



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 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. Mayor Lea was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Anthony Holmes, Pastor, Loudon Avenue Christian Church.

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 October 22 - 28, 2023 as Red Ribbon Week.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read and presented the proclamation to Jim O'Hare, Board Chair, Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition (RAYSAC).

A proclamation declaring October 24 - 30, 2023 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read and presented the proclamation to Katie Kennedy and Marla Emmett, LeadSafe Roanoke.

A resolution recognizing the contributions of Local Artist Pedro Szalay.

Adopted Resolution No. 42797-101623, (6-0), and Council Member Sanchez-Jones presented a City Star to Mr. Szalay.

Recognition of the VML 2023 Innovation Award – Economic Development for the Revitalization of Historic Fire Station #1.

The City Manager recognized Marc Nelson, Director, and Economic Development staff for their hard work on the Fire Station #1 project.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Sylvia King, 3102 Willow Road, N. W., representing BRAGG, appeared before the Council to request a designated smoking area at the Third Street Valley Metro bus facility.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to cancer awareness.

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, August 21, 2023; and a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

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

- C-2.** A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate in the Gainsboro area of the City of Roanoke, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Ralphel Lee as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-5.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Aaron Washington as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

C-6. Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-7. FY2024 City Manager Transfer Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed the attached City Manager Transfer report for the 1st quarter ended September 30, 2023.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

FY24 Budget - September Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

A. Acceptance of the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program Grant.

Adopted Resolution No. 42798-101623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42799-101623. (6-0)

B. Acceptance of additional funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services for Benefit Program Operations.

Adopted Resolution No. 42800-101623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42801-101623. (6-0)

C. Acceptance of the FY 2023 (Federal Fiscal Year) Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Award.

Adopted Resolution No. 42802-101623 and Budget Ordinance No. 42803-101623. (6-0)

D. Amendment of the Fee Compendium to Reflect New Rates for the Service Industry Parking Program "SIPP".

Adopted Resolution No. 42804-101623. (6-0)

E. Authorization to submit Application for FY25 Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) Funds.

Adopted Resolution No. 42805-101623. (6-0)

F. Authorization to submit Application for Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grants for Resilience Projects.

Adopted Resolution No. 42806-101623. (6-0)

G. Adoption of the 2023 Roanoke Flood Resilience Plan.

Adopted Resolution No. 42807-101623. (6-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager recognized Mackenzie Bocker, Water Quality Administrator, Stormwater Management, who explained that the City of Roanoke received an award for its National Flood Insurance Program and as of October 1, the City was raised to a Class 6 Community because of improvements to the flood plain, allowing citizens to acquire lower flood plain insurance. The City Manager also thanked all who participated in the GO Fest event.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Amendment of the City Code, Section 32-108(e) Taxpayer's return – Generally.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42808-101623. (6-0)

- B. Approval of an Agreement to Modify the Concept Plan for the Development of Blue Hills Village.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42809-101623. (6-0)

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. 42810-101623. (6-0)

2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.

Council Member Moon Reynolds reminded the Council of the joint meeting of Council and the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority on November 6, at 9:00 a.m.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 42811-101623 appointing a Director of the Economic Development Authority for the City of Roanoke. (6-0)**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.
Council Member Priddy commented that GO Fest was a great event.
2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **None.**

12. RECESSED - 3:37 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.

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7:00 PM
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13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Mayor Lea was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Marquis Porterfield, Youth Pastor, The Hill Church.

Vice-Mayor Cobb called for a moment of silence in the recent passing of Carmela Figari, Council Member Volosin's grandmother, and Gloria Randolph-King, local community advocate.

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

Welcome.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Art by Bus Wrap-Up.

Doug Jackson, Arts and Culture Coordinator, introduced Andrea Garland, Ride Solutions; and Eva Lynch-Comer, student and teacher fellow, Hollins University, presented the Art By Bus Program which consisted of art projects celebrating the role of transit and artists in the community.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Leasing of Approximately 5,709 Square Feet of Space, including the Mezzanine Area, in the First Floor of the Church Avenue Parking Garage located at 101 Church Avenue, S. W., to the United States Postal Service for the Operation of a Downtown Post Office Branch.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42812-101623. (6-0)
2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to amend the Enterprise Zone Boundary.
Adopted Resolution No. 42813-101623. (6-0)
3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to Request Authority to Acquire Various Easements from Roanoke Southern, LLC, Located at 671 Brandon Avenue, S. W., and Conveyance of City-Owned Property Bearing Roanoke Official Tax Map No. 1420326.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42814-101623. (6-0)

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., representing BRAGG, appeared before the Council to request a designated smoking area, bike

rack, recycling containers and solar panels on buildings and buses at the Third Street Bus Station.

Kenny Marn, 2501 Oregon Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Grandin Court Neighborhood Association membership; asked Council to advocate for the association and requested that Council speak and offer support on the installation of officers on November 16.

AT 7:42 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO RECONVENE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 8:30 A.M., AT THE MELROSE LIBRARY, 2502 MELROSE AVENUE, N. W., SUITE D, FOR A STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT.