

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
FEBRUARY 28, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 S. OAK STREET
7:00 P.M.**

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

DEPT. STAFF: Chief of Police Jeriahme Miller, Fire Chief Chris Addington, Public Works Director Shawn Wilkinson, and Parks and Recreation Director Ray McDonald.

ABSENT: Chief Financial Officer Vicki Rodriguez, Councilmember Hogan Page, and Library Director Kelly Holt.

A. CALL CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER

City Council called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Gierisch.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Cody Petree thanked City Staff for all of their help with the School Field Trip.

Fire Chief Chris Addington announced the 75th Anniversary of the Roanoke Fire Department.

Mayor Gierisch announced board member Helen Ward is celebrating a birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray-Moore announced Mayor Gierisch just celebrated a birthday.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

Kelli Greenwood (unable to attend meeting) sent the following email, to voice concerns.

The intersection of Litsey and Fairway Ranch Parkway/Fairway Drive is complete dangerous chaos, especially during rush hour times. I know it has been addressed, and it definitely needs to be addressed again. I urge you to observe the intersection during rush



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hour. 114 opening up at Litsey has worsened matters even more. I drive to Justin to get my grandson each morning. Traffic on 114 is backed up past 35, so I'm sure map apps are sending people the back way that ends up on Litsey. In fact, this morning traffic on Litsey waiting to turn right at 114 was backed up to Cabinside Drive. Unfortunately, the arrows recently painted in the intersection has caused more confusion for the masses. Additionally, on pretty days in the spring and summer, the sun makes things even worse depending on the time of day and direction driving. I don't know if the answer is a roundabout, four way stop, or traffic lights; however, I do know that something has got to be done before someone is critically injured. Our city is better than this.

D. PRESENTATION

1. VFW Post 5074 presented First Responder Awards for Nominated Police Sergeant Ryan Otero, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Eager (Firefighter), and Firefighter/Paramedic Lenny Rose (Paramedic).
2. Mayor Gierisch swore in Police Officer Michael Sciarrillo to the Roanoke Police Department.

E. 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 February 14, 2023.
2. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-101R, encouraging the Texas Legislature to direct state funds toward broadband deployment.
3. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-102R electing to participate in the proposed opioid settlements brought by the State of Texas and other jurisdictions against various entities for their roles in the National Opioid Crisis.

Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by David Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by David Thompson to approve Ordinance No. 2023-103 declaring unopposed candidates in the Saturday, May 6,



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2023 General Election, elected to office; canceling the General Election in the City of Roanoke, Texas, for the purpose of electing one (1) councilmember for Wards 1, 2 and 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 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 CONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:20 P.M.

Section 551.074

To discuss and consider personnel matters and all matters incident and related thereto.

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 7:35 P.M.

1. **Section 551.074 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE** To discuss and consider personnel matters and all matters incident and related thereto.

No action taken.

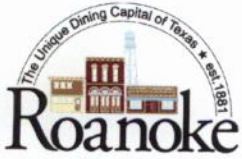
2. **Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE** To deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

No action taken.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by Brian Darby to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



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April S. Hill, City Secretary



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