



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

December 5, 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 Members Bestpitch and Price were 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. **(5-0)**

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. **(5-0)**

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: NONE.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM WITH AREA SENATORS AND DELEGATES SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

AT 10:30 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING STOOD IN RECESS FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, TO BE HELD AT 5202 AVIATION DRIVE, N.W. , TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. Update to the Airport Master Plan.
2. Recent improvements and upgrades to the airport facility.
3. Update on air service.

AT 11:57 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING STOOD IN RECESS 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
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Bestpitch was absent.

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.

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. Roni Sutton, 1225 Bobbett Gap Road, Montvale, Virginia, appeared before the Council to address costs associated with the renovation of the Fishburn Caretaker's Cottage. Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the renovation of the Fishburn Caretaker's Cottage. Victor Banks, 2604 Springhill Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council to address concerns of misinformation by the Department of Economic Development with regard to the leasing of Firehouse No. 6. The matter was referred to the City Manager for review , response and report back to the Council. Penny Warden, appeared before the Council tell her story of homelessness and seek assistance from the City of Roanoke. The matter was referred to the City Manager for review , response and report back to the Council. Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to Fishburn Park and advised that it should remain free space, he was in opposition of the sale of the Caretaker's Cottage. Dotsy Clifton,

appeared before the Council to urge the Council to reconsider policy with regard to the Police Department and expressed distrust of the Police Department and previous police administration.

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 a Public Hearing to Consider Sale of Property located at 0 Portland Avenue, N.W. and also known as Official Tax Map Number 6410118.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized the scheduling and advertising of the proposed sale of the Property for a public hearing on December 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion.

- C-2.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Timothy R. Spencer as the City Attorney and Troy A. Harmon as the Municipal Auditor for the City of Roanoke, for terms of two-years, each, commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2024;

Edward Garner as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025;

Catherine Koebel as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of Victoria McNiff ending June 30, 2024;

Kevin Berry as a member of the City Planning Commission to replace Kermit Hale for a four-year term of office commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026;

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

Kevin McNeil as a member (Student/William Fleming High School) of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Christion Bryant for a term ending June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) FY21 Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42499-120522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42500-120522 (6-0).

2. Presentation of the Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to share information on the efforts of the Judges and the court to provide added value to the citizens of the City of Roanoke. (Sponsored by Council Members Cobb and Price)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

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

- Neighborhood Centers Plan - 30 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** George Mason University's Coalition to Enhance the Capacity of Policing Mental Health Problems in Virginia.
Adopted Resolution No. 42501-120522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42502-120522 (6-0).
- B.** Amendment No. 3 to Contract with Freedom First Enterprises to provide all equipment, materials, goods, labor and services necessary for providing one-on-one financial counseling services.
Adopted Resolution No. 42503-120522 (6-0).
- C.** Acceptance of FY 2022-2023 United Way funding for the Bank On Roanoke Valley Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 42504-120522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42505-120522 (6-0).
- D.** Approval of Title VI Coordinator Designation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42506-120522 (6-0).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager acknowledged he had spoken with a neighborhood group and the family of Estelle McCadden with regard to the renaming of Kennedy Park and may be brought before Council at a future meeting.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Cobb advised that on December 8, 6:00 p.m., at the

Martin Luther King Bridge, Bridging the Community Gap would host a night of peace and joy through song; on December 10, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., FEDUP will host its Christmas of Hope event.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd advised that she would submit a proposal to rename the Richard F. Poff building to the Rubin E. Lawson building.

Council Member Moon Reynolds announced a tree planting effort through One Valley, Inc., along Loudon Avenue, N. W., between 5th and 9th Streets; a community engagement meeting for Eureka Park Recreation Center on December 6, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., at the Melrose Library; and advised that United Way has added three vibrant females to their staff, Kianna Price Marshall as the Vice-President of Marketing and Communication, Alicia Childress as Vice-President of Resource Development and Cheryl Mosley as Vice-President of Community Impact.

- 2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.**

Reappointed Jason Varney as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

Appointed Tiffany Keefer as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Justice Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Stephen Poff ending June 30, 2023.

Appointed Manuel Dotson as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Peter Volosin ending March 31, 2025.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0, Council Member Bestpitch was absent and Council Member Price was not present during the Closed Meeting.)

ADJOURN. 5:11 P.M.