



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

November 7, 2022
9:00 AM
City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

AGENDA

The City of Roanoke is a safe, caring and economically vibrant community in which to live, learn, work, play and prosper.

A vibrant urban center with strong neighborhoods set amongst the spectacular beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge.

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Moon Reynolds was absent.

Welcome

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. A list of current vacancies is included with the agenda for this meeting.

(6-0)

A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the annual performance of a Council-Appointed Officer, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation where such consultation and briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry in the Southeastern area of the City of Roanoke, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(5), (A)(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. **NONE.**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. **NONE.**

BRIEFINGS:

- Code Amendments (Chapter 12, Fire Prevention and Protection) - 15 minutes

Received and filed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE COUNCIL MEETING STOOD IN RECESS AT 9:47 A.M., FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENE AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



City of Roanoke, Virginia **CITY COUNCIL**

2:00 PM

City Council Chamber
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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Moon Reynolds was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Terry Kemp, Children's Pastor, Fort Chiswell Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring the week of November 6 – 12, 2022 as Virginia Association of Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Week.

Mayor Lea declared the week of November 6 - 12, 2022 as Virginia

Association of Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Week and presented the proclamation to Jeffrey Powell, representative.

Recognition of retiring members of the Board of Equalization.

Mayor Lea recognized Thom Hubbard for 17 years and Pat Lam for 40 years of service to the Board of Equalization.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as he may deem appropriate.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (6-0)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- C-1.** Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for Sale of Land of Approximately 1.1 Acres and Improvements – Former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-2.** Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for Sale of 0 Daleton Road, N.E., Roanoke, VA, Official Tax Map No. 7130123 to TPB Enterprises, LLC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-3.** Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for Lease of Norwich Recreation Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-4.** Request to schedule and advertise a public hearing for November 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to hear comments of citizens regarding a proposed Amendment to the Roanoke City Charter of 1952, Section 4, Composition of Council; terms of members; designation of vice-mayor; vacancies; Section 10, Meetings of Council generally; and Section 16, Time of holding municipal elections.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-5.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignations of Jash Bansal and Erika Bergen as members of the Human Services Advisory Board, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.**

- C-6.** Reports of qualification of Ruth Visuete Perez as the Assistant Deputy City Clerk for the City of Roanoke, effective August 23, 2022; and Marcheta Turner as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Roy Mentkow ending June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A communication from Vice-Mayor White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee advising of the expiration of the two-year terms of office of the City Clerk, City Attorney and Municipal Auditor ended September 30, 2022.
Council concurred in the reappointment of the two-year terms of office of the City Clerk, City Attorney and Municipal Auditor ending September 30, 2024.
(6-0).

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Gun Violence Prevention Framework - 15 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance and Appropriation of Funds for the Roanoke Public Libraries from the Roanoke City Public Schools 21st Century Grants.
Adopted Resolution No. 42475-110722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42476-110722 (6-0).
- B. Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) MAP 21 RSTP and SmartSCALE Funds, Authorization to Execute VDOT Documents, and Appropriation of Funds for the Orange Avenue Improvements from King Street to Blue Hills Drive.
Adopted Resolution No. 42477-110722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42478-110722 (6-0).
- C. Acceptance and Appropriation of Community-Based Gun Violence Intervention Program – Gun Violence Emergency Relocation Project from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 42479-110722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42480-110722 (6-0).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Renaming of Roanoke City Jail to Roanoke City Adult Detention Center.
Adopted Resolution No. 42481-110722 (6-0).
- B. Amendment of the City Code Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-14, Working of prisoners—Generally, to reflect the new name of the Roanoke City Jail.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42482-110722 (6-0).

- C. Naming the City owned plaza located at 26 Salem Avenue, S.E., (Official Tax Map No. 4010118) the John Nolen Plaza.
Adopted Resolution No. 42483-110722 (6-0).

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution designating a Voting Delegate and an Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual NLC City Summit Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri.
Adopted Resolution No. 42484-110722 (6-0).

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.
Council Member Cobb gave an update with regard to the construction of the Valley Metro Transit Center entering Phase 2 on November 14, 2022. He noted that the building will open as construction begins on the bus lanes, with some buses stopping on Salem Avenue and some under the canopy of the building.
Council Member Bestpitch acknowledged Mayor Lea's correspondence of condolence to the Republic of Korea.
Vice-Mayor White-Boyd reminded citizens to vote on Tuesday, November 8.
Council Member Sanchez-Jones reminded the public that Valley Metro will provide free rides to the polls on Tuesday, November 8.
2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

Reappointed Edward Garner as a City representative of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2025.

Appointed Christopher Miller as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Jernigan Brown ending December 31, 2022; and for an additional three-year term of office ending December 31, 2025.

Appointed Robert Pilkington as a member (Architect) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to replace D. Jeffry Parkhill for a term of office ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Frank C. Martin, III, Pamela Smith and appointed Kevin Berry to replace Kermit Hale for four-year terms of office, each, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026.

Appointed Tamea Franco to replace Xavier Duckett and Kermit "Kit" Hale to replace Matthew Fink as Directors of the Economic Development Authority for four-year terms of office, each, ending October 20, 2026.

Reappointed LaKeevia Sinkford as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board for a four-year term of office commencing December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2026; and appointed Behtany Lackey as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Jash Bansal ending November 30, 2024.

Appointed Tony Williams as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to fill the unexpired term of office of Duriel Wood ending September 30, 2023.

Reappointed Walter Hinkley as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a three-year term of office commencing November 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2025.

Appointed Kevin McNeil as a member (Student/William Fleming High School) of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Christion Bryant for a term of office ending June 30, 2023; and Appointed Jeffrey Powell to fill the unexpired term of office of James O'Hare ending June 30, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0).

ADJOURNED - 3:58 P.M.