



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

June 17, 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. Council Members Priddy and Sanchez-Jones were absent.

The Invocation was delivered by **Major Christina Trayntham, Salvation Army.**

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:

A proclamation declaring the week of June 23 - 29, 2024, as Employee Safety Week.

Mayor Lea read and presented the proclamation to Nichole Gibson, Manager, Risk Management. Ms. Gibson introduced the Department staff in attendance.

Recognition of the All-America City Delegation Team and Award.

Carol Cobin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist; Katie Hedrick, Assistant to the City Manager, and the Delegation Team introduced themselves and recanted their experience at the All-America City Delegation presentation.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Alicia Grubb, 1412 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the process of selecting an Interim City Council Member, noting that she hoped the Council chose someone who worked hard and lives in Roanoke.

Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., Apt. 302, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to government transition.

Chloe Johnson, 2730 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to shade canopies in City parks to gain greater use of the parks and suggested the formation of a committee to look into the matter.

Owen McGuire - 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Fishburn Park cottage and expressed concern with what was happening on the property.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED, AS AMENDED. (5-0)

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 Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the selection of a candidate for the Interim City Council Member position, 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 Clerk advising of the resignation of Karl Willers as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effective immediately.

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

- C-3.** Report of qualifications of Dr. Lydia Pettis Patton as Interim City Manager for the City of Roanoke, Virginia; and 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-4.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding a certain legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Presentation by YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge to highlight the Beacons Middle School Initiative. Jonathan Pait, Branch Executive Director - Gainsboro YMCA, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Council Members Moon Reynolds and Volosin)
Received and filed.

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

1. INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

FY24 Budget - May Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Recommendations of Roanoke Arts Commission for Funding of Qualified Agencies for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
Adopted Resolution No. 42950-061724 and Budget Ordinance No. 42951-061724. (5-0)
- B.** Acceptance of the ALA Library Capacity Building Grant Award for the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office.
Adopted Resolution No. 42952-061724 and Budget Ordinance No. 42953-061724. (5-0)
- C.** Acceptance of the 2024 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Award.
Adopted Resolution No. 42954-061724 and Budget Ordinance No. 42955-061724. (5-0)
- D.** Acceptance of the Henrietta Lacks Sculpture into the Public Art Collection.
Adopted Resolution No. 42956-061724. (5-0)
- E.** A Resolution Initiating Amendments to the Zoning Code.
Adopted Resolution No. 42957-061724. (4-1, Council Member Moon Reynolds voted no)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Interim City Manager commented that cities in the Commonwealth need to look at Roanoke and what the City is doing, and mentioned that she would follow up with Mr. Pait from YMCA and report back to the Council.

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 Interim City Manager recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42958-061724. (5-0)

2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees. **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 thanked the coordinators of the Juneteenth Family Reunion event and expressed that it was nicely executed. Vice-Mayor Cobb announced that the summer library programming and the parks and recreation kids PLAY guide were excellent sources of summer activities for children. Mayor Lea announced the Horton Hoops Program in Horton Park has already begun, but will last through August and has been well attended.
 2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **None.**
12. **RECESSED - 3:58 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

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13. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Members Priddy and Sanchez-Jones were absent.**
Mayor Lea called for a Moment of Silence on the passing of Dan Karnes, who passed away on June 7, 2024, and previously served as a City representative on the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners and the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors.
The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0)

14. **PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.**

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 and continued again to the July 8, 2024, City Planning Commission Meeting.**
2. Request of South Creek Development, LLC, to rezone property located at 3731 and 3715 Shenandoah Avenue, N. W., and two parcels addressed as 0 Shenandoah Avenue, N. W., Official Tax Map Nos. 2730219, 2730221, 2730216, and 2730220, respectively; from R-7, Residential District, to RMF, Residential District, with a condition. **The matter was withdrawn at the June 10, 2024, City Planning Commission Meeting.**

16. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Shenice Rivera, 1544 Queen Anne Drive, S. E., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to how gun violence has affected her family since 1981, and how she wants to be an effective change agent in the City of Roanoke.

Brandy Campbell, 909 Piedmont Street, S. E., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to Gun Violence Awareness Month, the untimely death of her brother by gunfire and the many resources Carilion has for grief care.

Victor Banks, 2604 Springhill Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Melrose Athletic Club and Champs Gym who have produced many great boxers at the State and local levels.

Alton Akin, 1607 Red Oak Lane, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the challenges facing the new Interim City Manager and past actions of the former City Manager.

17. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 42959-061724 appointing Beverly "Bev" Fitzpatrick, Jr., as a member of City Council for the City of Roanoke in accordance with Section 4 of the City Charter and Virginia Code Section 24.2-228 for a term commencing upon qualification and expiring on December 31, 2024. (5-0)**

RECESSED - 7:27 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024, AT 1:00 P.M., WHEN THE COUNCIL WILL ENGAGE IN A

WORKSHOP ON EVENT VENUES - THE JEFFERSON CENTER AND THE BERGLUND CENTER; THE RECESSED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HOTEL ROANOKE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 110 SHENANDOAH AVENUE, N. E., WASHINGTON LECTURE ROOM.