Kirby Smith, Council Member
Brian Darby, Council Member
Holly Gray-Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem

Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

Vacant, Council Member
Angie Grimm, Council Member
David Thompson, Council Member

**MINUTES**
**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL**
**SPECIAL MEETING**
**NOVEMBER 17, 2020**
**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: Kirby Smith, Brian Darby, and David Thompson; City Manager Scott Campbell, City Secretary April S. Hill, and City Attorney Jeff Moore.

**DEPT. STAFF:** Assistant City Manager Cody Petree, Administrator Special Events, Marketing & Tourism Mary Jo Tellin, and Building Official Matt Cox.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Angie Grimm.

## 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

No one wished to speak.

## 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 November 10, 2020.

   Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by David Thompson to approve, Consent Item 1.

Motion carried unanimously.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by David Thompson second by Holly Gray-Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2020-140, canvassing and certifying the election returns, including the returns of early voting ballots cast in connection with the general election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing one (1) City Council Member, Ward 1, for a three (3) year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Gierisch issued the Certificates of Election, Statement of Elected/Appointed Officers and the Oath of Office to Councilmembers in Ward1 and Ward 2.

3. Discussion regarding the City's Annual Christmas Event.

City Manager Scott Campbell addressed the Mayor and City Council, stating that at the last City Council meeting they were instructed to study the event and find an alternative plan relative to the parade and the tree lighting, where social distancing would be easier for those who attend the event. Mr. Campbell further explained that the approach was to utilize the vacant lot across the street from City Hall, where we could a stationary parade on the lot, allowing spectators the ability to come through and view the floats.

Administrator Special Events, Marketing & Tourism Mary Jo Tellin gave an overview of the proposed revised plan. Mrs. Tellin stated that the floats would be lined up on the outer edges of the vacant lot and in the center of the lot, there will be stage for the band. Mrs. Tellin further stated that we currently have 30 floats signed up.

Mayor Gierisch stated the reverse parade is a better alternative.

Mrs. Tellin stated the vendors will be located in "pods" right off of Oak Street, instead of being on the actual street.

Mayor Gierisch stated that this is one of our cherished events of the year and appreciates the work that has been put into creating a safer event.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray-Moore stated that she thinks this is fantastic.

Mrs. Tellin stated she thinks most residents will be happy with this.

Councilmember David Thompson asked if any streets around Peabody Way be closed off.

Mary Jo Tellin stated that yes, all streets surrounding that property will be closed.

Councilmember Brian Darby asked if there is a contingency plan, in the event the Governor shuts everything down, due to the pandemic.

Mrs. Tellin stated yes, we would keep the plan as designed and change it to an alternate date.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by Brian Darby to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

April S. Hill, City Secretary