



City of Roanoke, Virginia
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

September 3, 2024

9:00 AM

Charles W. Day Technical Education Center
3601 Ferncliff Avenue, N. W.
Roanoke, Virginia 24017

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. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

City Council. **All present.**

School Board. **Trustee Quintana arrived at 9:26 a.m. and Chairman Jamison was absent.**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Vice-Chair, Mary Apel

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES.

Opening of Schools: Cellphone Rules, Transportation | Zum

Capital Projects | Feasibility Study: The Future of High Schools in RCPS

Equity in Action Update

Legislative Priorities: Drafts

Trauma Informed School Division Updates | Priorities

Budget Summary for School Year 2024 - 2025

RECESSED - 10:29 A.M./ADJOURNED - 10:26 A.M.

AT 11:06 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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 positions, authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
(5-0, Council Members Fitzpatrick and Moon Reynolds were not present when the vote was recorded)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed meeting for the purpose of discussing disposition of publicly owned property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
(7-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that the City Council convene in a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Sec. 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
(7-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that the City Council convene in a closed meeting to discuss the 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.
(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:

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge - 15 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. (12:31 P.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 Joanna Paysour, Pastor, Greene Memorial United Methodist 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:

Mayor Lea's Farewell State of the City Address was held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, N. E. The address was replayed on Cox Cable Channel 3, Comcast Cable Channel 3 and Shentel Cable Channel 7.

- Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of Roanoke City Police Department Staff.

Chief Booth recognized Officers Sloan, Gilliam and Camper (not in attendance, recovering at home) for their heroic efforts during an active shooter incident at Melrose Towers where, unfortunately, Officer Camper was injured.

The Interim City Manager recognized Chief Booth as the newly elected President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police.

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.

Martin Trussell, 2027 Hardy Road, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to Telesafe Group and bicycle safety and asked the Council to create safer bike lanes.

Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., #302, appeared before the Council and announced the launch of a civic project involving the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the lack of grant writers in the city and collaborations for funding for 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 meeting of City Council held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

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

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

Elizabeth Dulemba as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Karl Willers for a term of office ending June 30, 2027;

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

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

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance and Appropriation of the Victim Witness Program Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 43014-090324 and Budget Ordinance No. 43015-090324. (7-0)
2. Appropriation of funds as reimbursement to the City Treasurer as a Licensed Agency of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – DMV Select Program.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 43016-090324. (7-0)

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

1. INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

Public Safety Briefing - Chief Booth - 15 minutes

Northwest Roanoke Heat Resilience Project - EPA Community Change Grant Proposal - Brad Stephens - 10 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A.** Acceptance and Appropriation of FY24 and FY25 VDOT Street Maintenance Revenue vs Budget Allocation.
Withdrawn.

- B.** Acceptance and Appropriation of Virginia Department of Fire Programs Conference and Education Assistance Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 43017-090324 and Budget Ordinance No. 43018-090324. (7-0)
- C.** Authorization of an encroachment permit for Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) t/a Valley Metro bus shelter located in the right-of-way at 3101 Cove Road, N. W., on the north side of the intersection at Golfside Avenue, N. W.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43019-090324. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Interim City Manager offered the following comments.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

A consultant team will be in Roanoke conducting intensive engagement from Wednesday, September 25, 2024, to Friday, September 27, 2024. During the visit, consultants will interview the city leadership, conduct four small focus group conversations and host two large public community meetings. City Council and City management will be contacted to schedule time for interviews.

An online survey will be available through Monday, September 30, 2024; and a statistically valid city-wide survey will be mailed directly to a demographically representative sample of residents during September.

Public Meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Belmont Library and on Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., EnVision Center.

Wasena Bridge Update

Archer Western has installed the steel rebar for the first set of "Y" piers and anticipated concrete placement for the "Y" piers is scheduled for the week of September 2, installation of deep piles for Pier 3 is planned for the week of September 9, 2024.

Third Street Station

Valley Metro will be implementing a new designated smoking area policy on Tuesday, September 3, 2024; with designated smoking areas outside the station, and additional cigarette collectors along the railings.

Fishburn Perk Coffee Shop

The owners of the Fishburn Perk Coffee Shop have informed City staff that they have received construction permits and have begun work on the cottage.

Recognition of Carol Corbin

Carol Corbin, Communications Manager, was recognized for her exceptional work on the State of the City Address. Ms. Corbin put in countless hours to ensure the address not only captured the spirit of the

community, but clearly communicated the important changes and initiatives of the City of Roanoke. Her efforts were greatly appreciated.

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 thanked City staff for their assistance in the Women's Equality Day event held on Monday, August 26, at the Martin Luther King, Jr., monument and Henrietta Lacks Plaza.

Mayor Lea announced an event to be held on Tuesday, September 3, at the Gainsboro Library, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Christiansburg Institute for a talk on Preserving Local Black History, featuring a panel including Linda Brown, Charles Price, Michael Blankenship and Debbie Sherman-Lee; and a chicken dinner sale to benefit Children Learning Program Preventing Crime (CLIPP), on Wednesday, September 4, 2:00 p.m., call Lisa Davis at (540) 739-6175 to order and schedule delivery.

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

Reappointed Drew Kepley as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a four-year term of office commencing October 2, 2024, and ending October 1, 2028.

Appointed Joshua Orzel as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of office of Daniel Karnes ending December 31, 2026.

Appointed Margaret Lindsey as a member (ex-officio) of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan to fill the unexpired term of office of William Brent Robertson (ex-officio).

Appointed Duriel Wood as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of office of Daniel Colston ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Margaret Lindsey as a member (ex-officio) of the City of Roanoke Finance Board to fill the unexpired term of office of William Brent Robertson (ex-officio).

Appointed Margaret Lindsey as a member (ex-officio) of the Defined Contribution Board to fill the unexpired term of office of William Brent

Robertson (ex-officio).

Appointed Genesis Ward-Jones as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Sharon Toliver-Hardy ending November 30, 2026.

Appointed Stacie Wright as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Siclinda Canty-Elliott ending November 30, 2026.

Appointed Demetrius Johnson as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Helen Dean for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Kayleigh Critzer as a member (RCPS Representative) of the Roanoke Public Library Board to replace Greg Johnston for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Anita Price as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board to replace Karla Christian for a term of office ending June 30, 2027.

Appointed Nadirah Wright 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 Carolyn Hayes-Coles 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 Margaret Lindsey as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission to replace Amelia Merchant for a term of office ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Lt. Christopher Ramey as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2027.

Appointed Captain Andrew Ashby as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2027.

ADJOURNED - 3:40 P.M.