



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

May 6, 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.

NOTICE:

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.

Welcome.

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.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding actual litigation, 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)(7), 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 2024 - 2025 Budget Study - 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. (10:04 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 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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring May 5 - 11, 2024 as Resilience Week.

Vice-Mayor Cobb read and resented the proclamation to Mackenzie Chitwood and Decca Knight, Prevention and Wellness Specialists, Roanoke Prevention Alliance.

A proclamation declaring May 2024 as National Preservation Month.

Council Member Volosin read and presented the proclamation to Katharine Gray, Principal Planner, and Parviz Moosavi, Historic Preservation Planner, City of Roanoke.

A proclamation declaring May 2024 as Building Safety Month.

Council Member Priddy read and presented the proclamation to Tommy Hahn, Building Commissioner, and Jeffrey White, Codes Compliance Coordinator, City of Roanoke.

A proclamation declaring May 2024 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

Council Member Sanchez-Jones read and presented the proclamation to Andrae Hash, Marketing Liaison, First Home Care.

A proclamation declaring May 2024 as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month.

Council Member Moon Reynolds read and presented the proclamation to Bob Cowell, City Manager, and asked for Greene Memorial United Methodist Church to ring the chimes ten times in commemoration of the centennial anniversary.

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.

Mary Frazier, 405 King George Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to request the City to adopt a resolution in support of a permanent cease-fire in Israel and Palestine.

Thomas Smith, 1120 Ferdinand Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with the lack of access to the rear portion of his home.

Michael Shasberger, 809 Day Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with increased traffic in his neighborhood caused by the Wasena Bridge construction.

Paul Tulou, 1133 Winona Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern and ideas with regard to the Wasena Bridge construction traffic reroute.

Ken McLeod, 1125 Winona Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Wasena Bridge detour and bike lane issue.

Nathaniel Sloan, 1109 Main Street, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to Wasena Bridge construction and the subsequent changes to the Wasena business community.

Keely Meadows, 5327 Cooper Street, 24019, appeared before the Council to request a petition to support Israel and Palestine.

Christina Skillin, 529 Day Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to concerns for increased traffic on Day Avenue.

Nicholas Williams, 529 Day Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to increased traffic on Day Avenue.

Ross Campbell, Director, Public Works, provided an update on the flow of traffic on Day, Marshall, Elm and Ferdinand Avenues, S. W.

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. Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, March 4, 2024, and Monday, March 18, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.

- C-2.** Request for a Public Hearing to be held on May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, on a proposed utility easement for Shentel to Cross City-Owned Property Located at 710 Williamson Road, N. E., Also Known as Tax Map No. 3024004 to Provide Service for Carilion Health Systems.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Sharon Toliver-Hardy as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-4.** A communication from Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, requesting approval of bylaw updates.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

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

Robert Lamour as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission to replace The Honorable Joseph L. Cobb for a term of office ending March 31, 2025;

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;

Chris Parker as an ex-officio member of the Defined Contribution Board to replace Angelia Vernon, by position;

Cedric Wilson as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to replace Aaron Washington for a term of office ending November 30, 2026;

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;

Marc Nelson as a member of the Western Virginia's Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a three-year term of office, commencing February 4, 2024 and ending February 3, 2027;

Jennifer Eddy as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors to replace Stephen Lemon for a one -year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025;

Jason Cromer as a member (Alternate) of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028;

Letitia Hawkins-Beatty as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board to replace Lauren Eichenlaub for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027;

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;

Dawn Tanner 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;

Gregory St. Clair as a member (Towing Operator) of the Towing Advisory Board to replace Joseph Wood for a term of office ending December 31, 2026;

Angela Penn as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026;

Harvey Brookins as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028; and

Catherine Koebel as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Transmittal of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Budget. Scott Ramsburg, Cable Access Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42919-050624. (7-0)
2. Request of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission to present its proposed 2024 - 2025 Operating Budget and Proposed Capital Expenditures. Mike Stewart, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42920-050624. (7-0)
3. Presentation of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment update. Shaleen Powell, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Council Members Sanchez-Jones and Volosin)
Received and filed.

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

1. CITY MANAGER:
BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds.
Adopted Resolution No. 42921-050624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42922-050624. (6-0, Council Member Volosin was not present when the vote was recorded)
- B. Acceptance of Community Impact Planning Grant from Virginia Housing for the Riverdale Master Plan.
Adopted Resolution No. 42923-050624 and Budget Ordinance No. 42924-050624, as amended. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

2. CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

8. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

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 White-Boyd announced a Ride for Silence and PedalSafe Roanoke event on May 15, at 6:30 p.m., participants will gather at Cardinal Bicycle in Grandin Village, to pay homage to riders and cyclists who have been injured or killed.

Council Member Moon Reynolds announced she accepted the 2024 Star City Supporter Award on behalf of City Council on March 26, at the Gloves not Guns event presented by Boxfit, Inc.

Council Member Priddy announced there was legislation in the works that may allow the City to reduce the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph, and recognized the citizens that spoke in support of the ceasefire Palestine movement.

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

Reappointed Laura Carini 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.

Reappointed Mickhal Clary as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a term of office ending March 31, 2027.

Appointed Ilsa Saavedra-Rogan as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Auraliz Quintana ending December 31, 2026.

12. **SCHOOL BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

City Council conducted the following interviews to appoint three Trustees to the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office commencing July 1, 2024.

Michael Cherry, II – 4:20 p.m.

Keri Garnett – 4:40 p.m.

David Howell – 5:00 p.m.

Auraliz C. Quintana – 5:20 p.m.

Deidre Trigg – 5:40 p.m.

RECESSED - 5:56 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 13 AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 BUDGET AND ANY OTHER MEASURES DEEMED APPROPRIATE.