

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	December 16, 2024
Action Required:	Award Proclamation
Presenter:	Todd Divers, Commissioner of the Revenue
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Title:	Honoring Rosalind Collins for her recognition by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia as the Margaret Anderson Outstanding Deputy for 2024

Background

Each year at its annual conference, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia chooses one Deputy from across the Commonwealth to receive the Margaret Ann Anderson Outstanding Deputy Commissioner Award. This is the highest honor that our Association confers on a Deputy.

Margaret Anderson served with distinction as the Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Waynesboro for twenty-two (22) years, beginning in 1969. In total, she served the City of Waynesboro for a total of fifty (50) years. Commissioner Anderson unfortunately passed away on April 19, 2001.

Commissioner Anderson was a highly respected and active participant in both regional and state Commissioners of the Revenue Associations, serving the former as secretary-treasurer for twenty (20) years.

Each year, the President of our Association solicits nominations from Commissioners statewide for the Margaret Anderson Award. The Executive Committee chooses from among those nominees a Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue who meets one or more of the following three requirements:

1. Has demonstrated an achievement or excellence during the current year that enhanced the operations of their local Commissioner's office.
2. Has unselfishly given their time by working on behalf of the Association.
3. Has contributed to the professionalism of their office and of the Association over a long period of time.

This year, our very own Rosalind Collins was selected.

In my nomination of Rosalind, I attempted to list the staggering number of her accomplishments and contributions to the Commonwealth, to the City, and to our office. There are too many to name here, so I have included a copy of my nomination letter with this agenda item in your packet. Suffice to

say, you will be gob-smacked to see all the things she has accomplished for our citizens.

But I WOULD like to highlight the following from that letter that exemplifies Roz's absolute dedication to our office and to the job:

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After thirty years on the job, Roz entered into a well-deserved retirement in September of 2021. Unfortunately, coinciding with Roz's retirement were a rash of simultaneous turnover and other retirements in our office - spawned by the Covid-induced "Great Resignation". Suddenly finding ourselves in a DIRE staffing situation, I quickly learned to appreciate just how much we depended on Roz. As I struggled to hire new people and place others into positions with which they had little familiarity, I took a chance and asked Roz if she would consider coming back to work as a "returning retiree" (something that I was delighted to learn was a thing).

Realizing the predicament we were in, and because of her profound dedication to the job and to our taxpayers, Roz said yes. Thank God! She does so many indispensable things for us that I absolutely dread the day when she decides to retire for real.

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So it is my great pleasure to introduce you to one of the smartest, most enthusiastic, dedicated people I ever met: Rosalind Collins, the Margaret Ann Anderson Deputy Commissioner of the Year for 2024.

Discussion

NA

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This resolution aligns with Council's Strategic Outcome Area of Organizational Excellence: Charlottesville's well-trained and dedicated staff deliver excellent services to the community.

Community Engagement

NA

Budgetary Impact

None

Recommendation

Present Proclamation

Alternatives

NA

Attachments

1. Rosalind Collins Nomination - 2024 MAA Outstanding Deputy Award
2. Collins Proclamation FINAL