opinions on suggested options, regarding how to alleviate the parking issues. Mr. Campbell stated the city staff is seeking direction from City Council whether to move forward with further study.

Councilmember Thompson stated surveying the neighborhoods would most likely yield the same results. Councilmember Thompson suggested creating guidelines that would apply to the entire city, under certain circumstances or certain times of the day, for no parking.

Mayor Gierisch stated the city currently has sign standards in place, which allows the placement of signs when an issue is identified, without City Council approval.

Mr. Campbell stated the city had placed signs, reflecting State law, which prohibits parking within 30' (ft.) of a stop sign.

Councilmember Bryan Moyers asked what would stop residents from saying, "my street has a problem, and I need a sign." Would this be based on one complaint or numerous complaints, or how would we regulate that?



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Mr. Campbell stated it is possible residents will ask for signs, so it would need to be based on some type of guideline. Mr. Campbell asked if this is something the City Council is interested in, the possible placing of signs at the main entrances (ingress and egress) of neighborhoods.

Councilmember David Brundage stated it makes sense in terms of the ingress and egress. Councilmember Brundage further state when campaigning for his City Council seat, the main complaint was cars parked on both sides of the road.

Mayor Gierisch asked City Council if they have a consensus on which direction to take. Mayor Gierisch further stated this is not an action item; it is a recommendation to city staff, on how to proceed.

Councilmember Thompson stated he would like to take some time to create a set of guidelines and to have city staff move forward with placing no parking signs in problem areas.

Mr. Campbell asked is there are any other problem areas that City Council is hearing about.

Councilmember Thompson stated there have been no complaints; however, the ingress into Briarwyck, at Bristol Street and Briarwyck Parkway is challenging at times.

Mayor Gierisch stated he has noticed issues around the city, so setting guidelines would help.

Councilmember Brundage stated the ingress and egress makes the most sense.

Mayor Gierisch asked if City Council wanted to make it no parking on one side of the street.

Councilmember Thompson stated no parking on one side of the street makes the most sense, so we are not completely taking street parking away, but alleviating the issues.

Councilmember Hogan Page asked if they were speaking about Berkley.

Mayor Gierisch stated they were. Mayor Gierisch suggested possibly making the "mailbox" side of the street a no parking area.

Mr. Campbell stated his only concern is if we place signs that say no parking on one side of the street to solve that one problem, it is suspected the question of "what did you base that on" could arise. Mr. Campbell suggested there should be a clear reason.



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City Attorney Jeff Moore suggested hiring a traffic and engineering firm to evaluate the intersection. Mr. Moore further explained that if the question arises as to why, it could be based off the traffic and engineering study.

Mr. Campbell asked if Mr. Moore was speaking to just this area, or multiple areas.

Mr. Moore stated it could be for one specific area or multiple problem areas.

Councilmember Thompson stated that this is a great idea and have the engineers look at the city as a whole, to help aid in creating a set of guidelines.

Mr. Campbell suggested setting up a strong set of guidelines, which will create a uniform standard for problem areas.

Councilmember Moyers stated he likes the idea of handling it on a case-by-case basis and evaluating any new complaints as they come in.

Mayor Gierisch stated the direction is to set guidelines.

F. 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:

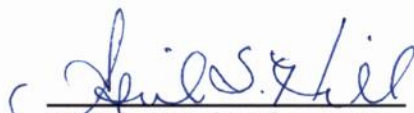
CITY COUNCIL DID NOT CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by David Thompson second by David Brundage to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.



April S. Hill, City Secretary



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