



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

March 6, 2023
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 Member Sanchez-Jones was 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. **(6-0)**

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. **Council Member Moon Reynolds inquired about Item 7.1.H. and requested additional information.**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
(5 MINUTES)

BRIEFINGS:

- RVTV - 15 minutes.
- RAYSAC - Youth Drug Use - 20 minutes.
- FY23 Budget/Financial Planning - 40 minutes.

**AT 10:39 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECESSED FOR A CLOSED MEETING;
AND THEREAFTER RECONVENED 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

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Sanchez-Jones was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Amy Hodge, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church.

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

Welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for various vacancies on Council-Appointed Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Please access the City's website at www.roanokeva.gov to complete an online application.

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for expiration of the three-year terms of office of Elizabeth C.S. Jamison and Natasha N. Saunders as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board ending June 30, 2023. Information pertaining to the School Board process and application for appointment are available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, March 10, 2023. For questions and/or additional information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (540) 853-2541.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of City employees with 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service in the calendar year 2022.

All Members of Council recognized City employees.

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 and spoke with regard to the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, stormwater development, watershed and rain water runoff.

Shawn Hunter, 514 24th Street, N. W., on behalf of the Peacemakers, Inc., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to crime, violence, and

the need for a plan to expend funds in the streets to positively affect gun violence.

Kathy Cohen, 3817 Colonial Green Circle, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the work of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission and recent comments from a Council Member.

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 to schedule and advertise a public hearing on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., on the proposed subdivision and conveyance of a portion of 1927 Franklin Road, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 1040302.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-2.** Request to schedule and advertise a public hearing on March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., on the proposed vacation and dedication of easements at 1927 Franklin Road, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 1040302.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** Request to schedule and advertise a public hearing on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., for authorization of the issuance of debt with the Roanoke Economic Development Authority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Brandon McCall as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025;

Sandra Vincent as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission to replace Thomas Page for a term of office ending September 30, 2025;

Yvonne Johnson as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025; and

Lela Hickman as a Citizen-at-Large member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Joyce Watkins for a term of office ending June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Annual update on activities of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. John Hull, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Approval of a Letter Agreement for Parking Spaces with LeadPoint Digital & PARK Roanoke-Market Garage.
Adopted Resolution No. 42593-030623. (6-0)
- B. Approval of the appointment of a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.
Adopted Resolution No. 42594-030623. (6-0)
- C. Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) local revenue sharing funding for multiple drainage improvement projects.
Adopted Resolution No. 42595-030623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42596-030623. (6-0)
- D. Acceptance of Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Funds for Norwich Survey and National Register Nomination.
Adopted Resolution No. 42597-030623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42598-030623. (6-0)
- E. Acceptance of Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Funds to Host Professional Training for the City's Architectural Review Board.
Adopted Resolution No. 42599-030623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42600-030623. (6-0)
- F. Approval of Amendment No. 1 for the sale of approximately 1.1 acres and improvements – former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42601-030623, as amended. (6-0)
- G. Acquisition of Real Property Rights for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project – 1400-1500 24th Street.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42602-030623. (5-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)
- H. Approval of Change Order to Contract with E. C. Pace Company, Inc.
Adopted Resolution No. 42603-030623, as amended. (5-0, Mayor Lea was not present when the vote was recorded)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Amendment of the City Code to update Chapter 21, Offenses - Miscellaneous, and Chapter 23, Police.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42604-030623. (6-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to call two Special Meetings of City Council on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 and Thursday, March 30, 2023 to hold two public hearings to hear the views of citizens with regard to options for enforcing curfew and additional ways to protect youth in the community.
Adopted Resolution No. 42605-030623. (6-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member White-Boyd announced an Evans Spring Development meeting, on March 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Williams Memorial Baptist Church, 2101 Carroll Avenue, N. W., for more information, see www.evansspring.com.

Council Member Moon Reynolds asked the City Manager to look into the caretaker's cottage in Washington Park; whereupon, Council Member White-Boyd asked to hold off on the request, because options with regard to the matter would be presented in the near future.

Vice-Mayor Cobb referenced a letter from the Mill Mountain Advisory Board and asked City staff to take the lead and set up a meeting for further consideration; and commented on the responsibilities of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission.

Council Member Priddy asked citizens to attend a public hearing at the O. Winston Link & History Museum of Western Virginia on the proposed 2023 history and social science standards of learning, on March 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Lea requested that an update be provided on animal control and response to the community.

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

Appointed Lori Baker-Lloyd to replace Kevin Earl as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a three-year term of office ending October 1, 2025.

Reappointed Shakira Williams, Decca Knight and Elliott Major as members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for three-year terms of office, each, ending March 31, 2026. Residency requirement was waived for Decca Knight and Elliott Major.

Reappointed Jeffrey Todd as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Alexander Barge to fill the unexpired term of office of Luke Priddy as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ending March 31, 2025.

Appointed Deborah Pitts to replace Chris Bryant; and James Pickens to

replace Melanie Crovo as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending March 31, 2026.

Appointed Frank Rogan to replace Heather Davenport as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed John Hitchens, Meighan Sharp and William Penn and appointed Ilsa Saavedra-Rogan to replace Valerie Brown and James Davis to replace Patricia Wilhelms as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Matt Clark as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2026.

Reappointed Todd Putney and appointed Valerie Brown to replace J. Granger MacFarlane for four-year terms of office, each, as members of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as a City representative of the Western Virginia Water Authority, Board of Directors for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Marina Trejo Perez (Citizen-at-Large) and Melanie Tate (Public/Private Agency) for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)

ADJOURNED - 4:50 P.M.