



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

April 3, 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. All present. Mayor Lea arrived late (9:06 a.m.).

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)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting with legal counsel pertaining to probable or actual 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.

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ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. **NONE.**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. **NONE.**

BRIEFINGS:

- Code Amendment Section 20-76, parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities - 30 minutes.
- FY 24 Budget/Financial Planning - 30 minutes.

AT 9:22 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECESSED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:25 A.M.

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

City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

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

The Invocation was delivered by Bishop Delmar Jackson, Pastor, Abundant Grace Assembly.

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:

A proclamation declaring April 10 - April 16, 2023 as Community Development Week.

Council Member Priddy read and accepted the proclamation on behalf of Keith Holland, Community Resources Administrator, who was not present.

A proclamation declaring April 9 - 15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Council Member Priddy read and presented the proclamation to Sonya Roman, Manager, E-911 and staff.

A proclamation declaring April 2023 as Fair Housing Month.

Council Member Priddy read and presented the proclamation to Amazetta Anderson, Member, Fair Housing Board.

Mayor Lea recognized the City Job Fair Day, which was held on March 29, at the Berglund Center. He recognized Angelia Vernon, Director; John Sanders, Manager; and presented a City star to Jennifer White, Consultant, Department of Human Resources, for her efforts in coordinating the event.

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 to share the importance of protecting the water and natural resources.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to speak with regard to the sale of the Fishburn Cottage and asked the Council to pause on the rezoning of the property.

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.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Toya Jones as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effective immediately.

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

- C-2.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Lori Baker-Lloyd as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Committee, effective March 21, 2023.

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

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Jerel Rhodes as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-4.** Authorization to file the appropriate application for vacation of a portion of Fishburn Park and to release the public's right to use an approximately 1.1 acre portion of Fishburn Park on real property owned by the City of Roanoke, such real property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., and designated as Official Tax Map No. 1470301.

Item C-4 was removed to be considered separately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request. (7-0)

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

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

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, commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026;

James Davis as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Patricia Wilhelms for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

Amanda Marko as a member of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission to replace Cynthia Lawrence for a four-year term of office, commencing March 10, 2023 and ending March 9, 2027;

Elliott Major and Decca Knight as members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026; and

Matt Clark as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Final Authorization of the Issuance of Debt with the Roanoke Economic Development Authority. Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney.
Adopted Resolution No. 42624-040323. (7-0)

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to present its proposed 2023 - 2024 Annual Budget. Daniel D. Miles, Chief Executive Officer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42625-040323. (7-0)
2. Request of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission to present its proposed 2023 - 2024 Operating Budget and Proposed Capital Expenditures, Mike Stewart, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42626-040323. (7-0)

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Adoption of Tax Year 2023 Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) Percentage.
Adopted Resolution No. 42627-040323. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote recorded.)
- B. Authorization of a bus shelter encroachment located at 1420 Melrose Avenue, N. W.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42628-040323. (7-0)
- C. Execution of additional amendments to the contract in connection with the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Office and Sheriff Security

Station Renovation.

Adopted Resolution No. 42629-040323. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager called attention to the Healthy Housing Change Agent Award from the National League of Cities; and presented a video with regard to the ARPA funding provided to the City of Roanoke which was played at the NLC Conference. He also announced the workshop to be held on Monday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m., at Berglund Hall, on the City's Gun Violence Prevention Framework which consists of efforts at prevention, intervention and enforcement/justice; it is expected that a quorum of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission will be in attendance.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A.** Request for authority to acquire 0 Aviation Drive, N. W., Official Tax Map No. 6650103, from LMR Land Company, L. P. through the Court-Appointed Special Commissioner.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42630-040323. (6-0, Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded.)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1.** Adopted Resolution No. 42631-040323 supporting 2023 General Assembly Legislation – Establishment of the Virginia Museum of Transportation as a State Agency and Educational Institution under the Commonwealth of Virginia. (6-0, Mayor Lea was not present when the vote was recorded)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Priddy commented with regard to scooters and the specifics on where and how they operate; he also asked that a letter from the Gun Violence Prevention Commission be filed into the meeting record.

Council Member Moon Reynolds gave highlights from the recent National League of Cities Conference held in Washington, D.C.

Vice-Mayor Cobb announced that on April 4, 2023, the SCLC would host a prayer vigil and memorial service at the MLK Plaza and Statue on Henry street, in remembrance of Dr. King's assassination. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and should last about an hour.

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

Reappointed Malcolm Quigley, Stephen Lemon and Dawn Tanner Erdman, as members of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for one-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Appointed Amanda Folman as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee to replace Aisha Johnson for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026.

Appointed Becky Carr as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Toya Jones ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Shawn Nowlin as a member of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Cassy Ammen as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Jessie Coffman as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Captain Adam Puckett as a member of the Regional Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Chrystal Smith as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Yen Ha as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to replace Donna St.Clair for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Cathy Carter as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to replace Lauren Hartman for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026.

Reappointed Amanda Marko as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Justice Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Tiffany Keffer as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Justice Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Michael Waldvogel as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral

Healthcare, Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of office of Lew Bishop ending December 31, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0, Mayor Lea was not present when the vote was recorded)

12. SCHOOL BOARD INTERVIEWS:

City Council conducted the following interviews in connection with Roanoke City School Board upcoming vacancies, effective July 1, 2023.

Jacqueline W. Moon – 4:19 p.m. - 4:39 p.m.

Auraliz C. Quintana – 4:41 p.m. - 4:54 p.m.

Christopher T. Link – 4:55 p.m. - 5:13 p.m.

RECESSED - 5:14 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023, AT 1:00 P.M., WHEN THE COUNCIL WILL ENGAGE IN A WORKSHOP ON THE CITY'S GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FRAMEWORK WHICH CONSIST OF EFFORTS AT PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT/JUSTICE; THE RECESSED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT BERGLUND HALL, 710 WILLIAMSON ROAD, N. W.; IT IS EXPECTED THAT A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OF THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMISSION WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE RECESSED MEETING.