



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

June 5, 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.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry at the 800 block of Stewart Avenue, S. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(5), (A)(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, and to discuss the disposition of publicly-owned property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., 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)(8), (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. (7-0)

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:

- Roanoke Fire-EMS Annual Report - 20 minutes
- Roanoke Prevention Alliance – Vaping & e-Cigarettes Among Youth - 20 minutes
- Gun Violence Prevention Framework Update/Star City Safe - 60 minutes

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. (11:47 A.M.)



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. Mayor Lea arrived late (2:04 p.m.)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Terry Kemp, Children's Pastor and Ministries Director, Fort Chiswell Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

Welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring June 2023 as Pride Month.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read the proclamation, joined by Mayor Lea and Council Members Volosin and Priddy and presented the proclamation to Kenny Young, Roanoke Diversity Center.

A proclamation declaring June 2023 as Healthy Homes Month.

Mayor Lea read and presented the proclamation to Katie Kennedy, Lead Safe Roanoke, Helen Ferguson, Healthy Homes Program Manager and Angela Penn, Vice President for Economic & Real Estate Development.

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 about her late father and acknowledged her proposal for the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton, Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and presented a thank you card from the neighbors with regard to the recent decision not to rezone the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage property.

Debra Carter, 3038 Melrose Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and presented a thank you card from citizens with regard to the recent decision not to rezone the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage property and park.

Shelley Himel, 2236 Sewell Lane, S. W., appeared before the Council and said thank you for not rezoning the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage property.

Linda Kraige, 5046 Williamson Road, N. W., appeared before the Council to advise that she was no longer homeless and to advocate for citizens with mental health issues and the homeless.

Curtis Tolley, 510 Dale Avenue, S. E., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to an abandoned home with squatters and public urination and asked for assistance to address the issue.

Mark Fero, Director of Programs and Outreach, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia, appeared before the Council and advised that he was visiting Roanoke and commended the Council on the cleanliness of the City and thanked the Council for their efforts to address and end gun violence.

Deborah Saunders, 6708 Slonington Road, Roanoke County, appeared before the Council and spoke about making changes to the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage rezoning.

Reverend David Denham, 3512 Wright Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and advised that the City should maintain control of the Fishburn Cottage Property and should not sell the land.

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 meetings of City Council held on Monday, April 3, 2023; recessed until Monday, April 10, 2023 and on Monday, April 17, 2023; recessed until Thursday, April 27, 2023.

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

- C-2.** Tax exemption public hearing request on real property owned by PCC Land Company, LLC, also known as Presbyterian Community Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized and advertised a public hearing on the above matter for City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager may determine.

- C-3.** Tax exemption public hearing request on real property of Local Environmental Agriculture Project, Inc. (LEAP).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized and advertised a public hearing on the above matter for City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager may determine.

- C-4.** Authorize Public Hearing and Submission of Bids for a Sixty Year Air Rights Lease for Installation of a Pedestrian Crosswalk Over South Jefferson Street, S.W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized the submission of bids and scheduling and advertisement of a public hearing and opening of bids on June 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

- C-5.** Request for public hearing with regard to adjustments of FY 2023 revenue estimates and appropriation of funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized a public hearing to be scheduled at City Council's meeting on June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager may determine.

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

The Honorable Scott R. Geddes as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

Meighan Sharp and William Penn as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

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;

Amanda Marko as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

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;

Chrystal Smith as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices

Commission for a three-term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

Darnell Wood as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024;

John Hostutler as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of office of Charles Waters ending June 30, 2024;

Frank C. Martin, III, as a member of the City Planning Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026;

Charlsie E. Parker as a member (Public/Government) of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024;

Lorena Wilson as a Citizen-at-Large member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2025; and

Dawn Tanner Erdman as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors, for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** City of Roanoke Garnand Branch Stream Restoration Project – Accepting Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Award of Stormwater Local Assistance Program Funds, Authorizing Execution of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund Program Grant Agreement, and Appropriation of Funds.
Adopted Resolution No. 42664-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42665-060523. (7-0)
- B.** Recommendations of Human Services Advisory Board for Funding of Qualified Agencies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
Adopted Resolution No. 42666-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42667-060523. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb recused himself and abstained from the vote.)

- C. Adoption of an ordinance amending the Electronic Fee Compendium for construction permits.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42668-060523. (7-0)
- D. Appropriation of Title IV-E Federal Adoption Subsidy Funds and Acceptance of Revenue.
Adopted Resolution No. 42669-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42670-060523. (7-0)
- E. Acceptance and Appropriation of the 2023 AARP Community Challenge Demonstration Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42671-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42672-060523. (7-0)
- F. Acceptance and Appropriation of the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42673-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42674-060523. (7-0)
- G. Acceptance and Appropriation of the 2023 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42675-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42675-060523. (7-0)
- H. Adoption of a resolution to apply for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) funding.
Adopted Resolution No. 42677-060523. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager acknowledged and congratulated all parties involved in the Carilion Iron Man 70.3 event which was very successful without incident.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of 2022 opioid settlements.
Adopted Resolution No. 42678-060523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42679-060523. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded.)
- B. Authorize Amendment No. 1 to Existing Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Roanoke and TAP for TAP to Perform the Functions of a Land Bank Entity.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42680-060523. (7-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42681-060523 amending and reordaining Section 21-5, Curfew for persons sixteen years of age or younger, found in Chapter 21, Offenses - Miscellaneous, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979). (6-1, Council Member Priddy voted no.)**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Volosin asked the City Manager to invite a representative from Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge to speak to the Council with regard to the budget and agreement with the City in July.

Council Member Moon Reynolds advised that she spoke to Fletcher Nichols with regard to Royalty Affirmation and requested a resolution be adopted and presented to the Schools division.

Mayor Lea announced that Council Member White-Boyd had been appointed to serve as Chair of the Virginia Municipal League's Finance Policy Committee.

Council Member White-Boyd announced the 2023 Juneteenth Family Reunion event would be held on Saturday, June 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Eureka Park.

Vice-Mayor Cobb announced the grand opening of the Valley Metro Bus Station on Wednesday, June 14, at 11:00 a.m., at the Third Street Station, 325 Salem Avenue, S. W.; Soul Box - Roanoke is on display in June at Valley View Mall in partnership CBL Partnership and the City of Roanoke; and the 3rd annual Groceries Not Guns Buyback event would be held on Saturday, June 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Melrose Community Center, 1427 Melrose Avenue, N. W.

Council Member Priddy advised that all items and recommendations for the Legislative Committee needed to be submitted by June 23, at 4:00 p.m., for the July 3 Legislative Committee meeting.

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

Appointed Jonathan Lloyd as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Jerel Rhodes ending December 31, 2024.

Appointed Ahondyrea Brooks as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to replace Laura Leonard for a four-year term of office ending November 30, 2026.

Appointed Barbara Duerk as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission to replace Stephanie Lareau for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Jason Cromer as a member of Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Loren Fennell ending June 30, 2024.

Appointed Milton Hardy, Sr., as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Lori Baker-Lloyd ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Charlene Graves and Lauren Woodson as members of the

Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired terms of office of Whitney Johnson and Betsy Whitney ending June 30, 2025, respectively.

Appointed Joshua Johnson and Jamie Starkey as members of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Dina Hackley-Hunt ending June 30, 2024 and to replace Karen Pillis for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, respectively.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

ADJOURNED - 4:35 P.M.