



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 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:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by Bishop Delmar Jackson, Pastor, Abundant Grace Assembly.

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:

Presentation of the City of Roanoke's 1-Star Certified Welcoming Designation.

Mayor Lea recognized and presented a Certificate to Katie Hedrick, Community Inclusion Coordinator, celebrating the City of Roanoke's designation as a Certified Welcoming City.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Linda Kraige, 5046 Williamson Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Valley Metro, Metroflex services on Sunday.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and briefly shared her life story.

Hunter Hartley, 1213 12th Street, N. W., appeared before the Council and offered comments on public engagement by the City of Roanoke.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to climate risk and governance.

David Perry, 1305 Maple Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the development of Evans Spring and preserving the natural area.

Bill Lemley, 1837 Belleville Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the development of Evans Spring and preserving the area.

Joann Hayden, 2110 Clinton Circle, N. W., appeared before the Council and shared concerns related to the Evans Spring Development Plan.

Theresa Gill-Walker, 2807 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and asked for a 30 minute presentation in March with regard to the Evans Spring property.

Debra Carter, 3038 Melrose Avenue, N. W., Apt. 811, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to community conservation, natural life and land conservation.

Richard Normand, (information not on file), appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to environmental disadvantage and the lack of tree canopy on Melrose Avenue.

Davey Stewart, (information not on file), appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Evans Spring neighborhood and the 10th Street corridor.

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 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-2.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss real estate issues at 1015 Jamison Avenue, S. E. 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, as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition or lease of publicly held real property near the intersection of Orange Avenue and 3 ½ Street, N.W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), of the 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 Kait Johnson as a member of Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, effectively immediately.

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

- C-5.** Report of qualification of Catherine Koebel as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission to fill the unexpired term of Stacey Sheppard ending March 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Annual update on activities of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. John Hull, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

FY 2024 January Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

Received and filed.

Heart Safe Community - 10 minutes

Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance of a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Art Projects (GAP) Award.
Adopted Resolution No. 42877-022024 and Budget Ordinance No. 42878-022024. (7-0)
- B.** Adoption of "Roanoke Virginia Strategic Plan" 2024 - 2025.
Adopted Resolution No. 42879-022024. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager reminded the Council of the Welcoming City Designation event on February 21, 2024 from noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Berglund Center; and the Groundbreaking for the new Wasena Bridge on February 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A.** Authorization of the Acquisition of Real Property for three parcels known as 0 Bullitt Avenue, S. E.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42880-022024. (7-0)

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. 42881-022024. (7-0)

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds reminded localities to submit requests to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for projects by the deadline of February 29, 2024.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1.** A resolution memorializing the late William White, former City Council Member and local accountant.

Adopted Resolution No. 42882-022024. (7-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Priddy expressed condolences to all involved in the recent incident in Kansas City following the Super Bowl; expressed support for traffic control cameras in school zones and affordable access to broadband services. Furthermore, he expressed concern with zoning changes and requested to extend zoning public meetings to allow citizens time to ask questions.

Council Member Moon Reynolds announced that Goodwill Industries of the Valleys received approval, as part of its Melrose Plaza Project, to operate a free adult high school called Excel Center, which offers a second chance to receive a high school diploma; and encouraged citizens to participate in the Hidden in Plain Site virtual tour hosted by the Harrison Museum of African American Culture.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb read the following appointments/reappointments from the February 20, 2024 recessed meeting.

Reappointed Marc Nelson as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Jackie Clewis as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a two-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Douglas Coffman as a member (Builder) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed John Hostutler as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Donna Littlepage as a member of the City of Roanoke Finance Board for a two-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed The Honorable David Carson as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board to replace The Honorable Charles Dorsey for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Chris Parker as a member (ex-officio) of the Defined Contribution Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Angelia Vernon (ex-officio).

Reappointed Alyshia Merchant as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027.

Reappointed Court Rosen as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office, commencing April 13, 2024 and ending April 12, 2027.

Reappointed Kathy Cohen and Tim Harvey as members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027.

Appointed Cedric Wilson as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Aaron Washington ending November 30, 2024.

Reappointed Jennifer Oakes as a member of the Local Office of Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term of office, commencing March 1, 2024

and ending February 28, 2025.

Reappointed Jason Morgan and Niki Voudren as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Elvir Berbic as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027.

Reappointed Stuart Trinkle as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Benjamin Bazak, Helen Dean and Catherine Koebel as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Issac Woods as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission to replace Jordan Bell for a term ending September 30, 2026.

Reappointed Robert Fralin as a member of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing March 10, 2024 and ending March 9, 2027.

Reappointed Dawn Erdman as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Barbara Duerk as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed James Revercomb as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Amelia Merchant as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Jason Cromer as a member (Alternate) of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Michael McEvoy as a member of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to replace Broaddus Fitzpatrick for a term ending December 31, 2026.

Appointed Gregory St. Clair as a member of the Towing Advisory Board to

replace Joseph Wood for a term ending December 31, 2026.

Reappointed Malcolm Quigley as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Marc Nelson as a member of the Western Virginia's Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Harvey Brookins as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Jimmy Russell as a member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a term ending December 31, 2026.

Reappointed Harvey Brookins as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Joshua Johnson as a member (Public/Private) of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Anita Price as a Citizen-at Large member of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Reappointed Jeffrey Powell as a member (Public/Private) of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Danny Clawson as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to replace Benjamin Bazak for a term of office ending June 30, 2026.

12. RECESSED - 4:51 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
City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present. Council Members Moon Reynolds and Priddy arrived at 7:03 p.m.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Vannie Harrell, Lead Pastor, Church Alive International.

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:

Introduction of Roanoke's inaugural Youth Poet Laureate Elani Spencer.

Doug Jackson, Arts and Culture Coordinator, introduced Ms. Spencer read her poem titled *Perennials*.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of ABoone Real Estate, Inc. to (i) close by vacation an approximately 0.05 acre portion of Medmont Circle, S. W., at the curve in the street being adjacent to multiple parcels, for incorporation into the larger master plan; and (ii) to rezone the property located at eight parcels addressed as 0 Medmont Circle, S. W.; and the portion of right-of-way to be vacated adjacent to certain parcels, from R-12, Residential Single-family District, to MXPUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development District, subject to the Development Plan. Alexander Boone, Applicant, Spokesperson. **The matter was continued until the June 10, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting.**
2. Request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc.; Riverdale Southeast, LLC; and Riverdale Woods, LLC, to rezone property located at 1919, 1912, and 1912 9th Street, S. E., and 1745, 1906, and 0 Progress Drive, S. E., respectively, from I-1, Light Industrial District, to D, Downtown District, with conditions. C. Cooper Youell, IV, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42883-022024. (7-0)
3. Request of the City of Roanoke to consider adopting the Evans Spring Master Plan as a part of City Plan 2040, the City's comprehensive plan; Evans Spring Master Plan is designed to provide a vision that addresses neighborhood needs, environmental conditions, market conditions, economic impacts, and infrastructure constraints. Chris Chittum, Executive Director of Community Development and Placemaking, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42884, as amended, on first reading. (5-2, Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Priddy voted no)

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

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ADJOURNED - 10:27 P.M.

