



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

November 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. All Present.

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 Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of Senator John S. Edwards.

Adopted Resolution No. 42821-112023 (7-0). Mayor and Members of Council recognized Senator Edwards and presented the Key to the City.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Debra Richardson, 1621 Andrews Road, N. W., appeared before the Council to share her experience involving a gun violence incident near her home and not being able to reach the Police Chief nor the Mayor.

Jennifer Joy Truskowski, 641 Walnut Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the preservation of the Evans Spring property and the value of the land.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Grandin Court Neighborhood Association.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the VASWOD Annual Meeting and Conference.

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 meeting of City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2023; recessed until Friday, November 3, 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 Council Member Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** A communication from the City Manager, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly-owned property located in the vicinity of the Highland Farms Road, N. W., and I-581 Frontage Road, N. 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-5.** Request to schedule a public hearing for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or at such time as the matter may be heard, or at such other date and time as determined by the City Manager, to consider the lease of property to the Blue Ridge Zoological Society of Virginia, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

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

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

Charlene Graves as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Whitney Johnson ending June 30, 2025;

Daniel Karnes as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026;

Cameron Chase as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to replace Sunni Purviance for a three-year term of office commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2026; and

Victoria Thornton as a member of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment, Board of Directors for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.

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:

FY24 Budget - October Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

Evans Spring Master Plan - 60 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

A. Amendment of the City Code to expand the Youth Athletics Review Board.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42822-112023 (7-0).

B. Amendment of the City Code to allow certain commercial activity at Carvins Cove Natural Reserve.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42823-112023 (7-0).

C. Execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Deed of Restriction for an Addition to the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42824-112023 (7-0).

D. Execution of an additional Change Order to the contract with A. R. Coffey and Sons, Inc., for the Windsor Road, S. W., Stormwater Capital Improvement Project.

Adopted Resolution No. 42825-112023 (7-0).

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. 42826-112023 (7-0).

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:**

1. A resolution retroactively approving and affirming the action taken by the Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) d/b/a Valley Metro to implement Fare Free Election Day Bus Service for Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Adopted Resolution No. 42827-112023 (7-0).

11. **MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb advised he recently traveled to China and engaged in conversation with regard to cultural exchange programs; visited ancient museums and artifacts and spoke on the annual Sister Cities Convention.

Council Member Moon Reynolds expressed appreciation to allow City youth and chaperons to attend the National League of Cities Conference; Council Member Volosin added that the youth were very engaged and suggested that youth attend the Congressional Cities Conference in March 2024.

2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **NONE.**

12. **RECESSED - 5:01 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.

A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

13. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.**

The Invocation was delivered by Bishop Jamaal Jackson, Pastor, Refreshing 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. (7-0)

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of winners of the 19th Annual Fire Prevention Week Art Contest.

Mayor Lea, David Hoback, Fire Chief and Rachel Hale, Fire Prevention Specialist recognized the contest winners and presented certificates.

Recognition of My City Academy Graduates.

Mayor Lea and Katie Hedrick, Community Inclusion Coordinator, recognized the participants and presented certificates.

Recognition of the Parks and Recreation Department's 2023 Youth Tackle Football Tournament Winners.

Mayor Lea and Patrick Boas, Recreation Manager recognized the football teams.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Local Environmental Agriculture Project, Inc., to (i) rezone property located at 1027 Patterson Avenue, S. W., from RM-2, Residential Mixed Density District, and CN, Commercial-Neighborhood District with conditions, to CN, Commercial-Neighborhood District, and (ii) repeal all conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning on the same property enacted through Ordinance No. 34766-050100 relating to a restriction against outdoor advertising. Maureen Best, Executive Director, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42828-112023. (7-0)

2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to amend the Roanoke Charter of 1952 to reflect a change in election dates and meetings of Council generally.

Adopted Resolution No. 42829-112023. (7-0)

16. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Petition for Appeal filed by Jeffrey Camp appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying a request for the approval to install three historically accurate windows on the front facade and retain seven vinyl replacement windows on the sides and rear of the house, located at 1628 Patterson Avenue, S. W. Jeffrey Camp, Representative, Spokesperson.

A report of the Architectural Review Board recommending that City Council affirm its decision to deny the request, which is not consistent with H-2 Guidelines. Bill Mason, Chair, Spokesperson.

The Council voted to reverse the decision of the Architectural Review Board and deny the Certificate of Appropriateness. (4-3, Council Members White-Boyd, Volosin and Mayor Lea voted no)

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council representing BRAG, to highlight the strategic planning of GRTC and asked the Council to support public transit.

Kathleen Wooley, 3012 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council representing BRAG, asked the Council to support public transit.

Thomas Lewis, 3843 Red Fox Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council representing Friends of Washington Park, thanked the Council for not demolishing the cabin located in Washington Park.

AT 8:39 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED TO RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, AT 8:30 A.M., AT THE RALEIGH COURT LIBRARY, 2112 GRANDIN AVENUE, S. W., FOR A BUDGET PLANNING RETREAT.