



Minutes of the Roanoke Rapids City Council

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids was held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present: Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor
Carl Ferebee, Mayor Pro Tem

Wayne Smith)
Rex Stainback)

Council Members

Kelly Traynham, City Manager
Geoffrey Davis, City Attorney
Traci Storey, City Clerk
Shane Guyant, Police Chief
Jason Patrick, Fire Chief
John Simeon, Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Sandra Bryant, Council Member

Mayor Doughtie called the meeting to order and provided an invocation.

Mayor Doughtie called upon City Manager Traynham.

Consideration of Resolution Supporting Economic Development in the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District

City Manager Traynham stated City Council amended the Land Use Ordinance in the last meeting after a public hearing to allow casinos as part of the Entertainment Overlay District. The City is being encouraged to have an authorizing resolution that would support not just that type of use, but also other uses that are currently allowed within the zoning ordinance with the consideration of what is happening at the level of the NC General Assembly. She reported the Halifax County Board of Commissioners is expected to be presented with and consider a similar resolution on Monday evening.

She stated this resolution summarizes the intent and support that has been given to encourage tourism and economic development within the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District. Also, with the City of Roanoke Rapids being on the I-95

corridor and supporting the expected revenues and jobs that would come to the city as a result of the economic development.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.13

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN THE CAROLINA CROSSROADS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Halifax County is a Tier One economically distressed county located along the Interstate 95 corridor, halfway between New York and Florida; and

WHEREAS, to support tourism and economic growth in our state, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering legislation to allow casinos and gaming operations at specific locations in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District is located along the Interstate 95 corridor and provides an excellent location for a casino and gaming operations; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District is a shovel-ready development with all infrastructure in place and a current land use that allows for hotels, water parks, restaurants, casinos, and other similar attractions; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Rapids City Council feels that the jobs and investment as a result of the project will generate increased tax and other revenues for the City of Roanoke Rapids and all of Halifax County, and stimulate significant employment opportunities for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids do hereby fully support the location of casino and gaming operations at the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District and is ready and willing to assist all partners in attracting this economic development project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2023.

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

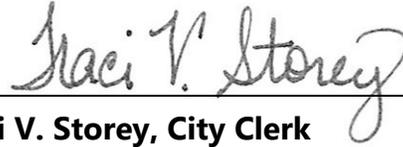
ATTEST:

Traci V. Storey, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ferebee and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2023.13 supporting economic development in the Carolina Crossroads Entertainment District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Stainback, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ferebee, and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Traci V. Storey, City Clerk

Approved by Council Action on: October 3, 2023