



# City of Roanoke, Virginia

## CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL SESSION

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June 3, 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:

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](https://facebook.com/RoanokeVa). Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing.

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Sanchez-Jones was absent.**

Welcome.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the appointment of three Trustees to serve on the Roanoke City School Board, for three-year terms, each, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(6-0)**

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, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(6-0)**

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a potential economic development project in the Northwest area of the City 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)(5), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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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:

Roanoke Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) - 10 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.**



## City of Roanoke, Virginia **CITY COUNCIL**

2:00 PM  
City Council Chamber  
215 Church Avenue, S.W.

**1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Sanchez-Jones was absent.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Vannie Harrell, 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. (6-0)**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

A proclamation declaring June 2024 as Pride Month.

**Council Member Volosin read and presented the proclamation to Marissa Yi, Vice-President, Roanoke Diversity Center.**

**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.

**Rafeeq McNamara, 105 Patterson Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to genocide in Gaza, provided statistics, and wanted to bring awareness to the genocide.**

**Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the 4th Anniversary of the Police**

Department firing during a peaceful protest, expressed concern with systemic racism in the City and advised that she received no reply to an email sent to City Council.

Chris Craft, 1501 Eastgate Avenue, N. E., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the non-existence of the Wildwood Civic League according to the State and expressed that the City of Roanoke was going downhill fast.

Keely Meadows, 5327 Cooper Street S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to police brutality getting worse, and the issuance of ceasefire resolution on the Council's agenda for discussion.

Emilykate Copenhaver, 2218 Windsor Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to a ceasefire resolution, sending skilled people to Gaza after the ceasefire, and invited the Council to an event on Thursdays, at 5:30 p.m., in the Main Library team room.

Christine Troester, 2305 Lyndhurst Street, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to playgrounds and the lack of shade, noting that in warmer months the playgrounds were hot and untouchable by 10:00 a.m., and proposed that Council look into shade canopies for the playgrounds.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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 the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 17, 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 may determine, for authorization of the restructure of prior debt, issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$94,022,405 for qualifying Capital Improvement Projects, and authorization for the utilization of a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for project funding.

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

- C-2.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Scott Booth as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission, by position;

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

Shakira Williams as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2026; and

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**

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

**1. CITY MANAGER:**

BRIEFINGS: None.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

**A. Recommendations of Human Services Advisory Board for Funding of Qualified Agencies for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025.**

**Adopted Resolution No. 42945-060324 and Budget Ordinance No. 42946-060324. (6-0)**

**B. Appropriation of pass-through funds from the Department of Historic Resources for the Virginia Transportation Museum.**

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42947-060324. (6-0)**

**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:**

**1. A resolution appointing three Trustees to serve on the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027.**

**Adopted Resolution No. 42948-060324. (6-0)**

**11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

**Vice-Mayor Cobb announced a free upcoming event on Tuesday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., hosted by 48State Tour! - Saving America's Graveyards at Old Lick Cemetery, 1250 Orange Avenue N. E., to work with Southeastern Memorial Restoration and Cleaning to learn how to clean and restore the Cemetery.**

**Council Member White-Boyd asked residents for positive energy as she planned to travel to Denver, Colorado to make a presentation for the City of Roanoke to become an All America City for the eighth time.**

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

**AT 2:51 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECESSED FOR CONTINUATION OF CLOSED MEETING . AT 3:43 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER; AND AT 3:44 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECESSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JUNE 11, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TO CONTINUE THE CLOSED MEETING ON A PERSONNEL MATTER.**