



City of Roanoke, Virginia
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION

August 5, 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.

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

City Council. **All present.**

City Planning Commission. **Commissioners James Smith, Scott Terry-Cabbler and Pamela Smith were absent.**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Chair, Frank L. Martin, III

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL/CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Update on the Activities of the City Planning Commission.
Update on Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

RECESSED/ADJOURNED - 10:38 A.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL RECONVENE TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that the 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 Council Member Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that the 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.

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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 THE COUNCIL. **NONE.**

BRIEFINGS:

Proposed City Charter and City Code Amendments for Appointment of Director of the Department of Real Estate Valuation by the City Council - 15 minutes

Code Amendments (Section 2-297 and Section 2-307) - 10 minutes

Code Amendments (Addition of Division 3, Section 2-313.1 and Section 2-313.2) - 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. (11:23 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 The Reverend Milton Hardy, Jr., Associate Pastor, Greater Prayer Temple.

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:

Recognition of Roanoke Fire-EMS staff.

Chief David Hoback recognized staff that assisted a mother in labor and an infant child.

Recognition of the City's Certified Welcoming Designation.

Mayor Lea read a recognition letter from Senator Mark Warner congratulating the City on its designation as a Certified Welcoming City.

Mayor Lea read and presented a Presidential Award to Sheriff Antonio Hash from the National Blacks in Criminal Justice Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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.

David Horton, 5005 12th Street S. W., Arlington, Virginia, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the zoning legislation and what it was trying to accomplish.

Alan Henry, 2302 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and requested the City's Street Design Guidelines by Pedalsafe Roanoke be updated.

Darnell Wood, 102 Briarcliff Drive, Moneta, Virginia, appeared before the Council to express concern with regard to the disbanding of the Youth Athletics Review Board.

Jimmy Russell, 2502 Stanley Avenue, S. E., appeared before the Council to express concern with regard to the disbanding of the Youth Athletics Review Board.

Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., #302, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to personal reflections on leadership and advised of a building warning for eviction.

Shelley Himel, 2236 Sewell Lane, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the extension of the contract for the Fishburn Caretaker's Cottage and advised that the City should collect damages and compliance of contract.

Reverend David Denham, 3512 Wright Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to the Fishburn Caretaker Cottage renovations and neighborhood relationships.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to federal grant money to help protect communities from climate change.

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 the City Council held on Monday, May 20, 2024; Monday, June 3, 2024, recessed until Tuesday, June 11, 2024; Monday, June 17, 2024; Monday, July 1, 2024, recessed until Wednesday, July 10, 2024; Monday, July 15, 2024; and a Special Meeting held on Friday, June 28, 2024.

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

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

Shenita Boukari as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Jessie Coffman ending March 31, 2025;

Paul Underwood as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to replace Marcheta Turner for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027;

Luke Pugh as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Yen Ha ending June 30, 2026;

Timothy Strawn as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to replace Stephen Terry McGuire for a term of office ending March 31, 2027;

Boreham Boyd Johnson as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Auraliz Quintana ending June 30, 2026; and

Andrew Graninger as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission to replace James Revercomb, III, 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: NONE.

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

1. INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

Annual Arts and Culture Briefing and FY 2025 Public Art Workplan - 10 minutes

Fleet Services Overview - 10 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance of Funds from the City of Salem for the Shared Installation Cost of Regional Gateway Signs.

Adopted Resolution No. 42982-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42983-080524. (7-0)

- B.** Acceptance of the FY 2025 Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant.

Adopted Resolution No. 42984-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42985-080524. (7-0)

- C. Adoption of a Resolution of Support for VDOT Smart Scale 2026 Grant Applications.
Adopted Resolution No. 42986-080524. (7-0)
- D. Acceptance of the FY24 Four-For-Life Payment.
Adopted Resolution No. 42987-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42988-080524. (7-0)
- E. Acceptance and Appropriation of FY22 and FY23 Southwest Virginia All Hazards Incident Management Team Grants.
Adopted Resolution No. 42989-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42990-080524. (7-0)
- F. Adoption of a Resolution of Support to Re-certify the City of Roanoke as a Certified Crime Prevention Community.
Adopted Resolution No. 42991-080524. (7-0)
- G. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant for the 1st and Salem Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42992-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42993-080524. (7-0)
- H. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant for the Ore Branch Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42994-080524 and Budget Ordinance No. 42995-080524. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Interim City Manager expressed heartfelt appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy during the passing of Mrs. Gwendolyn Joyce Rogers, the matriarch of her family. She reported that a tour of the Jefferson Center was scheduled for August 12 and would bring forward a recommendation for the top facility funding needs to the August 19 meeting. Departments are developing a familiarization tour for City Council members to present each department's vision and goals, work delivery and organizational structure. Two Council members will visit three departments per day beginning at the end of August. She also reported that staff was working with Chief Booth and his team to outline the culling initiative to address the deer population in communities across Roanoke; and with a budget of \$40,000, it would only target 200 deer, but prepared to increase the budget to make a more significant impact on the community.

Ross Campbell, Director, Public Works, briefed the Council about traffic calming in Old Southwest.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. Adoption of An Ordinance to amend City Code Section 32-283, Definitions, Article XIV, Tax on Prepared Food and Beverage, Chapter 32, Taxation.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42996-080524. (7-0)

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 the City Council.

Council Member Fitzpatrick asked Dr. Patton to provide signage as an eight-time All America City at City limit signs.

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

Appointed Kimberly Mattson to replace Stephen Terry McGuire as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Dr. Eizabeth Dulemba to replace Karl Willers as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Debra Carter to replace Duane Smith (Public Housing Resident) as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term of office commencing September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2028.

Appointed Trinity Kaseke to fill the unexpired term of office of Jason Cromer (Alternate) as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission ending June 30, 2028.

Residency requirement was waived for Andy Foley appointed on July 1, 2024, as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan; and Luke Pugh appointed on July 1, 2024, as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission.

ADJOURNED - 4:27 P.M.