



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

9:00 A.M.

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

AGENDA

NOTICE:

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1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

- City Council – **All present.**
- Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority – **All present.**

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
- Chair Drew W. Kepley

3. Items for Discussion and Comments:

- Overview of RRHA programs, services and accomplishments (**RRHA**)
- Public Housing Repositioning (**RRHA**)
- Cherry Hill-Gainesboro next steps (**RRHA**)

- Update on the EnVision Center Relocation (**Council Members Cobb and Moon Reynolds**)
- Various Strategies to Ensure Safety in the Public Housing Developments (**Council Members Cobb and Moon Reynolds**)
- Various concerns with regard to the Melrose Towers, Hunt Manor, Morningside Manor and Lansdowne Housing Communities (**Vice-Mayor White-Boyd**)
- Current collaborations with community partners in supporting RRHA programming (**Council Member Cobb**)
- Update on Redevelopment strategic plan and new Rental Assistance Demonstration initiative (**Council Member Cobb**)
- Homeownership and Derelict Structures Program (**Council Member Moon Reynolds**)
- Housing Choice Vouchers (**Council Member Moon Reynolds**)
- Youth Build Grant Program (**Council Member Moon Reynolds**)

4. Recess/Adjourn – 10:11 A.M.

At 10:25 a.m., the Council Meeting reconvened to consider the following items for action, with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance:

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.

(6-0, Council Member Cobb was not present when the vote was recorded.)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property containing 67 acres located Countryside, 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 Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property containing 0.88 acres located at 197 Bullitt Avenue, S. E. and 502 Williamson Road, S.E., 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 Council convene in a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in location or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(7-0)

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

(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:

- Budget/Financial Planning FY 23 - 30 minutes
Received and filed.

At 12:09 p.m., the Council Meeting was declared in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council's Conference Room, Room 451, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building; and thereafter to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

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2:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. All present.

The Invocation was delivered by Elder Milton Hardy, Jr., Associate Pastor, Greater Prayer Temple.

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:

Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy
Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board – one vacancy
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – two vacancies
Roanoke Arts Commission – one vacancy
Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – one vacancy
Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority – one vacancy
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission – one vacancy
Towing Advisory Board – one vacancy (Citizen at-large)
Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge, Board of Directors – one vacancy
Western Virginia’s Regional Industrial Facility Authority – one vacancy

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 Luthera 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:

Recognition of City employees with 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service in calendar year 2021.

Mayor Lea recognized the service of employees with 30 - 45 years of service with the City of Roanoke.

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

**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.

C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, January 3, 2022.

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

C-2 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Tranay Wilson as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effectively immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.

C-3 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Valeria Alphin as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effectively immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.

C-4 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignations of Dr. Elda Stanco Downey as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors and Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, effectively immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignations and received and filed the communication.

C-5 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Amazetta Anderson as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2025;

Donna St.Clair as a member (Classified Service/City Employee) of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Jackie Clewis ending June 30, 2023; and

Terry McGuire as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board to replace J. Matthew Bullington for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Roanoke Prevention Alliance - 30 minutes
Youth Risk Behavior Study
Received and filed.
- Youth and Gang Violence - 30 minutes
Community Assessment
Received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant to support the purchase of an all-terrain vehicle for specialty team responses and special events.
Adopted Resolution No. 42268-020722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42269-020722. (7-0)
2. Acceptance of the Shuttered Venues Operators Grant from the Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance to provide support to live venue operators in response to the impacts of COVID-19.
Adopted Resolution No. 42270-020722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42271-020722. (7-0)

3. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Block Grant and Highway Infrastructure Program funds for the Roanoke River Greenway East design.
Adopted Resolution No. 42272-020722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42273-020722. (7-0)
4. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Highway Infrastructure Program, Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant and SmartSCALE funds for the Aviation Drive/Valley View Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements.
Adopted Resolution No. 42274-020722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42275-020722. (7-0)
5. Acceptance of the Section 106 Supplemental Disaster Funding Grant from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to support the purchase of a new street sweeper.
Adopted Resolution No. 42276-020722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42277-020722. (7-0)
6. De-appropriation of the Virginia Department of Transportation Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the Roanoke River Greenway Barnhardt Creek Bridge crossing.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42278-020722. (7-0)
7. Adoption of the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Roanoke.
Adopted Resolution No. 42279-020722. (7-0)
8. Acquisition of real property rights in fee simple, in connection with the City of Roanoke Floodplain Mitigation Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42280-020722. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

The City Manager gave an overview of the Roanoke City Council Strategic Plan – Star City Strong and provided a draft copy to the Council.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

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 Cobb shared he recently conversed with a local storeowner who expressed concern with an uptick of shoplifting at his establishment; encouraged further education for local convenience stores with regard to the Plastic Bag Tax and use of reusable bags; and recommended review of the City Ordinance regarding snow removal on sidewalks in front of properties prior to 9:00 a.m., as it may be updated due to unreasonable requirements.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Appointed Jennifer Oakes to replace Cindy McFall as a City representative of the Local Office on Aging for a one-year term of office commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023.

Reappointed Jared Rigby and Luke Priddy; and appointed Ralpher Lee to replace Pete Eshelman and Tim Pohlad-Thomas to replace William Modica as members of the Parks Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025.

Appointed Donna Davis to fill the unexpired term of office of Tranay Wilson as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2022.

Appointed Rachel Hale to fill the unexpired term of office Brian Bennett as a member of Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates ending September 30, 2022.

Appointed Karen Michalksi-Karney to fill the unexpired term of office of R. Gail Burruss as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority ending August 31, 2022.

Appointed Manuel Dotson to replace Chris Craft as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending October 31, 2023.

Appointed Tomas Reyes to replace Granger MacFarlane and reappointed W. Brent Robertson as City representatives of the Western Virginia's Regional Industrial Facility Authority for four-year terms of office, each, commencing February 4, 2022 and ending February 3, 2026.

12. ADJOURNED – 5:25 P.M.