



City of Roanoke, Virginia
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 2, 2025
9:00 AM
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.

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

- City Council - **Council Member Volosin was absent.**
- City Planning Commission - **Commissioner Terry-Cabbler was absent.**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY THE CITY COUNCIL/CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

RECESSED/ADJOURNED - 10:22 A.M.

AT 10:28 AM, THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Joseph L. Cobb requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

- Human Services Advisory Board
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
- City Planning Commission
- Defined Contribution Board
- Gun Violence Prevention Commission

- Mill Mountain Advisory Board
- Roanoke Arts Commission
- Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding a certain legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry in an adjacent locality, the location of which will have an impact on the residents of the City, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding the finances of both the City and the Schools requiring the provision of legal advice by outside legal counsel, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

Items Listed on the 2:00 pm City Council Docket Requiring Discussion/Clarification and Additions/Deletions to the 2:00 pm Agenda. **None.**

Topics For Discussion by the Mayor and Members of City Council. **None.**

Briefings:

Rehabilitation Program Sunset Provision - 30 minutes

Proposed City Code Amendment, Section 23.2-3, Procurement Authority, Chapter 23.2, Procurement - 10 minutes

AT 10:56 AM, THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED 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.



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

2:00 pm

City Council Chamber
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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL. Council Member Volosin was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Susan Bentley, Chaplain, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

Welcome

Certification of Closed Meeting. **(6-0)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Mayor Cobb advised that, going forward, the 2:00 pm meeting would begin with the Council Members providing "shout-outs" or announcing community events recently attended. The Council Members made the following announcements:

Council Member Hagen "shouted-out" the Roanoke Lebanese Festival held at St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church over the past weekend.

Council Member Sanchez-Jones "shouted-out" the first responders that attended the tragic accident on Cove Road.

Vice-Mayor McGuire thanked all teachers, administrators and parents in preparation for the last week of school and wished all students good luck.

Council Member Nash made a plea to City residents to end drunk driving, noting that actions and decisions affect others' lives.

Council Member Powers "shouted-out" the staff of the City Treasurer's Office and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office who have been taking in and processing tax payments. She encouraged citizens to pay their taxes on time.

Mayor Cobb recognized the 30th anniversary of the reopening of the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center on Saturday evening, May 31, and extended gratitude to Brian Mann, Brian Wells, staff and partners of the hotel, who helped make the event successful; he also "shouted-out" TAP and all youth who created the No Cap Zone Teen Summit, which was held on Saturday, May 31; and acknowledged residents honored by the Roanoke Blacksburg Technology Council at the TechNite Awards where Marc Nelson, Director, Economic Development received the Ruby Award, Nancy Agee was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Aileen Helsel received the Regional Leadership Award and the Tiny Cargo Company received the Small Leading Tech Company Award.

Proclamation declaring June 2025 as Pride Month.

Vice-Mayor McGuire read and presented the proclamation to Marissa Yi, Vice-President, Roanoke Diversity Center, Board of Directors.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

The 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 the Council, as he may deem appropriate.

Brian McConnell, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to leading community health and well-being in a time of polycrisis.

Betty Davis, appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to unfair property tax rates.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED (6-0)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by 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.** Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, May 5, 2025, and on Monday, May 12, 2025, recessed until Friday, May 16, 2025.

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

- C-2.** Request to Schedule and Advertise a public hearing for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider the Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Budget Adjustments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3.** Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Shenita Boukari as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2028;

Manuel Dotson as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2028;

Yvonne Johnson as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028;

Amy Thompson as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to replace Jared Rigby for a term of office ending March 31, 2028;

Robert Pilkington as member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028;

Catherine Koebel as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2028;

Michael Loveman as a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029; and

Angelica Wagner as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a term of office ending June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

1. City Manager:

Briefing:

April 2025 Financial Report - 15 minutes.

