



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 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 The Reverend Amy Hodge, Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church.

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: 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.

Chris Craft, P.O. Box 12804, 24028, appeared before the Council and expressed concern about matters with the Wildwood Civic League, school funding revision and gun shows returning to Roanoke.

Debra Carter, 3038 Melrose Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to Lick Run Creek and the Stormwater Master Plan.

Duane Howard, 1221 6th Street, S. E., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to the dissolving of the Southeast Action Forum and the ramifications of the proposed zoning reform.

Mark Hostetter, 344 Day Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and advised that the blanket approach with regard to the proposed zoning reform would not be appropriate for Roanoke.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and requested that the Evans Spring matter be tabled to allow for the addition of a disclaimer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED, AS AMENDED. (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. Council Member Priddy requested that Item C-1 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Moon Reynolds requested that Item C-2 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- C-1.** Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, February 5, 2024, recessed until Tuesday, February 20, 2024. **(7-0)**

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 three upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board expiring June 30, 2024, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(7-0)**

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.** A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate near the intersection of 9th Street and Riverland Road, 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 (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-5.** A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may heard to update the H-2 Design Guidelines.

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

- C-6.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Sue Agresta as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately.

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

- C-7.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised to be held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., or at such time as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager may determine, regarding the proposed Resolution authorizing the City to contract debt and issue General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds to pay the costs of construction of an expansion to and renovation of the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.** Update by Good Samaritan Hospice on the building construction project on Cove Road. Aaron Housh, Chief Executive Officer and Scotti Hartman, Vice-President of Business Development, Good Samaritan Hospice, Spokespersons. (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:

Updated Five-Year Plan for Opioid Abatement Authority Funding - 15 minutes

FY 2024 February Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

RVARC Annual Briefing and SmartScale - 45 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation SGR Grant for the 13th Street over NS Railroad Bridge, SW Renovation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42890-031824 (7-0) and Budget Ordinance No. 42891-031824. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote was recorded.)
- B.** Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation IIJA Grant for the Persinger Road over Murray Run Creek Replacement.
Adopted Resolution No. 42892-031824 and Budget Ordinance No. 42893-031824. (6-0, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was not present when the vote was recorded.)
- C.** Acceptance of Virginia Department of Transportation IIJA Grant for the 13th Street over Tinker Creek, NE Superstructure Replacement.

Adopted Resolution No. 42894-031824 and Budget Ordinance No. 42895-031824. (7-0)

- D. Authorization to negotiate with owners for purchase of property in connection with the West End Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42896-031824. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager advised that the action City Council took at the February 20 public hearing on the Evans Spring Plan was not for a development plan and if a development plan was to be presented, it would have prior requirements to be fulfilled, such as a rezoning; and added that in terms of the school funding policy, which was discussed by the working group, surrounds any year-end surplus which was not available for recurring expenses such as salaries.

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. 42897-031824. (7-0)
2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.
Council Member Priddy announced that the General Assembly's legislative session wrapped up and would determine if a Legislative Committee meeting was necessary and would consult the City Clerk on an appropriate date and time for said meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. An ordinance to amend City Code Section 2-306, Gun Violence Prevention Commission, to update the Commission's composition.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42898-031824. (6-0, Council Member Moon Reynolds was not present when the vote was recorded.)
2. An ordinance to amend City Code Section 2-282, Mayor as ex-officio member of committees, to remove the Mayor as an ex-officio member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42899-031824. (6-0, Council Member Moon Reynolds was not present when the vote was recorded.)
3. An ordinance to amend City Code Section 22.3-78, Administration and Investment, to update the composition of the Defined Contribution Board.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42900-031824. (6-0, Council Member Moon Reynolds was not present when the vote was recorded.)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Volosin commented that he attended the National League of Cities Conference, in Washington, D.C., and spent time on Capitol Hill with Congressman Kline on the Affordability Connectivity Plan. He added that it was a great conference and very beneficial.

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

12. RECESSED - 5:14 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.



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)

Council Member Moon Reynolds arrived at 6:05 p.m. and participated in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the performances of Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Design Competition.
Katharine Gray, Principal Planner, Planning, Building and Development recognized the winners of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Design Competition.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of 1729 Patterson Avenue LLC, to rezone the property located at 1729 and 0 Patterson Avenue, S. W.; bearing Official Tax Map Nos. 1212309 and 1212310 (respectively), from MX, Mixed Use District, to INPUD, Institutional Planned Unit Development District, subject to the Development Plan. Jeffrey

Wood, Agent, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42901-031824. (7-0)

2. Request of the City of Roanoke to propose amendments to Chapter 36.2, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, by amending and reordaining, adding, or deleting code sections to remove barriers for the creation of affordable housing, to make the zoning code consistent with state code, to create an additional zoning district (UC Urban Center), and to make changes to the use tables for residential, multiple purpose, industrial, and planned unit development districts. Phillip Moore, Zoning Administrator, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42902-031824. (5-2, Council Members Moon Reynolds and Priddy voted no.)

Council Member Priddy offered a motion to continue the Council Meeting past 11:00 p.m. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted unanimously on voice vote.

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Maynard Keller, 825 Brownwood Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to taxes being too high.

Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the need for paratransit and online services.

Kate Wooley, 3012 Ordway Drive, N.W., appeared before the Council with regard to public transit improvement.

Council Member White-Boyd announced that City Council would extend the deadline to receive applications to serve as a Trustee on the Roanoke City School Board until Monday, April 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

On Monday, April 15, 2024, Council will discuss candidates and schedule interviews for Monday, May 6, 2024, and a public hearing to hear the views of citizens on the interviewed candidates will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024.

ADJOURNED - 11:02 P.M.