



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

June 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. Council Member Priddy was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Jeff Wilson, Pastor, Southview United Methodist Church.

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 Tuesday, June 20, 2023 as World Refugee Day.

Mayor Lea read and presented the proclamation to Ashley Profitt, Refugee Resettlement Program Manager, Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

A proclamation declaring the week of June 19 - 23, 2023 as Pollinator Week.

Mayor Lea read and presented the proclamation to Leigh Ann Weitzenfeld, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Roanoke.

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.

Mac McCadden, 2018 Carroll Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to saving the Evans Spring property.

Jane Gabrielle, 2018 Carroll Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to saving the Evans Spring property.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to a relationship with Petersburg, Virginia and asked the Department of Economic Development to review how projects were addressed.

Clinton Stoneking, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council in opposition of the sale of Fishburn parkland.

Vonda Wright, 2012 Melrose Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to saving Eureka and Washington Parks.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the success of completing projects.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the importance of protecting parkland.

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.** Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 1, 2023; recessed until Monday, May 8, 2023; and on Monday, May 15, 2023.

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

- C-2.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a prospective economic development project at the 30 Block of Church Avenue, S. W. 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Manager, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly-owned property located at 1 S. Jefferson Street, 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)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

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

John Varney 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;

Gloria Manns as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025;

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;

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

Malcolm Quigley 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;

Harvey Brookins as a Roanoke City Appointee of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024;

Melanie Tate as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Pamela Smith for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

Christopher Link as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026; and

Jason Cromer as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Loren Fennell 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:

Public Art Update - 15 minutes.

FY23 Budget - May Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes.

ARPA Update - 30 minutes.

Police Annual Report - 30 minutes.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for operation of the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42683-062023. (6-0)
- B. Amended Budget Ordinance to Appropriate Program Income for FY 23 HUD Funds.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42684-062023, as amended. (6-0)
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of FY 24 HUD Funds.
Adopted Resolution No. 42685-062023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42686-062023. (5-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb abstained from the vote)
- D. Acquisition of Real Property Rights for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project – Victoria Street, N. W.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42687-062023. (6-0)
- E. Appropriation of additional funds from Fishburn Family Foundation Donation.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42688-062023. (6-0)
- F. Acceptance of a donation from the Roanoke Parks Foundation to be used to purchase a climbing tower for the Department of Parks and Recreation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42689-062023. (6-0)
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of the National Recreation and Park Association Mentoring for Youth Impacted by Substance Misuse Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42690-062023 and Budget Ordinance No. 42691-062023. (6-0)
- H. Amendment No. 2 for the Sale of Approximately 1.1 Acres and Improvements – Former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42682-062023. (6-0) Action taken prior to Item 7.1.A.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

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. 42692-062023. (6-0)
- 2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees. **NONE.**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

10. **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

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 - 6:09 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. Council Member Priddy was absent. Council Member White-Boyd left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Anthony Swann, Campus Pastor, The Vine Church.

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

Welcome.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb abstained from the vote)

BID OPENING:

Bids Submitted for a Sixty Year Air Rights Lease for Installation of a Pedestrian Crosswalk Over South Jefferson Street, S. W.

Received one bid from Carilion. The sole bid was referred to the City Manager for review and recommendation to the Council.

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Evans Spring Planning Process Update - 60 minutes.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Ed Moore representing Walker Machine and Foundry Company, to vacate a portion of a 20 foot wide alley that extends southwest from Russell Avenue, S. W., along the eastern boundary of Official Tax Map No. 1420815 and along the western boundary of Official Tax Map Nos. 1420834, 1420833, 1420832, 1420831, 1420830, and 1420829, and extending west along the northern boundary of Official Tax Map No. 1420828, to terminate at a line perpendicular to the remaining alley extending from the northwest corner of Official Tax Map No. 1420828 to the southern corner of Official Tax Map No. 1420815.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42693-062023. (5-0, Council Member Priddy was

absent and Council Member White-Boyd was not present when the vote was recorded)

2. Tax Exemption Request on Real Property owned by PCC Land Company, LLC, also known as Presbyterian Community Center.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42694, on first reading. (4-0, Council Member Volosin abstained from the vote, Council Member Priddy was absent and Council Member White-Boyd was not present when the vote was recorded)
3. Tax Exemption Request on Real Property owned by Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP).
Adopted Ordinance No. 42695-062023. (5-0, Council Member Priddy was absent and Council Member White-Boyd was not present when the vote was recorded)
4. Adjustments of FY 2022 - 2023 Revenue Estimates and Appropriation of Expenses.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42696-062023. (5-0, Council Member Priddy was absent and Council Member White-Boyd was not present when the vote was recorded)
5. Award of Submitted Bid for a Sixty Year Air Rights Lease for Installation of a Pedestrian Crosswalk Over South Jefferson Street, S. W.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42697-062023. (5-0, Council Member Priddy was absent and Council Member White-Boyd was not present when the vote was recorded)

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Theresa Gill-Walker, 2807 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the proposed development and protection of the Evans Spring property.

Gary Sandman, 214 Summit Way, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke in support of the Roanoke Climate Action Plan.

Kate Wooley, 3012 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke on behalf of the Bus Riders Advocacy Group in support in Valley Metro.

Darnell Wood, 102 Briarcliff Drive, Moneta, Virginia 24121, appeared before the Council and expressed the need for a drinking fountain in Washington Park.

Richard Fife, 2515 Wycliffe Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property.

Debra Carter, 3038 Melrose Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property.

Brandy Campbell, 909 Peidmont Street, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke about gun violence prevention.

Rosemary Ann St. Jaques, 352 Allison Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property.

Bob Peckman, 8131 Webster Drive, Roanoke County, appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property and building a park like no other.

Kristin Peckman, 8131 Webster Drive, Roanoke County, appeared before the Council and spoke in support of preserving the Evans Spring property and green space in Roanoke.

ADJOURNED - 9:19 P.M.