



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AUGUST 1, 2016**

9:00 A.M.

**ROUNDHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2020 OAKLAND BOULEVARD, N. W.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

- City Council **All Present**
- School Board – **School Board Trustees Lori Vaught and Richard Willis were absent. Trustee Lutheria Smith arrived late.**

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
- Chair Annette Lewis

3. City Council/School Board Items for Discussion and Comments:

- After School Program Update (Council Member Garland)
- Anticipated School Closures (Council Member Garland)
- Attendance Works (School Superintendent)
- Capital Improvements Plan (Council Member Garland/School Superintendent)
- Graduation Rate (Council Member Garland/School Superintendent)
- Outsourcing Update (Council Member Trinkle)
- Population Trends (School Superintendent)
- RCPS Plus (School Superintendent)
- Recruitment and Retention Efforts of Minorities (Vice-Mayor Price)
- Responses to concerns expressed by parents, including concerns expressed to the Board at meetings (Council Member Ferris)
- Step Salary Schedule Adjustments (Council Member Trinkle)
- Student Homelessness Update (School Superintendent)
- Teacher Shortages (Council Member Garland/School Superintendent)

**4. School Board adjourned – 11:10 a.m.
City Council recessed – 11:10 a.m.**



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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**AUGUST 1, 2016
11:42 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 450**

AGENDA

Call to Order -- Roll Call – All Present

Welcome. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

NOTICE

This morning meeting and briefings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, August 4 immediately following the 2:00 p.m. session at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed by Internet through Rev.Net Technologies, Inc., at <http://www.wrev.net>. Council Meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that 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. A list of current vacancies is included with the agenda for this meeting.

(7-0)

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2016 Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(7-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located at 1015 Jamison Avenue, S. E., Official Tax Map No. 4120808, 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)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located at 13 Church Avenue, S. E., Official Tax Map No. 4011706, 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)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a proposal for the disposition of City-owned properties located at 2750 Hoover Street, N. W., Official Tax Map No. 2430601, and 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., Official Tax Map No. 2440715, 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)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting regarding consultation with legal counsel and briefing by staff pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation and briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating position of City Council, pursuant to Section 2.2- 3711(A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
(7-0)

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(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.**

BRIEFINGS:

- Brush Collection - 30 Minutes

AT 12:32 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING STOOD IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M., FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**AUGUST 1, 2016
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Dykstra arrived late.

The Invocation was delivered by Christopher B. Bordeaux, Pastor, Church of Christ Scientist Roanoke.

At this point, Council Member Dykstra entered the meeting (2:01 p.m.).

Mayor Lea, Sr. held a Moment of Silence in memory of the late Joel Richert, resident of Old Southwest and neighborhood activist; and Police Officer Najee Tynes; and Sylvia Coleman, President, Virginia Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary Association.

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

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

NOTICE:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED PERSONS ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE ADAPTATIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, PROVIDED THAT REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MONDAY COUNCIL MEETING, OR REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE COUNCIL MEETING HAS CONVENED, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH; HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CURRENT VACANCIES AND/OR UPCOMING EXPIRATIONS OF TERMS OF OFFICE:

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2016**

**BUILDING AND FIRE CODE OF APPEALS – TWO VACANCIES
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2017
TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ONE VACANCY
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**FAIR HOUSING BOARD
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING MARCH 31, 2019**

**PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION
CITY RETIREE – ONE VACANCY
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

**ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION – ONE VACANCY
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

**ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – ONE VACANCY
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

**ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION -
ONE VACANCY
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

**YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD – TWO VACANCIES
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018
THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

City of Roanoke and City of Roanoke Pension Plan - GFOA Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Mayor recognized Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance, and staff and presented Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

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.

Robert Gravely appeared before Council once again regarding termination from City employment.

**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. The Mayor called attention to two requests for public hearings by the City Manager.

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, April 4, 2016 and Monday, April 18, 2016; and a recessed meeting held on Thursday, April 28, 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.
- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that the City Clerk be authorized to schedule and advertise a public hearing for August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or at such time as the matter may be heard, or at such date and time as determined by the City Manager, to consider the lease of property to the Blue Ridge Zoological Society of Virginia, Inc.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that the City Clerk be authorized to schedule and advertise a public hearing for August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or at such other date and time as deemed appropriate by the City Manager or on a proposed lease agreement with Richard E. and Cassie M. Beverly for property located at 2410 Mason Mill Road, N. E.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-4 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Thomas T. Cullen as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors, effective immediately.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.
- C-5 Annual report of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees, for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-6 Annual report of the Pension Investment Committee, Subcommittee of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees, for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-7 Annual report of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Defined Contribution Board, for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-8 Annual report of the Finance Board for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-9 A communication from Peggy Bishop, Secretary, Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, transmitting a certified copy of Resolution RA#2016-727 adopting a schedule of rates, fees and charges for the use of the Authority's system, effective July 1, 2016; and Roanoke Valley Resource Authority Waste Disposal Fees and Charges as of July 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-10 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Cari C. Gates as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2019;

Sherman M. Stovall as the Alternate City representative of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2020;

Paula Page Williams as a member of the City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Chad A. Van Hyning ending December 31, 2016; and

Joyce W. Watkins as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to convey approximately 0.46 acre of City-owned vacant land located along Jae Valley Road, Roanoke County, Virginia, Roanoke County Tax Map No. 089.00-01-22, to the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation for construction, maintenance and/or operation of a public transportation facility, in connection with VDOT's Route 116 Highway Project. Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager.

