



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

March 4, 2024

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.

City Council - **All present.**

Architectural Review Board - **Brenda Allen and Drew Kepley were absent.**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Vice-Chairman, Husain Alam.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL/ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD.

Update of H-2 Design Guidelines

RECESS/ADJOURN. 10:28 A.M.

AT 10:37 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 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 performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of a portion of a publicly-owned property located at 2100 Countryside 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.

(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. **NONE.**

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

BRIEFING:

FY 24-25 Budget Development - 30 minutes

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. (11:47 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. 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.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

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.

Dr. Brenda Hale, P.O. Box 12362, 24025, appeared before the Council and expressed concern with use of the word "master" to describe neighborhood plans and urged the Council to choose another word to identify such plans.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbriar Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and advised the importance of land being zoned correctly according to its purpose and urged the Council to take into consideration State and Federal laws on wetlands.

Ann Martyn, 1601 Wilbur Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and advised that she spoke before the Chamber of Commerce in 2011 on the State and Federal laws regarding wetlands, but was unsure if the same standards applied today.

Richard Normand, 535 Mountain Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to storytelling and advised that elected officials should be open-minded listeners, and urged the Council not to cut down 100 trees for a few people to make a profit, save Evans Spring or table the matter.

Debra Carter, 3038 Melrose Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and read from the 2013 Evans Spring Area Plan and advised of a list of demands from the Friends of Evans Spring.

Jennie Waering, retired prosecutor, appeared before the Council to urge them to table the adoption of the Evans Spring plan.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and thanked them for listening and advised that she sent the City Attorney an email regarding the 2013 Evans Spring Plan.

Naomi Clements, 2723 Huntington Boulevard, N. W., appeared before the Council and advised that she reviewed the numbers and marketing analysis of the Evans Spring Plan and concluded that little money would stay in Roanoke if the property was developed.

Richard Fife, 2515 Wycliffe Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council with regard to the Evans Spring Plan and posed questions to the City Attorney.

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.** Report of qualification of Amy Hodge as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission to fill unexpired term of office of Decca Knight ending March 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Presentation by Friends of Evans Spring to share compatible goals in connection with the Evans Spring property. Stephen Niamke, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Moon Reynolds)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Execution of a Construction Administration Amendment in connection with the Wasena Bridge Replacement.
Adopted Resolution No. 42885-030424. (7-0)
- B. Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation HIP Grant for Downstream Wiley Low Water Bridge Replacement.
Adopted Resolution No. 42886-030424 and Budget Ordinance No. 42887-030424. (7-0)
- C. Acceptance of donations for the Salem Turnpike Walkability Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42888-030424 (6-0, Council Member Volosin was not present when the vote was recorded); and Budget Ordinance No. 42889-030424. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

The City Attorney briefed the Council on proposed changes to the City Code with regard to the Gun Violence Prevention Commission, to allow the addition of the Chief of Police, two Council Members and two youth as non-voting members of the Commission.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 42884, on second reading, approving the Evans Spring Master Plan, and amending City Plan 2040, the City's Comprehensive Plan, to include

such Evans Spring Master Plan, including the Technical Memos.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42884-030424, on second and final reading. (4-3, Council Members Moon Reynolds, Priddy and Vice-Mayor Cobb voted no)

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.

Mayor Lea announced that on Saturday, March 2, there were over 200 football officials in attendance at the Blue Ridge Football Officials Clinic held at the Hotel Roanoke, the focus of the regional one-day clinic was to identify, share, and cultivate the fundamentals practiced by successful football officials at every level.

Council Member Priddy spoke with regard to using alternative terms for "master plan" and suggested that the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board be included in the conversation; requested a neighborhood leadership report with regard to membership; inquired about future reports on zoning reform and hoped citizens took responsibility for historic preservation in the City and further inquired if there were funds set aside for preserving current structures.

Council Member Moon Reynolds commented on the Carilion Leadership Conference on February 29 - March 1 and advised that it was a great conference providing information on mental health, prescription assistance and a program involving robots in which they would work in the hospitals alongside employees.

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

Appointed Debra Carter as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Kait Johnson ending December 31, 2025.

Appointed Danielle Austin-Johnson as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to replace William L. Lee for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.

Appoint Rachael Tillies as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Charnika Elliott ending March 31, 2024; and for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027.

Waived residency requirements for Nikki Voudren as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board and Helen Dean as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission.

Appointed Amazetta Anderson as a member of the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board to replace Diane Simmons for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027.

Appointed Mary Jean Levin as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Ilsa Saavedra-Rogan ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Aila Boyd as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Laura Carden for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Julie Drewry as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board to replace Amy Morgan for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Thomas Carr as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of office of Kaelyn Spickler ending August 31, 2026.

Appointed Lutheria Smith as a member of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Board of Directors to replace Dawn Tanner Erdman for a one-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Patricia Sheedy as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board to replace Heather Hamed-Moore for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.

ADJOURNED - 4:01 P.M.