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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 3, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Members Bestpitch and Sanchez-Jones were absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jon Landis, Lead Minister, Growing Families Ministry, Roanoke Valley Church.

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

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for the following current vacancies and/or upcoming expirations of terms of office:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – two vacancies
Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – one vacancy
Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee – one vacancy
Towing Advisory Board – one vacancy (Citizen at-large)

Access the City's homepage to complete an online application for the abovementioned vacancies.

The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for two upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office expiring on June 30, 2022. Three-year terms of office will commence July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2025. Incumbent School Board Trustees are Lutheria H. Smith and Joyce W. Watkins.

Application and information describing the duties and responsibilities of Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board are available on the City of Roanoke's web page at www.roanokeva.gov, or may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office, Room 456, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline to receive applications is Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. For questions and/or additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (540) 853-2541 or by email at clerk@roanokeva.gov.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Adoption of the meeting schedule for Roanoke City Council commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
Adopted Resolution No. **42245-010322 (5-0)**.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 5-0)**

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 15, 2021; recessed until Monday, November 29, 2021.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.

C-2 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager may determine, in his discretion, to consider the lease of the Gill Memorial Property to the Valleys Innovation Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-4 Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-5 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Ssunny Shah as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022;

Duriel Wood as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to fill the unexpired term of office of Margaret Ashburn ending September 30, 2023; and

Chris Craft as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission to replace Linwood "Woody" Deans for a term of office ending September 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and file.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Presentation by Caption Call to introduce the program and share information in connection therewith. Bettina Mason, Anthem Healthkeepers Medicare Southwest Virginia representative; and Lisa Mottesheard, Manager, Caption Call, Spokespersons. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd)
Due to inclement weather, presentation rescheduled to a future Council meeting.

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Roanoke Prevention Alliance - 30 minutes
Youth Risk Behavior Study
Due to inclement weather, presentation rescheduled to a future Council meeting.
- General Real Estate Reassessment - 30 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Appropriation of the American Rescue Plan Act funding and Star City Strong: Recovery and Resiliency Advisory Panel recommendations.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42246-010322. (5-0)
2. Acceptance of a donation of funds from the Star City Soccer Foundation for a Futsal Court in Preston Park.
Adopted Resolution No. 42247-010322 and Budget Ordinance No. 42248-010322. (5-0)
3. Acceptance of the FY 2022 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economy Security Act – Provider Relief Funding to cover increased costs associated with Emergency Medical Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 42249-010322 and Budget Ordinance No. 42250-010322. (5-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager thanked City staff that worked tirelessly to prepare for the snow event and clear the sidewalks at the municipal facilities.

He highlighted the significance of the impact of COVID-19, noting that one in four persons tested positive for COVID-19 and if the numbers continue to rise within the workforce, it would affect the level of service provided by the City to the citizens.

b. **CITY ATTORNEY:**

1. Readoption and reenactment of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42251-010322. (5-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. An ordinance establishing compensation for the newly elected City Sheriff and Commissioner of the Revenue.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42252-010322. (5-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Lea recognized Council Member Moon Reynolds who was appointed to fill an at-large member position on the Executive Board of the Virginia Municipal League; and Council Member Cobb who was awarded the Heritage Education and Advocacy Award by the Roanoke Valley Preservation Society for his doctoral program dissertation on cemeteries that were disrupted by construction projects during the 1960s and 70s.

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

12. RECESS – 3:22 P.M.

13. RECONVENE – 4:13 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0)

Reappointed Jessie Coffman, Amazetta Anderson, Garrett Brumfield and Peter Volosin as members of the Fair Housing Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending March 31, 2025.

Reappointed Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop as a City representative to the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a four-year term of office ending March 9, 2026.

Appointed Shawn Nowlin to fill the unexpired term of office of Jane Missel as a member of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee ending June 30, 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT – 4:16 P.M.