Adopted Ordinance No. 40588-080116. (7-0)

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Progress Report on the Roanoke Cultural Endowment. Shaleen Powell, Executive Director. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Received and filed.

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of a donation of at least three Automated External Defibrillators from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to the Roanoke Police Department.
Adopted Resolution No. 40589-080116. (7-0)
2. Acceptance of a donation of Art for the Public Art Collection from the Estate of William and Mary Jane Burtch.
Adopted Resolution No. 40590-080116. (7-0)
3. Acceptance and appropriation of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) funds for the Colonial Avenue Improvement Project; and execution of the VDOT Standard Project Administration Agreement.
Adopted Resolution No. 40591-080116 and Budget Ordinance No. 40592-080116. (7-0)
4. Acceptance and appropriation of funds in connection with the FY17 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry to staff a part-time Urban Forestry Planner.
Adopted Resolution No. 40593-080116 and Budget Ordinance No. 40594-080116. (7-0)
5. Authorization to enter into an agreement between the City of Roanoke and the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport to clarify criminal investigation responsibilities and extend the Airport Police Department authority to adjacent highways.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40595-080116. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Third Annual Roanoke Youth Summit

- The event will be hosted by Vice-Mayor Anita James Price and the Roanoke Youth Services Citizen Board
- Date: Saturday, August 6

- Location: William Fleming High School
- The event will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Admission is free and the event is open to youth and parents
- Activities will include a Running Man Challenge, with door prizes for the winners, music provided by DJ Freddie Mac, an obstacle course, and lunch. Youth and their parents/guardians will also participate in separate discussion groups on topics including health and nutrition, internet use, and financial stability.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 6, Parks & Arts at Mountain View Recreation Center, noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 7, Budweiser Summer Series: Lee Brice will perform in the Elmwood Park Amphitheater, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 27, Parks & Art will conclude in Elmwood Park, noon to 3:00 p.m.
 - That afternoon, the Deschutes Street Pub will take place into the evening, raising funds for four of our non-profits; also include local music during event.

Social Media

Our Social Media is receiving national attention. In July 2016, we had some of our best participation ever – new "Likes" went up 93%, 254,000 total video views using "Facebook Live," 427,000 posts were liked, commented, or shared, and a 2.38 million total page reach.

- Timothy Martin was named one of the Top 100 Influencers in Local Government by an organization known as Emerging Local Government Leaders; Christopher Morrill was also included in that list. Only two cities (Roanoke and Las Vegas) in the nation had two staff members included.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2. Goal is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit; focus on building stronger ties between neighborhoods, the community, and our public safety. We ask that residents take advantage of this opportunity.

b. CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Execution of a Service Agreement and the First Amendment to support agreement in connection with a bond issuance, in the amount of up to \$3 million, by the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority through the Virginia Resource Authority.
Adopted Resolution No. 40596-080116. (7-0)
2. Reinstatement of real estate rehabilitation tax exemption; and request for refund on real estate located at 303 Jefferson Street, S. W., designated as Official Tax Map No. 1011806.
Adopted Resolution No. 40597-080116. (7-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting authorization to execute temporary loan agreements with Fifth Third Bank for the purpose of securing one or more credit cards in the name of the School Board; and a report of the Assistant Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Kathleen Jackson, Chief Financial Officer, Spokesperson.
Adopted Resolution No. 40598-080116. (7-0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Budget Ordinance No. 40587, on its second and final reading, appropriating funding from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley for a Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40587-080116. (7-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Vice-Mayor Price announced the 2016 Youth Summit will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at William Fleming High School for middle and high school students beginning at 10:00 a.m., with discussion groups held regarding issues relevant to students and their parents.

Council Member Bestpitch recognized the tremendous work performed by the late Joel Richert in transforming Old Southwest neighborhood, noting her tireless efforts and tenacity in obtaining the historic district designation for the Old Southwest neighborhood.

Council Member Dykstra announced that the Parks and Arts event will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at the Mountain View Recreation Center beginning at 12:00 noon.

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

12. RECESSED AT 3:13 P.M.

Continuation of Closed Meeting in Council's Conference Room.

13. RECONVENED - 5:04 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Appointed David Perry to replace Dr. Nancy Dye as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a term ending June 30, 2019.

Reappointed Andrew Anguiano, Edward Garner and Duane Smith as Commissioners of the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for terms of four years, each, ending August 31, 2020.

Reappointed Harvey Brookins as a City representative of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a term of four years ending June 30, 2020. Waived City residency requirement.

Appointed Courtney Campbell to fill the unexpired term of office of Jerry Smith as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a term ending June 30, 2018.

Appointed Mark Garland as a Citizen at Large representative of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2018.

Appointed John Missell to fill the unexpired term of office of Mary V. H. Dykstra as a member of the Architectural Review Board ending October 1, 2016; and for an additional four-year term of office ending October 1, 2020.

Appointed Stephen Grammer to fill the unexpired term of office of Alesha Allen as a member of the Fair Housing Board ending March 31, 2019.

Appointed Lorena Wilson to replace Heidi Schmidt as a Citizen at Large representative of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term ending June 30, 2019.

14. ADJOURNED – 5:08 P.M.