



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2024
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 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:

The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for three upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office expiring on June 30, 2024. Three-year terms of office will commence July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2027. Incumbent School Board Trustees are Michael L. Cherry, II, Diane M. Casola and Mark K. Cathey (not eligible for reappointment).

Application and information describing the duties and responsibilities of Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board are available on the City of Roanoke's web page at www.roanokeva.gov, or may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office, Room 456, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline to receive applications is Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

For questions and/or additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (540) 853-2541 or by email at clerk@roanokeva.gov.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring 2024 as the Year of the Tree.

Mayor Lea presented the proclamation to Bill West, Urban Forester, Urban Forestry staff, and volunteers. Chris Bryant offered remarks on behalf of the Tree Stewards to encourage citizens to plant more trees.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., #302, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to Systematic Crisis - Finding Our Voice, a follow-up to Anathema.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts legislative agenda and visit to the General Assembly meeting last week.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (7-0), AS AMENDED

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 Council held on Monday, November 20, 2023; Monday, December 4, 2023; Monday, December 18, 2023; and a recessed meeting held on Tuesday, November 21, 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 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.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-4.** FY2024 City Manager Transfer Report for the 2nd quarter ended December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-5. Minutes of the Audit Committee held on September 6, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

C-6. Minutes of the Legislative Committee held on April 3, 2023, May 1, 2023, July 3, 2023, August 7, 2023 and September 5, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

C-7. Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Sam Roman as an Ex-officio member of the Defined Contribution Board to replace Clarence Grier, by position;

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

Susan Reese as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to replace James Foutz-Vega for a four-year term of office commencing December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2027; and

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

C-8. **A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding actual or threatened litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia, as amended.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance of the FY23 SCAAP Award Grant for the Sheriff's Office.
Adopted Resolution No. 42855-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42856-011624. (7-0)

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

American Rescue Plan Act Update - 20 minutes

Council Strategic Plan Update - 20 minutes

Urban Forestry Update - 20 minutes

FY24 Budget - December Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance of the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board FY24 Staffing Recognition Grant.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42857-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42858-011624. (7-0)
- B. Acceptance of the 2024 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42859-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42860-011624. (7-0)
- C. Appropriation of Retained Earnings for Parking Fund Capital Projects.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42861-011624. (7-0)
- D. Acceptance of Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Program Funding - Hazardous Materials.
Adopted Resolution No. 42862-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42863-011624. (7-0)
- E. Acceptance of Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Program Funding - Technical Rescue Team.
Adopted Resolution No. 42864-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42865-011624. (7-0)
- F. Execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Performance Agreement dated January 18, 2023 among the City of Roanoke, Virginia, Riverdale Southeast, LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42866-011624. (7-0)
- G. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the participation of the Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association in the Virginia Main Street Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 42867-011624. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)
- H. Acceptance of Additional Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Local Revenue Sharing Funding for the Wasena (Main Street) Bridge Replacement Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42868-011624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42869-011624. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)
- I. Adoption of an Ordinance amending and reordaining Section 32-86, *Financial eligibility*, Division 4, *Exemption for Elderly and Disabled Persons*, Article II, *Real Estate Taxes Generally*, Chapter 32, *Taxation*, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979) as amended.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42870-011624, as amended. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager acknowledged the snow removal efforts of the Public Works staff and announced construction would begin on the Washington Park Pool in Summer 2024, to be completed in 2025. He added that the

playground area and tennis courts would be relocated, but the house would remain until further notice.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A.** Adoption a of Resolution Authorizing a Public-Private Partnership for the Lease of Portions of Certain School Property for Installation of Solar Panels.

Adopted Resolution No. 42871-011624. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)

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. 42872-011624. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded)

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

12. RECESSED - 6:02 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. All Present.

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Welcome.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Appointed Amy Hodge as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention

Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Decca Knight ending March 31, 2026.

Appointed Catherine Koebel as member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Stacey Sheppard ending March 31, 2025.

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

15. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Request of Judah Land, LLC, to rezone the property located at 1007 Amherst Street, S.W., and 0 Berkley Avenue, S.W., bearing Official Tax Map Nos. 1430520 and 1430519 (respectively), from RM-1, Residential Mixed Density District, to INPUD, Institutional Planned Unit Development District, subject to the Development Plan that specifies uses, location of buildings and infrastructure, site access, and building design. Sherone Cephas, Applicant, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42873-011624. (7-0)

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Theresa Gill-Walker, 2807 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to flooding and increased traffic in the Evans Spring area.

Laura Hartman, on behalf of RAISE, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Evans Spring area; urged the Council to listen to neighbors and value the land; and remarked about the progress of Valley Metro and the addition of service on Sunday.

ADJOURNED - 7:23 P.M.