Items Recommended for Action:

- a.** Acceptance and Appropriation of Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Funds for Stormwater Improvements on the West Fork of Carvins Stream.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43204-060225. (6-0)
- b.** Approval of the Mill Mountain Trail Name Proposal.
Adopted Resolution No. 43205-060225. (6-0)
- c.** Execution of the Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS Services with the County of Roanoke.
Adopted Resolution No. 43206-060225. (6-0)
- d.** Amendment to the FY 2026 Fee Compendium.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43207-060225. (6-0)

Comments of the City Manager.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

I'd like to provide an update on our preparations for the upcoming pool season, including staffing efforts and the opening of our new facility. Staff have been working diligently to recruit and hire qualified lifeguards. Currently, we have nine lifeguard candidates in the hiring process, with six of them having officially accepted positions. Staff are continuing to collaborate closely with Human Resources to expedite the onboarding process, so these individuals can begin work as soon as possible.

We're also pleased to report that most of our pool clerk positions—many of which are filled by teen apprentices—have been successfully staffed.

However, despite these efforts, we are still experiencing staffing challenges. As a result, there is a significant possibility that the opening of Fallon Park Pool may be delayed.

On a more positive note, we're excited to announce that the new Washington Park Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 7, 2025. After extensive public input and thoughtful planning, this facility has been designed to meet a wide range of community needs. Features include a zero-entry area with splash features, a 14-foot water slide, three lap lanes, a lazy river, and more.

We also invite you to join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM, just ahead of the pool's public opening.

We appreciate your continued support as we prepare for a safe and successful

summer season. Thank you.

The Roanoke Police Department launched Operation Summer Shield, a strategic summer initiative focused on reducing violent crime through sustained and coordinated efforts. This initiative includes felony warrant apprehension, targeted traffic enforcement, and proactive criminal interdiction. The initial phase of the operation prioritizes the removal of violent offenders and repeat criminals prior to peak summer holiday activity. This will be carried out in partnership with the U.S. Marshals Service under Operation Summer Guardian, which targets the execution of violent felony and high-risk warrants, and in coordination with Probation and Parole for the pickup of absconders. To further deter criminal activity, high-visibility traffic enforcement will be implemented in collaboration with the Virginia State Police Motors. This joint effort will include saturation patrols in high-crime areas, DUI enforcement, occupant safety checks, and reckless driving suppression. In addition, downtown saturation patrols will take place on Friday and Saturday nights during peak bar hours to prevent fights, weapons violations, and disorderly conduct in the city's busiest nightlife area. Operation Summer Shield exemplifies the Roanoke Police Department's ongoing commitment to community safety and collaborative partnerships to ensure a safer summer for the Roanoke community.

2. City Attorney:

- a. Amendment of the City Code Chapter 14.1, Solid Waste Management, Article I, In General, Section 14.1-1, Definitions.
Adopted Ordinance No. 43208-060225. (6-0)

3. Director of Real Estate Valuation: None.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to dedicate a sign at Colonial Avenue, SW, and McNeil Drive, SW, in honor of Dr. Robert Sandel, fourth President of Virginia Western Community College upon his retirement.
Adopted Resolution No. 43209-060225. (6-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.
 - Council Member Initiative - "Mayor's Hope and Home Task Force" - Presented by Mayor Cobb
2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

Appointed Nicole Dempah as a member of the City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Kevin Berry ending December 31, 2026.

Reappointed Angelia Vernon as a member of the Defined Contribution Board for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending

June 30, 2029.

Reappointed Tanya Catron as a member of the Defined Contribution Board for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029.

Appointed Jane Coulter as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board as the Garden Club Representative to replace Whitney Feldmann for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Brian Haynesworth as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Gloria Manns as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Carla Terry as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed John Cornthwait as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Becky Carr as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Charlene Graves as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Donna Davis as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Appointed Amya Matthews as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Laura Woodson for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Reappointed Clare Callaghan as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Appointed Dominic Harden as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission to replace William Hackworth for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

12. ADJOURNED - 2:59 PM.