



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

October 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. Council Member Volosin was absent.

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 Council Member Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

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:

Code Amendment (Chapter 32, Taxation, Section 32-108, Taxpayer's return - Generally) - 15 minutes

Code Amendment (Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-306, Gun Violence Prevention Commission) - 10 minutes

Code Amendment (Chapter 2, Administration, Subsection (g) Section 2-271, Powers and Duties of Commission) - 10 minutes

Code Amendment (Chapter 17, Human Resources, Human Services Advisory Board, Subsection 4, Section 17-20, functions, powers and duties) - 10 minutes

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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. (10:31 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. Council Member Volosin was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

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. (6-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A resolution commending the services rendered to the City of Roanoke by the Barbers of "First Impressions Barber Shop/Hair Design" located at 2535 Melrose Avenue, N. W.

Adopted Resolution No. 42786-100523. (6-0)

A proclamation declaring Sunday, October 8, 2023 as the 40th Anniversary of CROP Hunger Walk Day.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read and presented the proclamation to Janet Chisom, representative, CROP Hunger Walk Day.

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.

1. **Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation Board's annual report and informed the Council about flood preparedness grant funding.**

Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., #302, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to "Anathema" and Mental Health Crisis.

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.** Request to advertise a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the leasing of approximately 5,709 square feet of space, on the first floor of the Church Avenue Parking Garage located at 101 Church Avenue, S. W., to the United States Postal Service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-2.** Request to advertise a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the conveyance of Official Tax Map No. 1420326, which is the City's remaining interest in the Belt Line, to Roanoke Southern, LLC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Amanda McGee as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective November 9, 2023.

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

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

Braxton Naff as a member of the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing October 21, 2023 and ending October 20, 2027;

Monique Ingram and Mary Blair Celli to replace Angela Wimberly as members of the Youth Services Citizen Board for terms of office ending June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026, respectively;

Samuel Lionberger, III, as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2026; and

Karen Walker as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2027.

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:

Service Industry Parking Program "SIPP" - 30 minutes

Flood Resilience Plan - 20 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance and appropriation of the State Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to Virginia Grant, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation for the rehabilitation of the Historic Fishburn Mansion, known as the Mountain View Recreation Center.
Adopted Resolution No. 42787-100523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42788-100523. (6-0)
- B.** Acceptance and appropriation of the FY2024 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Highway Safety Grant – City of Roanoke Youth Transportation Safety Campaign.
Adopted Resolution No. 42789-100523 and Budget Ordinance No. 42790-100523. (6-0)
- C.** Execution of an easement to Western Virginia Water Authority, ("WVWA"), for a new variable width fire service line and water vault across Official Tax Map No. 6460102, belonging to the City of Roanoke.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42791-100523. (6-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager provided a brief overview of the Strategic Plan, highlighting the ARPA funded projects and the recent tour of the project facilities. He advised that the strategic priorities and City Council Code of Conduct would be presented in January 2024, and the next City Council retreat would be held on November 3 for budget planning.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A.** **Adopted Ordinance No. 42792-100523 amending and reordinaing Subsection (g) of Section 2-271, Powers and duties of Commission, Article XIII, Gifts, Grants, Devises, and Bequest to City, Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended. (6-0)**
- B.** **Adopted Ordinance No. 42793-100523 amending and reordinaing Subsection 4 of Section 17-20, Functions, powers and duties, Article II, Human Services Advisory Board, Chapter 17, Human Resources, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended. (6-0)**

- C. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42794-100523 amending and reordinaing Division 2, Permanent Committees, Article XIV, Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-306, Gun Violence Prevention Commission, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended. (6-0)**

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 1. **Council Member Priddy discussed the cancellation of the Legislative Committee Meeting at the 9:00 a.m. meeting and asked the Council when it would be a good time to reschedule and continue discussion. Vice-Mayor Cobb suggested the November 20, 2:00 p.m. meeting.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **A resolution designating a Voting Delegate and an Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual Virginia Municipal League Urban Section Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, in Norfolk, Virginia.
Adopted Resolution No. 42795-100523. (6-0)**
- 2. **A resolution to accept the Henrietta Lacks Statue through the Harrison Museum of African American Culture, to be installed in the Henrietta Lacks Plaza.
Adopted Resolution No. 42796-100523. (6-0)**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Priddy announced that GO FEST would be October 13 -15 at River's Edge and the event was major economic driver for the region. He added that he would to improve upon bike lanes in the City.

Council Member Sanchez-Jones asked for an update on kayaking in parks.

Council Member Moon Reynolds announced that Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority was recognized by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and inducted into the 2023 Public Housing Communities Honor Roll. She stated that the recognition is an acknowledgment of its significant contributions to supporting children who live in public housing through the Book Rich Environments program; and RRHA will be formally honored at the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials, Annual Awards Merit Reception, Thursday, October 5, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

Appointed Brenda Allen to fill the unexpired term of office of Lori Baker-Lloyd as a member (Citizen-at-Large/Interest or Knowledge in Historic Preservation) of the Architectural Review Board ending October 1, 2025.

Reappointed Daniel Karnes as a City representative of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors for a three-year term of office

ending December 31, 2026.

Reappointed Andrew Raduly and Meg Dorsey as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals for three-year terms of office, each, ending December 31, 2026; and appointed Sue Ellen Agresta to fill the unexpired term of office of Amanda McGee as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals ending December 31, 2024.

Appointed Samuel Roman to fill the unexpired term of office of Clarence Grier (ex-officio) as a member of the Defined Construction Board.

Appointed Anita Reed to replace Stephanie Wyatt-Jones as a Director of the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term of office commencing October 21, 2023 and ending October 20, 2027.

Reappointed Victoria Thornton as a City representative of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment, Board of Directors, for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2026.

Reappointed Tony Williams and appointed Cameron Chase to replace Sunni Purviance as members of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for two-year terms of office, each, ending September 30, 2025.

Reappointed Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority for a four-year term of office ending December 12, 2027.

Reappointed Jaime Mather as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2026.

ADJOURNED - 4:22 P.M.