



City of Roanoke, Virginia

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

December 4, 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. All Present.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. THE JOINT MEETING CONVENED AT 10:27 A.M.

Mayor Lea offered prayer for the Roanoke Police Officer wounded in an incident that occurred over the weekend.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Dr. N.L. Bishop, Chair

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL/ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Status of the Airport Master Plan. **(Airport Commission)**

Update on current air service. **(Airport Commission)**

State and Federal funding support and opportunities. **(Airport Commission)**

RECESSED/ADJOURNED - 11:15 A.M.

AT 11:16 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED 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.

(7-0)

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.

(7-0)

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA.

Council Member Moon Reynolds requested staff attend the 2:00 p.m. meeting to explain Items 7.1.A. and 7.1.B.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
NONE.

BRIEFINGS:

Code Amendment (Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-297 and adding new Section 2-308, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) - 10 minutes

AT 11:29 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



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 Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

National League of Cities Student Presentation.

Students from Roanoke City Public Schools expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the National League of Cities Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 16 - 18, 2023 and recapped the experience.

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.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to the font of the advertisements that appeared in the Roanoke Times and advocated for bicycle infrastructure and electric bikes.

Linda Kraige, 5046 Williamson Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the addition of Valley Metro bus service on Sunday.

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.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Stacey Sheppard as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission, effective December 31, 2023.

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

- C-2.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Decca Knight as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission, effective December 31, 2023.

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

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Tim Pohlad-Thomas as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-4.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of John P. Bradshaw, Jr., as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority, Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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

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

Lauren Woodson as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Betsy Whitney ending June 30, 2025;

Betty Whittaker as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to fill the unexpired term of office of Jamaal Jackson ending September 30, 2025; and

Ray Shanks as a member of the Towing Advisory Board to replace Deputy Chief David Morris for a three-year term of office commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 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: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

A. Approval of Amendment to the Deed between Deschutes Brewery and the City and an Escrow Agreement for Repayment of Grant funds for 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42830-120423. (7-0)

B. Authorization to Establish a Workforce Housing Development Fund.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42831-120423. (7-0)

C. Acceptance of the FY2023 VDOT State of Good Repair Grant Award - New VDOT UPCs 123117 and 123118.

Adopted Resolution No. 42832-120423 and Ordinance No. 42833-120423. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared an update on the officer injured in the weekend incident.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

1. Presentation of the Proposed 2024 Legislative Program. Council Member Luke W. Priddy, Chair, Legislative Committee.

Adopted Resolution No. 42834-120423. (7-0)

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.

Council Member Priddy thanked the members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for their work.

Vice-Mayor Cobb expressed concern with regard to the rate increase from AEP and asked the City Manager how to address the streetlight outages; whereupon, the City Manager advised that citizens should report outages through the AEP portal online.

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

Appointed Robert Logan as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Bryan Musselwhite for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.

Appointed Auraliz Quintana as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to replace Patice Holland for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.

Appointed Susan Reese as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to replace James Foutz-Vega for a four-year term of office ending November 30, 2027.

Appointed Mark Jamison as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Tim Pohlada-Thomas ending March 31, 2025.

Reappointed Herbert Berding and Robert Cowell, Jr., as members of the Western Virginia's Regional Industrial Facility Authority for four-year terms of office, each, ending February 3, 2028.

Appointed Michael Loveman as a member of Western Virginia Water Authority, Board of Directors, to fill the unexpired term of office of John P. Bradshaw, Jr., ending June 30, 2025.

ADJOURNED - 3:33 P.M.