



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 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:

Council meetings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at facebook.com/RoanokeVa. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing.

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jeff Wilson, Pastor, Huntington Court United Methodist 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:

Recognition of City Employees with 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of service.

Mayor Lea and Council Member Volosin presented gifts to City employees with tenure.

Recognition of Fire-EMS staff.

Mayor Lea and Chief Hoback recognized staff involved in recent fire emergencies.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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David Tucker, 2432 Stanley Avenue, S. E., appeared before the Council and commented on the Fairview, Cedar Lawn and Big Lick cemeteries. (See written remarks on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concerns with neighborhood and City communication.

Gene Elliott, 2720 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to sidewalk repair on Rosalind Avenue.

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 Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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 the possible acquisition of real estate in the Northern 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 Section 2.2-3711.(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Charles Waters as a member of Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, effectively immediately.

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

- C-5.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Cheryl Mosley as a member of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment, Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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

- C-6.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Rachel Hale as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for a

three-year term of office commencing October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2025;

Barbara Duerk as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Peter Volosin ending June 30, 2024;

Anita J. Price as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Anita J. Price ending June 30, 2024; and

William D. Bestpitch as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Erika Bergen ending November 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

- C-7. A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting with legal counsel pertaining to current 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.**

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:

BRIEFINGS:

- **FY23 Budget – January Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes.
Received and filed.**
- **FY24 Budget – Capital Improvements Program - 20 minutes.
Received and filed.**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. De-appropriation of Western Virginia Water Authority Funds for the Melrose Avenue Streetscape.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42569-022123. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when vote was recorded)**
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of the Virginia ARPA Tourism Recovery Program Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42570-022123 and Budget Ordinance No. 42571-022123. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when vote was recorded)**
- C. Acceptance of the FY2023 VDOT State of Good Repair Grant Award - UPCs 121971, 121977.**

Adopted Resolution No. 42572-022123 and Budget Ordinance No. 42573-022123. (7-0)

- D. Adoption of "Roanoke Virginia Strategic Plan 2023 - 2024."
Adopted Resolution No. 42574-022123. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared information with regard to "My Healthy Hometown" prescription discount program offered by the National League of Cities and provided a brief overview of the Star City Strong Recovery Fund.

2. City Attorney:

- A. Amendment of the City Code to update Section 2-307 (c) Youth Athletics Review Board.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42575-022123. (7-0)
- B. Approval of the proposed settlement of opioid related claims against multiple distributors and their related corporate entities.
Adopted Resolution No. 42576-022123. (7-0)
- C. **Approval of proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, Article XIV Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Section 2-305, Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board.**
Adopted Ordinance No. 42577-022123 and Resolution No. 42578-022123. (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. 42579-022123. (7-0)
2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.
Council Member Moon Reynolds announced a program sponsored by Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority "Roanoke Saves Week."

Council Member Priddy provided an update on legislation.

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.
- Discussion of comments received by Mayor relating to Section 21-5, City Code, (Curfew for persons sixteen years of age or younger.)
 - Sister Cities Letter.
The Council moved to affirm the Pskov, Russia Sister Cities letter. (7-0)

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

12. RECESSED - 5:19 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS; 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. Council Member Priddy was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Adam Ayers, Middle School Pastor, Valley 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.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when vote was recorded)

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to consider approval of the City of Roanoke HOME ARP Allocation Plan. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.

No action taken.

2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to lease an approximate 60' X 60' plot of land located at Morningside Park along Morgan Avenue, S. E., and designated as Tax Map Number 4240102 to Carilion Clinic for use as an Urban Garden. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42580-022123. (6-0)

3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to lease an approximate 129' X 100' plot of land located at Morningside Park along Morgan Avenue, S. E., and designated as Tax Map Number 4240102 to Local Environmental Agricultural Project, Inc. ('L.E.A.P.') for use as a Community Garden. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42581-022123 (6-0)

4. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to renew the lease for approximately 0.3664 acres of land located at the northeast corner of 13th Street and Cleveland Avenue, S. W., and designated as Tax Map Number 1220803 to Local Environmental Agriculture Project, Inc. (L.E.A.P.) for use as a Community

Garden. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42582-022123 (6-0)

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- 1. Suzanne Osborne, 1702 Blair Road, S.W., appeared before the Council in opposition of the expenditures of the Gun Violence Commission funds.**

Shawn Hunter, 514 24th Street, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the uptick of crime in the community and expressed disapproval in the distribution of funds by the Gun Violence Prevention Commission.

Fred Donaher, 360 Albemarle Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern for public transit and its importance to the community.

Katie Wooley, 3012 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council to advocate for public transit.

Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to share comments with regard to the City bus service.

Thomas Robinson, 2104 Salem Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concern about the prevention of gun violence in the City.

ADJOURNED - 8:52 P.M.