



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 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 Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

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:

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association, Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's and Pension Plan Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR), Popular Annual Financial Reports and the Budget document for the Fiscal Year ended 2022, to the Department of Finance.

Mayor Lea presented the Certificates to Brent Robertson, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance, Amelia Merchant, Deputy Director of Finance and staff.

A proclamation declaring Saturday, March 25, 2023 as Roanoke Diversity Center Day.

Council Member Volosin read and presented the proclamation to Marissa Yi, Vice-President, Roanoke Diversity Center.

A proclamation declaring March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read and presented the proclamation to Karen Michalski-Karney, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Independent Living Center.

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.

Clay McClintock, 2008 Colgate Street, N. E., appeared before the Council and shared information about a Neighborhood Watch program and ways citizens can get involved and positively affect City neighborhoods.

James Neate, 3555 Heritage Circle, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke about the five cent plastic bag tax and offered there may be a better method.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and inquired about a matter between the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Economic Development with regard to sale of the Fishburn Park Caretaker Cottage.

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.** A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the two upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board expiring June 30, 2023, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-2.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly-owned property located at 1015 Jamison Avenue, S. E., 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-3.** 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-4.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Daniel Colston as a member of Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, effective immediately.

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

- C-5.** Reports of qualification of Peter Wonson as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board for an initial term of office commencing March 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024; and Kathryn Kronau as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing October 2, 2022 and ending October 1, 2026.

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:

BRIEFINGS:

- FY24 Budget – Capital Improvement Program - 20 minutes
Received and filed.
- FY23 Budget - February Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Burn Building Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42606-032023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42607-032023. (7-0)
- B.** Appropriation of funds for the Children's Services Act private day school costs.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42608-032023. (7-0)
- C.** Acceptance of the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant - FY23 Contract Extension.
Adopted Resolution No. 42609-032023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42610-032023. (7-0)
- D.** Approval of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan and Amendment to the 2020 - 2024 HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan.
Adopted Resolution No. 42611-032023. (7-0)
- E.** Execution of Amendment No. 1 of the contract for the sale of 0 Daleton Road, N. E., to TPB Enterprises, LLC.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42612-032023. (7-0)
- F.** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Roanoke and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for funds to be used for the Roanoke Biotech Project.

Adopted Resolution No. 42613-032023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42614-032023. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager introduced Police Chief Sam Roman and Ebony Gammon, Consultant, who briefed the Council on Cultural Intelligence in Policing.

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. 42615-032023 (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 that the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority would be accepting applications for the annual Melody Stovall Scholarship in increments of \$1,000.00, based on grades, community service, strength of future goals, articulation and needs, deadline is May 5, at 5:00 p.m., at main office of the Authority. She reminded everyone that neatness counts and if an application was illegible, it would not be considered and all applicants must have a pending letter of acceptance to college, vocational or business school.

Council White-Boyd announced the Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has its 2023 Scholarship application on its website, roanokealumnaedst.org. The deadline is April 15, 2023. Application must be submitted electronically or mailed to P.O. Box 6658, Roanoke, Virginia 24017.

Council Member Priddy announced that soon he would meet with Executive Committee to review next year's legislation and may have an opportunity to view the vetoes and amendments the Governor puts forward to legislation and a brief update on the status of items in the current General Assembly.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution confirming the City Manager's appointment of an Assistant City Manager.

Adopted Resolution No. 42616-032023. (7-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council. None.

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

12. RECESSED - 5:34 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. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Michael Cherry, II, Pastor, Altha Grove Baptist Church.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Council Member White-Boyd advised that on April 3, Roanoke City Council will conduct five interviews to select two candidates to serve as Roanoke City School Board Trustees for three year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2023. The four candidates are Elizabeth C.S. Jamison, Auraliz Quintana, Jacqueline Moon, Christopher Link and Natasha Saunders.

On April 17, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held to hear the views of citizens on said candidates for Roanoke City School Board Trustee; and announcement of the successful candidates will be made at the May 1, 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting.

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to rename Carver Avenue, N. W., to R.R. Wilkinson Avenue, N. W., in honor of the late Reverend Dr. Raymond R. Wilkinson.
Adopted Resolution No. 42617-032023. (7-0)

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Bedrock Church Roanoke, Inc., to rezone property located at 1030 Mecca Street, N. E., from Mixed Use District, to Institutional Planned Unit Development District, for a place of worship. Mike Woolwine, Agent,

Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42618-032023. (7-0)

2. Request of OJP Rentals, LLC, to repeal conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning at 2522 Colonial Avenue, S. W.; six parcels identified as 0 Colonial Avenue, S. W.; and four parcels identified as 0 Sanford Avenue, S. W., and includes accommodations and group living, commercial, industrial, assembly and entertainment, public institutional and community facilities.

Andrew Stover, Agent, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42619-032023. (7-0)

3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke for preliminary authorization on the issuance of debt by the Economic Development Authority, of the City of Roanoke.

Adopted Resolution No. 42620-032023, Ordinance No. 42621-032023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42622-032023. (7-0)

4. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to vacate and dedicate public sewer easements at 1927 Franklin Road, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 1040302.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42623-032023. (7-0)

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Steve Grammer, 1817 Westover Avenue, S.W., appeared before the Council to request a better transportation system for all citizens.

Sarah Davis, 351 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and offered comments on reproductive rights.

Brandy Campbell, 909 Piedmont Street, S. E., appeared before the Council and shared a personal story of loss of younger brother Nicholas, a student at Patrick Henry High School.

Rolando Holmes, 1327 Grandin Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to thank Mayor Lea and Council Member Moon Reynolds for attending the PLAY program's Black History Month celebration.

Suzanne Osborne, 1702 Blair Road, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concern with the Gun Violence Prevention Commission and upcoming audit.

Elizabeth Gibson, 6425 Pendleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concern with the flow of traffic at Valley View Mall and Towers Shopping Center.

Catherine Koebel, 2625 Longview Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council offered positive comments on the work of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission and commented that more can be done.

The City Attorney advised that the City of Roanoke has led the way on the

gun buyback program and at least five other localities have requested information with regard to the buyback program.

ADJOURNED - 8:11 P. M.