



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
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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: Angie Grimm, 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, Chief of Police Jeriahme Miller, Fire Chief Chris Addington, Public Works Director Shawn Wilkinson, Parks and Recreation Director Ronnie Angel, and Administrator Special Events, Marketing & Tourism Mary Jo Tellin.

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

No one wished to speak.

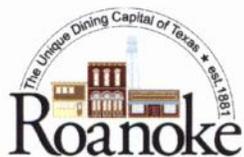
C. PUBLIC INPUT

Randy Nelson, 301 Parish Lane, Roanoke, stated that he would like to commend whoever is responsible for the mask policy, because it is very sensible.

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 October 27, 2020.
2. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Roanoke and Denton County for Fire Protection Services.



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3. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Roanoke and Denton County for Ambulance Service.

Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by Angie Grimm to approve, Consent Items 1 through 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Brian Darby second by Holly Gray-Moore to approve Ordinance No. 2020-138 amending Chapter 9, Article 9.200, Exhibit B, by repealing in its entirety Exhibit B, entitled "Park Master Plan," and replacing it with a new Exhibit B, entitled "Park Master Plan."

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by Angie Grimm to approve Ordinance No. 2020-139 cancelling the Special Election in the City of Roanoke, Texas, Ward 3, to be held on December 8, 2020, for the purpose of electing a person to serve as Councilmember for Ward 3 to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of office.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Angie Grimm second by Holly Gray-Moore to appoint Helen Ward to the Roanoke Economic and Industrial Development Corporation Type A for a term to expire in January 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

City Manager Scott Campbell stated, as discussed at a previous meeting, we would come back to discuss the Annual Christmas event and see where everyone was at, in regard to holding the event. Mr. Campbell, further stated that as discussed previously, funds that were not utilized for the Celebrate Roanoke event would be used for the Christmas event. In doing so, the Christmas Event has grown.

Administrator Special Events, Marketing & Tourism Mary Jo Tellin gave an overview of the planned Christmas event, stating how vendors will be spread out, and will be reminiscent of the Celebrate Roanoke event.

Mayor Gierisch asked what Grapevine's plans were for their Christmas event.

Mary Jo Tellin stated they were having a Drive by carol of lights and as of this morning, they were undecided regarding their parade.

Mayor Gierisch gave a list of various cities and what their plans were, in regard to a Christmas celebration. Mayor Gierisch further stated that he wants to discuss



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this to see how we should proceed, because if everything gets cancelled, due to the pandemic, there will be no refund.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray-Moore stated that we are at a place where the city should move forward with the Christmas event. Mayor Pro Tem Gray-Moore further stated that we need to be smart about the planning of the parade and forgo the tree lighting where people gather together. We have always done what we thought is best for our city and for what is right for our city.

Councilmember Brian Darby stated that we have starting doing other events again, like the evenings on Oak Street and the farmers market, without issues. Will the vendors be set up in the same way?

Scott Campbell stated, no they will not be. For example, the event's held at Austin Street plaza are set up similar to a restaurant, where patrons wear masks if they are walking around, but can remove their masks, once seated in their section. Mr. Campbell further stated that this is on a much smaller scale. The Christmas event will bring in thousands of people, so there would be no way to handle it the same way.

Councilmember David Thompson stated that this (pandemic) has been going on for so long that people are accustom to doing the right thing when out in public, in regard to maintaining social distancing.

Councilmember Kirby Smith stated that he isn't sure about the reservation idea, but thinks we should move forward with the parade.

Councilmember Angie Grimm agrees with Council member Brian Darby, which we are at the point of no return, due to the amount of current advertising. Councilmember Grimm expressed concerns with the parade and for staff members. The Police and Fire Departments will have to be out there, so a backup plan needs to be made in case they contract the virus, which can affect a multitude of people in those departments at one time.

Councilmember Brian Darby asked if there was a reason we have to have a parade.

Mayor Gierisch stated that none of the schools will be participating this year, so there might not be that many floats.

Scott Campbell stated that some neighboring cities had a "reversed parade/drive thru parade." Basically they line up, stationary, and visitor drives past them, while remaining in their vehicles.

Councilmember Angie Grimm asked how many have signed up for floats.

Mary Jo Tellin stated that we had about 20 participants.



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Mayor Pro Tem Gray-Moore suggested blocking off a street and place the floats there, so people walk past the floats, keeping people from gathering in large groups.

Councilmember Brian Darby asked if those who have signed up for floats would a stationary type of float work for them.

Councilmember Kirby Smith stated that this is a parade and it is outside, so it will be okay.

Councilmember Brian Darby asked about staggering the progression of the parade to lessen the number of people crowding together.

Councilmember Holly Gray-Moore asked Mary Jo Tellin if she could bring to next week's meeting, some ideas for the parade, or other options we can pursue.

Mary Jo Tellin stated she will bring the ideas to next week's meeting.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Holly Gray-Moore second by Brian Darby to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



April S. Hill, City Secretary



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