



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2024
2:00 PM
City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, SW

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 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and video streamed through Facebook Live at facebook.com/RoanokeVa. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing.

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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:

Department of Social Services and Fire-EMS acknowledgment

Fire-EMS Chief Hoback and Gwen Coleman, Director, Human Services shared details of a recent incident in which their teams worked together to achieve a positive outcome for seven children who needed evacuation and care.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Laura Hartman, representing BRAGG, appeared before the Council and expressed gratitude for the Council's attendance at recent events and

urged the Council to reach out to the Roanoke County administrators to engage bus service participation.

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, November 4, 2024.

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

C-2. 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-3. A communication from the City Attorney requesting 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 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-4. Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Fred Greear, III, as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan to replace Gregory Feldmann for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2027;

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; and

James Settle as a member of the City Planning Commission to replace Karri Atwood for a four-year term of office commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Just Serve Initiative - Stacy Reece, Communication Director, Roanoke Virginia Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - 10 minutes (Sponsored by Mayor Lea)

Received and filed.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

Monthly Finance Budget Report for October 2024 - Margaret Lindsey - 15 minutes

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- A. Execution of amendments to the contract with Allegheny Construction Company, Inc., for the Tinker Creek Greenway construction contract quantity adjustments.
Adopted Resolution No. 43094-111824. (7-0)
- B. Acceptance of the FY 2024 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Award from the United States Department of Justice.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43095-111824. (7-0)
- C. Acceptance of \$770,000 in Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation Build America Bureau for the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 43096-111824. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Deputy City Manager offered the following comments:

75th Birthday of the Mill Mountain Star

Everyone mark your calendars— Saturday, November 23, 2024, is the 75th birthday of Mill Mountain Star. At 10 AM at the main observation area by the Star, there will be cupcakes, and Star crafts, and the first 75 people will receive a sunspre. There is a 75th Anniversary Hike to the Star event planned that day for 9 AM. The hikers or any bikers to the event will get a small Roanoke bike light.

Residential Forum

The Roanoke Police Department and DRI will be holding a residential forum on this Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6 pm to discuss public safety with the community. The forum will be held at the City Market Building. Dinner will be served and they are asking for RSVPs. If any of you would like to confirm your attendance, please let me know and I'll let RPD know quickly.

Small Business Saturday

Since the Greater Roanoke and New River Valley Small Business Development Center falls under the City of Roanoke now, I would like to highlight Small Business Saturday in this platform. As you know, American Express founded Small Business Saturday in 2010 to help small business owners, specifically in Wasena, those impacted by the bridge replacement and our downtown businesses. This is the 15th year. Remember to shop local, but specifically on Saturday, November 30th.

CITY ATTORNEY: NONE

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Presentation of the Proposed 2024 Legislative Program. Council Member Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, Legislative Committee

Adopted Resolution No. 43097-111824. (7-0)

Comments on certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees

Vice-Mayor Cobb provided an update on GRTC matters, stating that progress continued to be made on the Walmart project; ridership increased by 900 rides on fare free days; and K and W Ladies were able to reinstate lunch dates by using the Metroflex service.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Volosin advised that the National League of Cities Conference he attended along with Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Moon Reynolds and White-Boyd was a very positive event. Eight delegates from Roanoke City Public Schools attended offering an opportunity for youth to learn about government; and Mr. Volosin was awarded the 40 Under 40 Impact Award for Elected Officials from the NLC.

Mayor Lea announced the CIAA event held on November 16–17, 2024, was great and recognized Council Member-Elect Nick Hagen who was in attendance.

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

12. RECESSED - 3:15 pm.

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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CITY COUNCIL

7:00 PM

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13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. All present.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jen Raffensperger, Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING (7-0)

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Maisey's Metropolis, LLC, to repeal conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning at 0 Brandon Avenue, SW, Official Tax Map No. 5200119, and to rezone 0 and 0 Brandon Avenue, SW, Official Tax Map Nos. 5200119 and 5200115, respectively, from CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions, and MX, Mixed Use District, to CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions. Ben Crew, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43098-111824. (7-0)
2. Request of Virginia Lutheran Homes, Inc., to amend conditions proffered as part of a zoning amendment at 3804 Brandon Avenue, SW, Official Tax Map No. 5180304, previously accepted by City Council on July 20, 2015, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 40303-072015. Jon Puvak, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43099-111824. (7-0)
3. Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendments.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43100-111824. (7-0)
4. Tax Exemption Request for Personal Property Owned by Wellness Wagon
Adopted Ordinance No. 43101-111824. (7-0)
5. Tax Exemption Request of Real Property Owned by Good Samaritan Hospice, Incorporated
Adopted Ordinance No. 43102-111824. (7-0)

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Request for Sale of a City-Owned Vacant Lot located at 801 Franklin Road, SW (Official Tax Map Number 1020716).

Adopted Ordinance No. 43103-111824. (7-0)

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Clarence Barber, 1044 Pall Avenue, SW, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to renter/tenant rights.

Council Member Volosin moved to place House Bill 721 and Senate Bill 366 on the Legislative Agenda presenting to the City's delegation of the General Assembly; authorizing the City's liaison to advocate the position of the City. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and adopted by an unanimous vote.

RECESSED - 8:05 pm.

The City Council meeting will be declared in recess to meet in Closed Session for the sole purpose of interviewing prospective candidates for the position of City Manager. Such Closed Meeting will be held at an undisclosed location within 15 days after this announcement, and vote on the motion for Closed Meeting as permitted by Subsection (b) of Section 2.2-3712, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.