



City of Roanoke, Virginia
CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 3, 2023
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.

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1. Call to order - Roll call. **All Present.**
2. Statement of purpose. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
3. A report from the City Clerk advising of the qualification of the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, and Peter J. Volosin as Members of the Roanoke City Council for terms of four years, each, commencing January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026; and the Honorable Luke W. Priddy as a Member of Roanoke City Council for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.
Received and filed.
4. A Resolution recognizing the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb as a member of the City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.
Adopted Resolution No. 42527-010323. (7-0)
5. A Resolution recognizing the services of the Honorable Patricia White-Boyd as the Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.
Adopted Resolution No. 42528-010323. (7-0)
6. A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., recommending certain committee assignments for the Members of City Council.
Concurred in the recommendation. (7-0)

7. A Resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council commencing January 1, 2023, and terminating December 31, 2023.

Adopted Resolution No. 42529-010323. (7-0)

Adjourned - 2:22 P.M.



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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.**

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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

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 Sweetbriar Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to preservation of the parks , Fishburn Park rezoning and sale of property. Bartholomew Edwards, 708 Staunton Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the gun violence that took place over the weekend and the responsibility to protect the youth.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED, AS AMENDED. (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 Monday, November 7, 2022.

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

C-2. 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-3.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition or lease of publicly held real property 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 City, pursuant to § 2.2-3711. A. 3, of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-5.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Jeffrey Powell as a member of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026; and as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of office of James O'Hare ending June 30, 2024;

Antonio Stovall as a Citizen-at-Large member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Melanie Morris for a term of office ending June 30, 2025;

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

Tamea Franco as a Director of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke to replace Xavier Duckett for a four-year term of office, commencing October 21, 2022 and ending October 20, 2026; and

Tiffany Keffer 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-6.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel, pertaining to pending litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

- General Real Estate Reassessment - 30 minutes

Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance and Appropriation of the DCJS ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment and Technology Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42530-010323 and Budget Ordinance No. 42531-010323. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

10. **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. An Ordinance readopting and reenacting the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42532-010323. (7-0)

11. **MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Lea urged the Council to investigate ways to be proactive in strengthening the community as it related to crime in the City and suggested a City curfew; whereupon, Council Member Priddy suggested improved lighting and expressed concern with a temporary city-wide curfew.

Council Member Moon Reynolds suggested increased citizen involvement and asked the City Manager to provide data and police impact on staff.

Mayor Lea acknowledged a letter from David G. Harrison to be included in the record, per the City Attorney and Council Member Priddy.

Council Member White-Boyd inquired about a public meeting with regard to Eureka Park Development Plan; whereupon, the City Manager advised he would provide a date, time and location.

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

12. RECESSED FOR CLOSED MEETING. 3:53 P.M.

13. RECONVENED - 5:46 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0).

ADJOURNED - 5:47 P.M.