



City of Roanoke, Virginia
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

August 7, 2023

9:00 AM

Lucy Addison Middle School
1220 5th Street, N.W.
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

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.

City Council - **Council Member White-Boyd was absent.**

School Board - **School Board Trustees Apel, Casola and Saunders were absent.**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Chair Elizabeth C.S. Jamison. - Approval of School Board Agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES.

Joint Budget Work Group Charge: Discussion and Approval.

Joint Budget Work Group Member Approval.

School Construction Update.

Hard Hat Tours:

Lucy Addison Middle School

James Breckinridge Middle School

Charles W. Day Technical Education Center (DAYTEC)

RECESSED/ADJOURNED. 11:13 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW THE 9:00 A.M. JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND THE ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD, LOCATED AT LUCY ADDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AT 12:17 P. M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL RECONVENE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING 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.

(5-0, Council Members White-Boyd and Moon Reynolds were not present when the vote was recorded.)

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 annual performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(5-0, Council Members White-Boyd and Moon Reynolds were not present when the vote was recorded.)

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 700 block of Norfolk 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.

(5-0, Council Members White-Boyd and Moon Reynolds were not present when the vote was recorded.)

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: NONE.

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. (12:20 P.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.**

The Invocation was delivered by Elder Milton Hardy, Jr., Associate Pastor, Greater Prayer Temple.

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:

Recognition of the OnBoard ROA – Roanoke Regional Partnership.

Julia Boas, Director of Talent Strategies, Roanoke Regional Partnership, recognized participants of the OnBoard ROA Program.

Recognition of the Culinary Arts Boot Camp – Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke Higher Education Center, City of Roanoke, Hotel Roanoke, RCPS.

Josh Johnson, Youth Development Specialist, Roanoke City Public Schools and Brian Wells, General Manager, Hotel Roanoke recognized the Culinary Arts Boot Camp Program and participants spoke on behalf of the program.

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 in support of the Climate Action Plan being added to the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and grant opportunities.

Leon Vinci, 1912 Arden Road, S. W., appeared before the Council in support of the Climate Action Plan.

Darnell Wood, 102 Briarcliff Drive, Moneta, Virginia, appeared before the Council to urge the Council to make a decision with regard to the Washington Park pool relocation.

Ricardo Stovall, 1719 Ashbury Drive, Roanoke County, appeared before the Council in support of the Washington Park pool relocation.

Justin Miller, 3409 Kenwick Trail, S. W., appeared before the Council in support of saving the Washington Park Caretaker's Cottage.

Nadirah Wright, 2409 Borad Street, N. W., appeared before the Council in support of saving the Washington Park Caretaker's Cottage.

Alison Blanton, 1701 Arlington Road, S.W., appeared before the Council and requested a new direction on the relocation of the Washington Park pool.

Mike Pulice, 1715 Bluemont Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council

and expressed that the City of Roanoke failed to recognize the importance of Washington Park as a historic designation and the Caretaker's Cottage should be protected.

Dyke Wood, 812 Grayson Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council in support of the Washington Park pool relocation.

Monica Rokicki, 411 Day Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council in support of the Climate Action Plan.

LaVania Harrell, 905 Peters Creek Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to homelessness, spiritual warfare and asked for a day of fasting and prayer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote was recorded.)

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 Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and Monday, July 3, 2023.

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

- C-2.** Request to schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 21, 2023, to consider the sale of 339 Salem Avenue, S. W., also known as Official Tax Map Number 1010107 – Former HAT Building.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized the scheduling and advertising of the proposed sale of the Property for a public hearing on August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion.

- C-3.** Request to advertise a 30-day public comment period and to schedule a public hearing to amend the HUD Consolidated Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorized the City Manager or designee to advertise a 30 day public comment period to begin on Friday, August 11, 2023 and conclude on September 9, 2023, and to set a date for a public hearing by City Council on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., or as soon as the matter may be heard, to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Annual action Plan/Consolidated Plan.

- C-4.** Annual report of the Economic Development Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

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

The Honorable Hilary Griffith 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;

Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority, Board of Directors for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027;

Jeffrey Shawver 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;

Herbert Berding as a member of the Western Virginia's Industrial Facility Authority to fill the unexpired term of office of Tomas Reyes ending February 6, 2026; and

Victoria Thornton as a member of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of office of Cheryl Mosely ending December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance of funding for a Drug Prosecutor.
Adopted Resolution No. 42712-080723 and Budget Ordinance No. 42713-080723. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote was recorded.)
2. Presentation with regard to the Washington Park Caretaker's Cottage.
(Sponsored by Council Members Moon Reynolds and White-Boyd)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

Climate Action Plan - 45 minutes

Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance of a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42714-080723 and Budget Ordinance No. 42715-080723. (7-0)
- B.** Acceptance of the 2024 Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42716-080723 and Budget Ordinance No. 42717-080723. (6-0, Council Member Priddy was not present when the vote was recorded.)
- C.** Acceptance of a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Award.

Adopted Resolution No. 42718-080723 and Budget Ordinance No. 42719-080723. (7-0)

- D.** Request for an encroachment permit for Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) t/a Valley Metro Bus Shelter located at Fallon Park in the right-of-way at 502 19th Street, S. E., facing Dale Avenue, S. E., approximately 68 feet east of 19th Street.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42720-080723. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

- 2.** CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1.** A resolution approving a revised City Council Travel Policy.
Matter was tabled until the August 21, 2023 Council Meeting.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Priddy referenced an email with regard to his role on City Council and participating in a protest which occurred in Roanoke County. Mr. Priddy further commented that he takes his position on City Council very seriously, but can support any cause he chooses to.

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

Reappointed Christopher Carter and Samuel Lionberger, III, as members of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for three-year terms of office, each, ending September 30, 2026.

Karen Walker as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term of office ending August 31, 2027.

Appointed Gwendolyn Coleman as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center to fill the unexpired term of office of Stephen Martin ending June 30, 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

ADJOURNED - 6:26 P.M.