



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 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 Member Sanchez-Jones was absent.

The Invocation will be delivered by **Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor Lea.

Welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Katie Kastner, 6240 Fairway Forest Drive, Roanoke County, Virginia, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to fear to ride on City streets after being struck while riding her bicycle and requested that a network be created to connect to schools, businesses, etc., without cars.

Theodore Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the construction of a roundabout at 10th Street, S. W. and Ferdinand Avenue, S. W.; and explained that the area

does not feel safe and is not conducive for riding a bicycle.

Barry St. John, P. O. Box 193, Vinton, Virginia, appeared before the Council and asked for clarification with regard to the City Code guidelines for garage design.

Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke on behalf of BRAGG to express gratitude for bus shelter improvements; highlighted the Metroflx program and advised that the information for the program was not listed on the Valley Metro website.

Sylvia King, 3102 Willow Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke on behalf of BRAGG with regard to a designated smoking area at the Third Street Station bus depot.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (6-0)

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 the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding certain legal matters 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.

- C-2.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing acquisition of publicly owned property, 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-3.** A communication from the Deputy City Clerk advising of the resignation of Siclinda Canty-Elliott as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board, effective immediately.

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

- C-4.** FY2024 City Manager Transfer Report for the 4th quarter ended June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-5.** Annual report of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

- C-6.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

The Honorable Beverly Fitzpatrick, Jr., as an Interim Council Member of the Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to fill the six-month term of office of Luke W. Priddy, ending December 31, 2024;

Michael Cherry, II, Auraliz Quintana and Deidre Trigg as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board, for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027; and

Andy Foley 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance of Funding for a Drug Prosecutor.
Adopted Resolution No. 42967-071524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42968-071524. (6-0)

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

1. INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

FY24 Budget - June Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Acceptance and Appropriation of Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention grant funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 42969-071524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42970-071524. (6-0)
- B. Acquisition of Real Property Rights for Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project - Glade Creek 2 (Kermit Avenue, Clyde Street and Dunkirk Avenue).
Adopted Ordinance No. 42971-071524. (6-0)
- C. Acceptance of a donation from the Vinton Moose Lodge for the Roanoke Police Department - RESET Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 42972-071524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42973-071524. (6-0)
- D. Approval of an Agreement to Modify Deed to the Special Warranty Deed conveying approximately 1.1 acres and improvements – former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42974-071524. (6-0)
- E. Approval of an application to the Department of Historic Resources to recognize the contribution of Arthur Taubman with a historic marker.
Adopted Resolution No. 42975-071524. (6-0)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Interim City Manager advised that all Council meetings in the Chamber will have security provided by the Roanoke Sheriff's Department; Fire Chief Hoback highlighted the Drug Box Exchange program for the Fire Department; a meeting took place with Cyrus Pace with regard to much needed improvements at the Jefferson Center; update from the Gun Violence Prevention Commission at the August 19 Council Meeting; a meeting will take place with the owner of the Sears property at Valley View to discuss a bus shelter at Walmart; and reported staff was working on establishing cooling centers around the City due to the extreme heat.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Approval of the Proposed Settlement of the Opioid related Claims against Kroger and its related Corporate Entities.
Adopted Resolution No. 42976-071524. (5-0, Council Member Moon Reynolds was not present when the vote was recorded)

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. 42977-071524. (6-0)
- 2. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.
Vice-Mayor Cobb provided an overview of the activities of the Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) noting that ridership was strong related to fixed routes and the Metroflx program.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **Adopted Resolution No. 42978-071524 amending the meeting schedule for City Council for the 2024 calendar year. (6-0)**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- 1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council. **None.**
- 2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **None.**

12. RECESSED - 3:32 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
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13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Sanchez-Jones was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Amy Hodge, Pastor, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center (RVDC) Capital Funding - Bryan Henry, Superintendent, Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center, Spokesperson.

Received and filed.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to authorize FY2025 Bond, Bond Anticipation Note (BAN), and Line of Credit (LOC) Issuance and Appropriation for Capital Improvement Plans project funding.
Adopted Resolution No. 42979-071524. (6-0)
2. Request of Orange Avenue Development, LLC, to amend the Planned Unit Development Plan that specifies uses for property located at 2843, 2814, 0, 2838, 2828, 2842, and 2920 Orange Avenue, N. E., 2802 and 0 Daleton Road, N. E.; 0 Scott Road, N. E.; and 2519, 2525, and 0 Manning Road, N. E.; and the portion of right-of-way previously approved for vacation adjacent to certain parcels. The zoning of the property will remain MXPUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development District. Ben Crew, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42980-071524. (6-0)
3. 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.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42981-071524. (6-0)

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John Roche, 3125 Stoneridge Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the increased deer population and requested other options be explored besides deer culling.

Jan Keister, 817 Marshall Avenue, S. W. appeared before the Council and requested that Council table the zoning amendments until 2027.

Afton Akin, 1607 Red Oak Lane, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Metropolis parking company.

Mary Frazier, 405 King George Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and urged the Council to adopt a ceasefire resolution for the violence occurring in Gaza.

Victoria Wheeler, 3024 Ashmor Circle, N. E., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the genocide occurring in Gaza.

Rafeeq McNamara, 1105 Patterson Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to a ceasefire resolution.

Warren Fry, 52 14th Street, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the genocide occurring in Gaza.

ADJOURNED - 10:17 P.M.