



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

May 1, 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.

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.

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A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the appointment of two Trustees to serve on the Roanoke City School Board, for three-year terms, each, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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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 performance of a Council-Appointed Officer, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), 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.**

Mayor Lea recognized the Highland Park Elementary School 5th Grade Leadership Team and presented City gifts.

BRIEFING:

- FY 2023 - 2024 Budget Study - 30 minutes
Received and filed.

AT 9:10 A.M. - 9:39 A.M., THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CONVENED, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

AT 9:43 A.M., A JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMISSION CONVENED, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

- **City Council - All Present. Council Member Moon Reynolds entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m.**
- **Gun Violence Prevention Commission - Commissioners Decca Knight, Dr. Eric Anderson and Shakira Williams were absent.**

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

- **Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb**

3. Item for Discussion/Comments by City Council.

- **Gun Violence Prevention Commission Strategic Plan**

4. Recess/Adjourn - 10:56 a.m.

AT 12:59 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED 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.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Walter LeFlore, Pastor, Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

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 Saturday, May 6, 2023 as Locked Guns Save Kids Day.

Vice-Mayor Cobb declared Saturday, May 6, 2023 as Locked Guns Save Kids Day and presented the proclamation to the family in honor of Camden Brown.

A proclamation declaring May 1 – 7, 2023 as Resilience Week.

Mayor Lea declared the week of May 1 - 7, 2023 as Resilience Week and presented the proclamation to Christine Gist, Prevention and Wellness Specialist, Roanoke Prevention Alliance.

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.

Kenneth McLeod, 1125 Winona Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to announce May as Bike Month and pointed out a variety of Bike Month events in May.

Warren Hargis, 1909 Langdon Road, S. W., appeared before the Council to address tax increases.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concern with the sale of the Fishburn Cottage and announced a public presentation on soil preservation on May 18, at 7:00 p.m, at the neighborhood garden located on 10th Street, N. W.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to advise that May is Neighborhood Month.

Joseph Coe, 1060 Palm Avenue, N. W., Apt A, appeared before the Council to advise of damage to his property during a high speed police chase in his neighborhood.

Bill Tanger, (no address provided), appeared before the Council and requested that Council address the issues on Williamson Road.

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, March 6, 2023; and the special meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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

- C-2.** Authorization to schedule a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2023, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, with regard to the Cox Communication Fiber Service Easement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Whitney Johnson as a member of the Roanoke Arts commission, effective immediately.

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

- C-4.** Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Monday, December 19, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-5.** 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;

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

Valerie Brown as a member of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board to replace J. Granger MacFarlane for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027;

Stephen Lemon as a member of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and

Tiffany Keffer as a member (Magistrate) 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.** Presentation of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Budget. Scott Ramsburg, Cable Access Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42637-050123. (7-0)

2. Presentation of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment update. Shaleen Powell, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member White-Boyd)

Received and filed.

3. Presentation of the Roanoke Prevention Alliance, Resiliency Collective and the Roanoke Valley Trauma Informed Community Network information and initiatives. Christine Gist, Prevention and Wellness Specialist. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Sanchez-Jones)

Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

- Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission Awareness Campaign - 30 minutes.

Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Appropriation of FY23 VDOT Street Maintenance Q3 and Q4 Payments Incremental Revenue.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42638-050123. (7-0)
- B. Execution of an Extra-Territorial Arrest Agreement with Virginia Western Community College.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42639-050123. (7-0)
- C. Approval of a five-year plan for Opioid Settlement funds, direct distribution and grants from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.
Adopted Resolution No. 42640-050123. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager announced that a new tribute to the late James Hunter Tarpley, Grandin Village resident and 2018 Citizen of the Year was installed in the Grandin Village area near the 7-11 convenience store.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution appointing two Trustees to the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Adopted Resolution No. 42641-050123. (7-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member White-Boyd congratulated School Superintendent Verletta White on being selected as the 'Virginia Superintendent of the Year' for an array of accomplishments.

Council Member Priddy commented that there have been data errors with regard to citizens' personal property taxes, including his own, also commented that there was no staff available for animal control issues on the weekends, and the Friends of Evans Springs Group asked him to share a magazine with the Council.

Council Member Moon Reynolds also commented on the lack of staff for animal control; whereupon, the City Manager advised that animal control only had two officers and it was difficult to retain staff and that's why they no longer trap animals. Council Member Volosin suggested outsourcing the animal control service.

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

Appointed John Hostutler as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of office of Charles Water ending June 30, 2024; and reappointed Jeffrey Shawver, Anthony Smith and Christopher Link as members of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed the Honorable Hilary Griffith and the Honorable Scott Geddes as members of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Justice Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Sarah Karpenti to replace Ahondryea Brooks as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Auraliz Quintana as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Anita Price as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office ending June 30, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

RECESSED at 5:14 p.m., for continuation of Closed Meeting. Meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m., RECESSED - 5:51 p.m.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 8 AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 BUDGET AND ANY OTHER MEASURES DEEMED APPROPRIATE.