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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 22, 2008  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Member Wishneff was absent.)**

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Alfred T. Dowe, Jr.

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Welcome. Mayor Harris.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV](http://WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV), CLICK ON THE SERVICE ICON, CLICK ON COUNCIL AGENDAS TO ACCESS THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA AND COUNCIL MEETING. IF ADOBE ACROBAT IS NOT AVAILABLE, A PROMPT WILL APPEAR TO DOWNLOAD PRIOR TO VIEWING AGENDA INFORMATION.

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.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CALL 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 IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV](http://WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV), TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of Exchange Students from Wonju.

A proclamation declaring the month of January as Stalking Awareness Month. Proclamation was presented to Chief Gaskins.

## 3. CONSENT AGENDA (APPROVED 6-0)

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 Council held on Monday, November 5, 2007.  
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.
- C-2 A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris 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.  
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-3 A communication from Council Member Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Chair, Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the mid-year performance of three Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.  
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-4 Annual Report of the City Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2007.  
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

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Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Adrienne Barnett as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a term ending June 30, 2010;

Michael P. Wright as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a term ending October 31, 2010;

Laurence M. Levy as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for a term ending December 31, 2011; and

Cheryl C. Miller as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners, to fill the unexpired term of Gregory W. Feldmann ending August 31, 2010.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Received and filed.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

### 5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Activities coordinated by Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) throughout 2007. Annette Lewis, Vice President of Programs, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager.)  
No action taken.

### 6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

#### BRIEFINGS:

- 2007 Crime Statistics Police Initiatives – 5 minutes
- City of Roanoke Global Warming Carbon Footprint – 20 minutes

- Overview of 2008 Assessment Process – 15 minutes

(Briefings two and three were held in Room 451 immediately following the 2:00 p.m. session.)

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:**

1. Acceptance of the Domestic Violence Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; and appropriation of funds.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37990-012208 and Budget Ordinance No. 37991-012208. (6-0)**
2. Acceptance of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services; and appropriation of funds.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37992-012208 and Budget Ordinance No. 37993-012208. (6-0)**
3. Acceptance of the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services; and appropriation of funds.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37994-012208 and Budget Ordinance No. 37995-012208. (6-0)**
4. Adoption of a resolution supporting the grant application for the Fairhope Road sewer extension.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37996-012208. (6-0)**
5. Authorization to continue funding the Restricted Eligibility Worker position stationed at the Health Department; and appropriation of funds.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 37997-012208. (6-0)**
6. Acceptance of a Wolf Pack Remote Viewing System from the Department of Homeland Security to support operational units in the Police Department.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37998-012208. (6-0)**

7. Execution of additional amendments to the contract with DataSafe, LLC, to increase the existing Contract's "not to exceed" amount, per year, for the two remaining optional renewal periods for records storage services.  
Adopted Resolution No. 37999-012208. (6-0)
8. Execution of four new project agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation for bridge repairs and renovations, paving, curb, gutter and sidewalks; and appropriation of funds.  
Adopted Resolution No. 38000-012208 and Budget Ordinance No. 38001-012208. (6-0)

## **7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- a. Annual Report of the Fair Housing Board for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Sherman Burroughs, Spokesperson.  
No action was taken.
- b. Request of the Roanoke City School Board for appropriation of funds to various programs; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Vivian Penn-Timity, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.  
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 38002-012208. (6-0)

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

## **9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

## **10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
NONE.
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

## **11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

**Ms. Ileada Ribble, 1511 Gilford Avenue, N. W.  
Mr. Shaheed Omar, 1219 Loudon Avenue, N. W.**

## **12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**The City Manager noted that six of the eight agenda items listed under Reports of Officers – City Manager Section involved applications for receipt of grant funds; and that City staff is always searching for different financial sources to provide funding for projects and programs. She also added that the grant application for the Fairhope Road sewer extension was submitted by the Western Virginia Water Authority, with support from the City of Roanoke.**

**She commended City crews on its efforts on snow removal on Thursday, January 17, noting that all main arteries were clear within 24 hours, which allowed the Roanoke City Public Schools to open on a two-hour delay schedule.**

**She shared various activities over a four day period in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., highlighting the annual walk that is sponsored by the Roanoke Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) on the third Monday in January. Ms. Burcham also announced that the Ribbon-cutting and Monument Unveiling Ceremony for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge and Statue will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., with a march commencing at First Baptist Church – Gainsboro, followed by a ceremony at 11:30 a.m.,**

**In closing, the City Manager announced that the City Clerk was a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drum Major for Justice Award at the Annual SCLC Banquet held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at the Wyndham Hotel.**

**AT 4:20 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR TWO BRIEFINGS AND CLOSED SESSIONS IN ROOM 451, AND RECONVENED AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, FOR PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS.**



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**AGENDA**

**Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Members Fitzpatrick and Wishneff were absent.)

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Sherman P. Lea.

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Welcome. Mayor Harris.

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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Request of Steel Dynamics that the easternmost end of Westside Boulevard, N. W., be permanently vacated, discontinued, and closed. Christopher H. Waller, LMW, PC, Spokesperson.  
Adopted Ordinance No. 38003-012208. (5-0)
2. Request of Trustees of God's House Baptist Ministry that properties located at 3601, 3707, and portions of 3619 and 3621 Melrose Avenue, N. W., be rezoned from R-7, Residential Single Family District, and MX, Mixed Use District, to IN, Institutional District, subject to certain proffered conditions. Sean Horne, Balzer and Associates, Inc., Spokesperson.  
Adopted Ordinance No. 38004-012208. (5-0)
3. Request of the City of Roanoke to amend the Vision 2001-2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan, to include the City-wide Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. Christopher L. Chittum, Agent, City Planning Commission.  
Adopted Ordinance No. 38005-012208. (5-0)
4. Request of the City of Roanoke to grant an above ground and under ground easement across City-owned property to Appalachian Power Company, in connection with property located at and adjacent to the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.  
Adopted Ordinance No. 38006-012208. (5-0)

## **B. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.**

**AT 7:10 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR CONTINUATION OF A CLOSED SESSION, IN ROOM 451 AND RECONVENED AT 7:40 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (5-0)**

**Reappointed Sherley Stuart, Thomas Pettigrew and Christene Montgomery as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for terms ending March 31, 2011.**

The City Clerk was instructed to advertise the upcoming vacancies that will be created by the expiration of the terms of office of Jason Bingham, David Carson and Mignon Chubb-Hale ending June 30, 2008. Deadline for receipt of applications will be Monday, March 10, 2008.