



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

November 21, 2022
2:00 PM
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.

NOTICE:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present. Council Member Bestpitch arrived late.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Elizabeth Link, Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church.

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: NONE.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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. Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to development in Fishburn Park and expressed concern about water run-off and flooding downstream. Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the Fishburn Caretaker's Cottage, City of Roanoke Mission Statement, strong neighborhoods and support of the President's Council. David Garland, 3704 Round Hill Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the proposed smoke detector ordinance and suggested the matter be tabled.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (7-0)

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.** Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.

- C-2.** A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** 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 performance of a Council-Appointed Officer, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-5.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Council Member William D. Bestpitch as a City representative of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-6.** A communication from Mark Chadwick, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors, recommending concurrence in the reappointment of Patrick Kenney as an At-large representative, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-7.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Kaitlyn Eusebio Johnson as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Brenda Russ ending December 31, 2023;

Jordan Bell as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of office Dr. Thomas Powers, Jr., ending September 30, 2023;

Kathryn Kronau as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing October 2, 2022 and ending October 1, 2025;

Jessie Coffman as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023;

Pamela Smith as a member of the City Planning Commission for a four-year term of office , commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026; and

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to amend the Roanoke Charter of 1952 to reflect a change in election dates and meetings of council generally.
Adopted Resolution No. 42485-112122 (7-0).

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Presentation by Blue Ridge PBS to share information. (Sponsored by Council Member Cobb and Council Member Bestpitch)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Economic Development Strategic Plan - 30 minutes
Received and filed.
- Western Virginia Water Authority on presence of HFPO-DA in the Spring Hollow Reservoir - 20 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance of the Commonwealth of Virginia's \$500,000 appropriation, administered as a grant by the Department of Historic Resources, for the Virginia Museum of Transportation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42486-112122 and Budget Ordinance No. 42487-112122 (7-0).

- B.** Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation FY22 (VDOT) Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA) – Authorization for New VDOT Agreement and Appropriation of Funds for the Williamson Rd Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
Adopted Resolution No. 42488-112122 and Budget Ordinance No. 42489-112122 (7-0).
- C.** Acquisition of Real Property Rights associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42490-112122 (7-0).
- D.** Acquisition of Real Property Rights for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project – Hollins-Liberty Road.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42491-112122 (7-0).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

- **City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. As a result, the following schedule will be in effect for collection of trash, bulk items and “A” week recycling during that week.**

Monday 11/21/22– Monday and Tuesday trash, “A” week recycling, bulk and brush

Tuesday 11/22/22 – Wednesday trash “A” week recycling, bulk and brush

Wednesday 11/23/22 – Thursday trash “A” week recycling, bulk and brush

Thursday 11/24/22– Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday 11/25/2022 – Closed for Thanksgiving

- **Eureka Recreation Center Redevelopment Community Engagement Meeting will be held at the Melrose Library Community Room on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Citizens will hear from Department Staff and the Architectural Team, as well as provide feedback and input.**
- **City Council Members will receive a monthly Revenue and Expenditure Summary from the Department of Finance.**

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A.** Amendment of the City Code, Chapter 12, Fire Prevention and Protection, by adding Article IV, Smoke Alarms; and Section 12-17, Violations, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, to make each day a violation occurs a separate offense.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42492-112122 (7-0).

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 1.** A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the City Manager recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting,

Spokesperson.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42493-112122 (7-0).

2. Presentation of the Proposed 2023 Legislative Program. Council Member William D. Bestpitch, Chair, Legislative Committee.

Adopted Resolution No. 42494-112122 (7-0).

A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees. **NONE.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution appointing Tamea Franco and Kermit Hale as Directors of the City of Roanoke Economic Development Authority, commencing October 21, 2022, and ending October 20, 2026.

Adopted Resolutions No. 42495-112122 and 42496-112122 (7-0).

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Mayor Lea thanked the City and Michael Clark, Director, Parks and Recreation for partnering with the CIAA Championship Volleyball (Elizabeth City and Shaw University).

2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **NONE.**

12. RECESSED. 4:40 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENE AT 7:00 PM, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Joseph L. Cobb.

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

Welcome.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0).

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of winners of the 18th Annual Fire Prevention Week Art Contest.
Mayor Lea, David Guynn, Deputy Fire Chief and Rachel Hale, Fire Prevention Specialist recognized the contest winners and presented certificates.

Recognition of My City Academy.
Mayor Lea and Katie Hedrick, Community Inclusion Coordinator, recognized the participants and presented certificates.

Presentation by representatives of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd)
Jonathan Rosser, President, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, gave brief comments with regard to their activities and contribution to the City of Roanoke.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Belmont Lofts, LLC, to rezone property located at 825 and 823 Stewart Avenue, S. E., and four parcels designated as 0 Stewart Avenue, S. E., and two parcels designated as 0 Dale Avenue, S. E., respectively, from Institutional District and Residential Mixed Density District to Mixed Use Planned Unit Development District. Christopher Vail, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42497-112122 (7-0).
2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to sell approximately 1.1 acres of land and improvements being the Former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage.
Action postponed until December 19, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Council Chamber.
3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to sell property located at 0 Daleton Road, N.E., Official Tax Map No. 7130123 to TPB Enterprises, LLC.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42498-112122 (7-0).
4. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to lease the Norwich Recreation Center to Boxfit.
Action postponed until December 19, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Council Chamber.

16. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Petition for Appeal filed by Jamil Srour appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying a request to replace a roof on the front porch of the home located at 705 Marshall Avenue, S. W. Jamil Srour, Owner, Spokesperson.

A report of the Architectural Review Board recommending that City Council affirm its decision to deny the request, which is not consistent with H -2 Guidelines. Bill Mason, Chairman, Spokesperson.
The Council voted to affirm the decision of the Architectural Review Board and deny the Certificate of Appropriateness.

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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18. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECESSED. 10:15 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022, AT 8:30 A.M., MELROSE LIBRARY, 2502 MELROSE AVENUE, N.W., SUITE D, FOR A CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PLANNING RETREAT.