



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 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:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL Council Member Fitzpatrick was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Carter Mundy, Pastor, Redemption Church.

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:

Brown Edwards Presentation, John Aldridge

Mr. Aldridge provided an update on the City audit.

Recognition of ParkRoanoke

The Mayor recognized the ParkRoanoke staff for their accomplishments.

Recognition of Ms. Virginia

Withdrawn

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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David Hoopes, 1439 Varnell Avenue, NE, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to illegal parking in bike lanes and safety.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (6-0)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of the 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 Clerk advising of the resignation of Phazhon Nash as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, effective December 31, 2024.

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

- C-2.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Natasha Saunders-Cotton as a member of the Roanoke City School Board, effective December 31, 2024.

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

- C-3.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Lutheria Smith as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Board of Directors, effective December 15, 2024.

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

- C-4.** A communication from Mark Chadwick, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, requesting that Council ratify the reappointment of Bobby Russell as an at-large member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-5.** A communication from Mark Chadwick, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, requesting that Council ratify the reappointment of Michael Waldvogel as an at-large member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

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

Natesha Ross as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board to replace Dorothy Yancey for a term of office ending June 30, 2027;

Betty Jean Wolfe as a member of the City Planning Commission to replace Sarah Glenn for a four-year term of office commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028;

Adetoye Oshoniyi as a member of the City Planning Commission to replace James Smith for a four-year term of office commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028;

Michael Waldvogel as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027;

Lianiz Cuevas as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2025; and

Cedric Wilson and Bethany Lackey as members of the Human Services Advisory Board for four-year terms of office, each, commencing December 1, 2024, and ending November 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

Monthly Finance and Budget Report November 2024 - Margaret Lindsey, 15 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

Appropriation of Funding for Medical Eligibility Workers and Authorization of Contract between City of Roanoke and Carilion Medical Center.

Adopted Ordinance No. 43106-121624. (6-0)

COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

The Interim City Manager offered the following comments:

Homeless Assistance Team

Although we have two more weeks in the calendar year, I would like to bring to your attention the City's Homeless Assistance Team. They have housed just shy of 300 individuals **(294)** in the city this year. I am sure they will house over 300 by the end of the year.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Request to Approve Agreement to Acquire Roanoke Official Tax Map Nos. 3090215, 3090216, 3090217, 3090218 and 3090237 for Construction of Fire Station No. 2.

Adopted Ordinance No. 43107-121624. (6-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Presentation of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board Annual Report. Angela S. Penn, Chair, Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board.

Received and filed.

Comments on 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:

A resolution electing and appointing Kelvin C. Bratton as the Director of Real Estate Valuation for the City of Roanoke.

Adopted Resolution No. 43109-121624. (6-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

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

12. RECESSED - 2:58 PM

THE CITY 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. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Vannie Harrell, Lead Pastor, Church Alive International.

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

Welcome

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of the 2024 Citizen of the Year

Adopted Resolution No. 43110-121624. (7-0)

The Mayor recognized W. Heywood Fralin as the 2024 Citizen of the Year and presented him with a ceremonial copy of the Resolution, Key to the City and personal plaque.

Update on the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute

Withdrawn

Presentation honoring the service of Council Member Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

Mayor Lea presented a City gift to Council Member Fitzpatrick.

Adoption of resolutions honoring Outgoing City Council Members

Adopted Resolution No. 43111-121624 paying tribute to Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

(6-0) Mayor Lea presented a ceremonial resolution, Key to the City and City gift to Council Member Moon Reynolds.

Adopted Resolution No. 43112-121624 paying tribute to Trish White-Boyd. (6-0)
Mayor Lea presented a ceremonial resolution, Key to the City and City gift to Council Member White-Boyd.

Adopted Resolution No. 43113-121624 paying tribute to Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr. (6-0)
Vice-Mayor Cobb presented a ceremonial resolution and City gift to Mayor Lea.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Tax Exemption Request for Real Property owned by 530 Day, LLC and 1018 Patterson, LLC (Restoration Housing).

Adopted Ordinance No. 43114-121624. (7-0)

Tax Exemption Request for Personal Property Owned by Behavioral Health Navigators, Inc.

Ordinance defeated (0-7)

16. OTHER BUSINESS:

A resolution naming the community room at Fire Station No 5 in honor of the City's first African-American Fire Chief, Rawleigh Quarles.

Adopted Resolution No. 43115-121624. (7-0)

An ordinance to re-appoint the City Attorney, City Clerk and Municipal Auditor for a term of office ending September 30, 2026.

Matter tabled at the 2:00 pm meeting until the 7:00 pm meeting. Adopted Ordinance No. 43108-121624. (7-0)

17. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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James Lynch, City resident, appeared before the Council and requested that the Council rename Eureka Park recreation center in honor of Mr. Brown and Ms. Keeling, community leaders who worked at the recreation center.

Emily Kate Coenhaver, 2218 Windsor Avenue, SW, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition and expressed hope to work with the organization and urged the Council to appoint Danny Clawson as an Interim City Council member.

Samantha Newell, 5167 Wipledale Avenue, SW, appeared before the Council and suggested that Council appoint Danny Clawson as an Interim City Council member.

Mayor Lea wished everyone a happy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year and announced that it was a pleasure to serve as Mayor of the City of Roanoke from 2016 to 2024.

ADJOURNED - 8:59 PM

