



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 18, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

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

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.

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. All present. Council Member Bestpitch participated by electronic means.**

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Joseph L. Cobb.

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

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

Adopted Resolution No. 42253-011822 acknowledging the limited statewide state of emergency declared by the Governor of Virginia in Executive Order No. 84, which authorizes the Council as well as its boards and commissions to meet virtually. (7-0)

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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
Towing Advisory Board – one vacancy (Citizen at-large)
Western Virginia's Regional Industrial Facility Authority – 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.

- 2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.**
- 3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.**

4.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 7-0, as amended)
(Item C-5 was removed and considered separately)

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 meetings of City Council held on Monday, December 6, 2021 and Monday, December 20, 2021.

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

C-2 A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the annual performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, 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 the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 enter into a Parking Agreement for unreserved parking permits for the Center in the Square Garage located at 11 Campbell Avenue, S. E.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-4 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 advertise a 30 day public comment period and consider amendments in connection with the 2020 – 2024 HUD Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-6 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Brandon McCall and Deidre Trigg as members of the Youth Athletics Review Board for a one-year term of office commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 and a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025, respectively; and

Garrett Brumfield as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Stephen Grammer ending March 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

Item removed and considered separately.

C-5 A communication from the Director of Finance transmitting the FY 2021 City Manager Transfer Report for period thirteen ended November 30, 2021; and FY 2022 for the first and second quarters ended September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed. (7-0).

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 representative; and Lisa Mottsheard, Caption Call, Spokespersons. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd)
Received and filed.

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFING:

- Emergency Operations Plan - 15 minutes
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the 2022 Violence Against Women Act (V-STOP) Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice for the Police Department's existing Domestic Violence Specialist position.
Adopted Resolution No. 42254-011822 and Budget Ordinance No. 42255-011822. (7-0)
2. Approval to allocate remaining Emergency Solutions Grant CV2 funding for activities to address the preparation, response and recovery from effects of COVID-19 for persons homeless or at-risk of homelessness.
Adopted Resolution No. 42256-011822 and Budget Ordinance No. 42257-011822. (7-0)
3. Execution of Amendment No. 5 to the First Reinstated Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Roanoke and Rutherford Partners, LLC, in connection with a new transportation facility.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42258-011822. (7-0)
4. Execution of Amendment No. 5 to the First Reinstated Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Roanoke and Greater Roanoke Transit Company, in connection with a new transportation facility.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42259-011822. (7-0)
5. Adoption of a resolution ratifying the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act funding from the Office of the Attorney General to support community-based gun violence prevention initiatives.
Adopted Resolution No. 42260-011822 and Budget Ordinance No. 42261-011822. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Budgeting for Outcomes – Performance Measures

- Indicators that are a report card at the end of the budget cycle to see how things were accomplished, alongside an audit to see how things were going financially.
- Presented in January and located on the management and budget web page titled Measures and Budget Indicators for public viewing.

Innovation Corridor

- Opinion editorial article in the *Cardinal News*, online newspaper, written by many including Marc Nelson, Director of Economic Development, with regard to exiting efforts in the innovation corridor.
- Thanked Marc for his work on the article.

Snow Event

- City workers began on last Thursday evening preparing the streets for the potential snow event and continue to clean the streets daily to make them accessible for citizens.
- Over 1,100 lane miles of streets the City workers are responsible for clearing, with only 100 snow workers on 12-hour shifts on a 24-hour rotation.
- 100,000 tons of salt was spread to help melt the snow.
- City goal to have 90 percent of the major streets cleared within 24 hours of the conclusion of a snow event.
- Workforce decreased because of Covid-19. Thanked all workers and supervisors for their support.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the City Manager recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42262-011822. (7-0)
- b. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds commended the Vice-Mayor on the fundraiser for the Henrietta Lacks projects collaborating with the Harrison Museum of African American Culture to solicit funds. The Vice-Mayor advised that if anyone wished to donate funds, please remit to P.O. Box 21054, Roanoke, Virginia 24018.

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. NONE.

12. RECESS – 3:50 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0).

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A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Franklin Road, LLC, to vacate an alley running north from Franklin Road, S. W., towards Luck Avenue, S. W., adjacent to property located at 117 Franklin Road, S. W. Dave Jones, Agent, Spokesperson. **Matter was continued until the February 14, 2022 City Planning Commission Meeting.**
2. Request of Greater Roanoke Transit Company to vacate a 10 foot wide alley between and parallel to 11th Street, S. E., and 12th Street, S. E. Kevin Price, General Manager, Spokesperson. **Matter was continued until the February 14, 2022 City Planning Commission Meeting.**
3. Request of 829 Salem Avenue, LLC, to rezone property located at 829 Salem Avenue, S. W., from Light Industrial District to Urban Flex District to be used as a mixed-use building. John Garland, Manager, Spokesperson. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42263-011822. (7-0)**
4. Request of the Roanoke City School Board to amend the Institutional Planned Unit Development Plan as part of a previous rezoning at 3601 Ferncliff Avenue, N. W., adopted by Ordinance No. 38613-092109; amendments include changes in uses of particular buildings and additional support buildings and parking. Jack Ellinwood, Parker Design Group, Inc., Agent, Spokesperson. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42264-011822. (7-0)**
5. Request of the Roanoke City School Board to vacate Truman Avenue, a street adjacent to 3837 Williamson Road, N. W., and 0 Williamson Road, N. W.; approximately 381 linear feet, running northeast from the intersection of Williamson Road, N. W., ending in a cul-de-sac adjacent to 3901 Williamson Road, N. W. Christopher Perkins, Chief Operations Officer, Roanoke City Public Schools, Spokesperson. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42265-011822. (7-0)**
6. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to consider the lease of the Gill Memorial Property to the Valleys Innovation Council to continue the operation of the Regional Acceleration and Mentoring Program. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager. **Adopted Ordinance No. 42266-011822. (7-0)**

7. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to consider a lease agreement with Rutherford Properties, LLC, for City-owned property located at 1 Jefferson Street, S. W., and 7 Jefferson Street, S. W., to provide office space to a sub-lessee. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42267-011822. (7-0)

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

C. ADJOURNED – 7:50 P.M.