



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

January 17, 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.

NOTICE:

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

The Invocation was delivered by Vice-Mayor 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:

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John Brown, City Employee, Solid Waste Management, appeared before the Council with regard to the analysis of the City's pay structure and requested the status of the compensation study. The matter was referred to the Deputy City Manager for response.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the need for improvement in communication between neighborhoods and the City administration.

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 Monday, November 21, 2022.

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

- C-2.** A communication from Council Member Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the mid-year performances of Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), 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 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-4.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly-owned property located at 339 Salem Avenue, SW, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to 2.2-3711.A.3, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-5.** Request a Public Hearing for February 21, 2023 for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-6.** FY2022 City Manager Transfer Report for the P13 Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-7.** FY2023 City Manager Transfer Report for the 2nd quarter ended December 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-8.** Monthly Financial Report - December 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-9.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Lew Bishop as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, effective December 1, 2022.

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

- C-10.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Robert Pilkington as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to replace Jeffry Parkhill for a term of office ending June 30, 2025;

Deidre Trigg as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024; and

Lee P. Graves, Jr., as a member of the Towing Advisory Board to replace Timothy Meadows for a three-year term of office commencing November 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

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:

- Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts – Annual Report and County Health Factors 20 minutes

Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance and Appropriation of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 45233-011723 and Budget Ordinance No. 45234-011723. (7-0)
- B.** Acceptance and Appropriation of the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 45235-011723 and Budget Ordinance No. 45236-011723. (7-0)
- C.** Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Local Revenue Sharing Funding for the Huntington Blvd Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk (Birchwood to Oliver) – Site 6 Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 45237-011723 and Budget Ordinance No. 45238-011723. (7-0)

- D. Acceptance of funds from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center Wetlab and JLAB Go Virginia Application.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 45239-011723. (7-0)
- E. Designation of Census Tracts 6.01 and 6.02 as a Revitalization Area.
Adopted Resolution No. 45240-011723. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

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. 45241-011723. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote was recorded)
- 2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.
Adopted Resolution No. 45242-011723 approving and affirming the action taken by the Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) d/b/a Valley Metro to implement Fare Free Transit Equity Day Service for Saturday, February 4, 2023; and authorizing the City Manager to take any necessary action to accomplish such fare. (7-0)

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered a brief report on the GRTC Board meeting pointing out that construction was going well with completion to be in April, ridership was up ten percent and the VMGO app was active and user friendly.

Council Member White-Boyd made a few announcements on behalf of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board.

Council Member Priddy provided an update on the Legislative Committee and advised that a proposal to honor October 4 as Henrietta Lacks Day.

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 White-Boyd commented on the real estate tax reduction and expressed concern.

Council Member Moon Reynolds expressed concern with regard to the real estate assessed value for citizens and announced an event sponsored by Total Action for Progress (TAP).

Council Member Sanchez-Jones commented that 40 percent of revenues go to the schools and Council needed to be good stewards of City funds.

Council Member Priddy commented on elections and precinct realignment.

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered an explanation of new construction in the Ordway Drive area and inquired as to the address of a precinct location.

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

12. RECESS. 4:00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER TO 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.

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Welcome.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0).

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Consideration to rename Kennedy Park in honor of the late Estelle H. McCadden.

Adopted Resolution No. 45343-011723. (7-0)

Recognition of the 540 Power Hawks 2022 State, Regional and National Youth Football Champions.

Mayor Lea recognized the team and coaches on their achievements.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation to adopt a resolution supporting federal legislation renaming the Richard H. Poff Federal Building.

Adopted Resolution No. 45244-011723. (7-0)

2. Council anticipates that there will be a briefing by staff with council action to follow regarding an economic development project located in the southeastern

quadrant of the City.

Adopted Ordinance No. 45245-011723 authorizing the proper City officials to execute an Economic Development Performance Agreement (“Performance Agreement”) among the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the “City”), the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the “EDA”), and Riverdale Southeast, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (“Riverdale”); authorizing the City Manager or his designee to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of such Performance Agreement. (7-0)

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Khawaja Holdings, LLC, to repeal and replace conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning at 1919 10th Street, N. W., adopted through the enactment of Ordinance No. 41064-022018, requires development in conformance with a development plan dated January 9, 2018. Ben Crew, Balzer & Associates, Inc., Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 45246-011723. (7-0)

2. Request of OJP Rentals, LLC, to close by vacation an approximately 12 foot wide by 50 foot long portion of an alley between Colonial Avenue, S. W., and the on-ramp to Route 220 with an approximate area of 600 +/- square feet, adjacent to Official Tax Map Nos. 1280408 and 1280419. Eric Warren, Petitioner, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 45247-011723. (7-0)

3. Request of TPB Enterprises, LLC, to (i) close by vacation an approximately 0.06 acre portion of Mecca Street, N. E., at the intersection with Orange Avenue, N. E., being adjacent to property located at 2901 Orange Avenue, N. E., to be zoned Commercial-General District, and incorporated into 2901 Orange Avenue, N. E., with the realignment of Mecca Street, N. E.; (ii) to close by vacation an approximately 0.03 acre portion of right-of-way between 2525 Manning Road, N. E., and 0 Manning Road, N. E., respectively, for incorporation into the larger master plan; (iii) to repeal all conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning on property located at 2843 Orange Avenue, N. E., enacted through Ordinance No. 29277 relating to substantial conformity with a site plan, fencing requirements, and zoning; and (iv) to rezone the property located at 2843, 2814, 0, 2838, 2828, 2842, and 2920 Orange Avenue, N. E.; 2802 and 0 Daleton Road, N. E.; 0 Scott Road, N. E.; 2519, 2525, and 0 Manning Road N. E.; and the portion of right-of-way to be vacated. Ben Crew, Balzer & Associates, Inc., Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 45248-011723, as amended. (7-0)

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Pam Shaver and Jane McDaniel, 4513 Northridge Road, N. E., appeared before the Council to ask assistance with regard to suspended mail delivery due to an alleged dog attack in the area.

Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the need for improved bus service and more drivers.

Sharon Fritz, 3780 Stratford Park Drive, appeared before the Council with regard to bus service.

Chris Craft, P.O. Box 12804, appeared before the Council to advise that the City needed more sidewalks, change the time of the City Planning Commission meeting to allow for more public attendance.

ADJOURNED. 10:35 P.M.