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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
MARCH 7, 2022**

**9:00 A.M.**

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.**

- City Council – **All present**
- School Board – **Trustees Smith and Saunders were absent.**

**2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
- Vice-Chair Eli Jamison

**3. Items for Discussion/Comments by City Council/School Board Trustees.**

- Strategic Initiatives (**Superintendent**)
- Student representation on School Board (**Council Member Moon Reynolds**)
- RCPS Plans with regard to COVID-19. (Teacher sick leave, bus drivers, and student vaccinations) (**Mayor Lea**)
- Consideration of school uniforms (**Vice-Mayor White-Boyd**)
- Annual Outsourcing Report (**Council Member Moon Reynolds**)
- Financial status of the School Board with the acquisition of new building and school renovations/potential need for additional funding (**Council Member Jeffrey**)
- Plan to supplement shortage or replacement of SRO's in schools/possibility of armed SSO's in schools (**Council Member Sanchez-Jones**)
- Explanation of use of metals detectors, etc. at certain sporting events (**Council Member Sanchez-Jones**)

- Overview of Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment and Current Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team Efforts (**Council Member Cobb**)

**4. Recess/Adjourn – 10:36 A.M.**

**AT 10:49 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

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.

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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.

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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 - 60 minutes  
**Received and filed.**

**AT 12:33 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**MARCH 7, 2022  
2:00 P.M.**

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**AGENDA**

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jeff Wilson, Pastor, Huntington Court United Methodist 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:

Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy  
Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board – one vacancy  
Roanoke Arts Commission – one vacancy  
Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors – 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 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](http://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](mailto:clerk@roanokeva.gov).

## **2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

A proclamation declaring March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

**Mayor Lea declared March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and present the proclamation Karen Michalski-Karney, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Independent Living Center.**

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, to the Department of Finance.

**Mayor Lea presented the Award to the Director of Finance and Management and Budget staff.**

## **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 Audit Committee held on Monday, December 20, 2021.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

C-2 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Janet Carty as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effectively immediately.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.**

C-3 Reports of qualification of Rachel Hale as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to fill unexpired term of office Brian Bennett ending September 30, 2022; and Manuel Dotson as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Towing Advisory Board for a term of office ending October 31, 2023.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Annual update on activities of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. John Hull, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)  
**Received and filed.**

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

**BRIEFINGS:**

- Gun Violence Prevention Framework - 15 minutes
- Year of the Artist - 15 minutes
- Presentation of the City of Roanoke 2021 Citizen Survey - 20 minutes

**Received and filed.**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the 2022 Carilion Clinic Grant to provide funding for the Financial Empowerment Center, an initiative to help improve the financial stability of low and moderate - income households around the country.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42305-030722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42306-030722 (7-0).**
2. Acceptance of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Eviction Prevention Boost Pilot Grant to be used by the Financial Empowerment Center to pilot a targeted financial counseling integration with municipally led rental assistance/eviction prevention efforts.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42307-030722 and Budget Ordinance No. 42308-030722 (7-0).**

**COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER. NONE.**

**8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- a. Presentation of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board Annual Action Plan. Vice-Mayor White-Boyd, Chair, Spokesperson.  
**Received and filed.**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Adopted Resolution No. 42309-030722, as amended, supporting the people of the sovereign nation of Ukraine and condemning Russia's violent unwarranted and inhumane invasion of Ukraine. (7-0)**

**11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
**Mayor Lea announced the annual Freedom First St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shamrock Festival would be held on Saturday, March 12 in Downtown Roanoke and invited the community to attend.**
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **See below.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)**

**Appointed Andrew Raduly to fill the unexpired term of office of Valeria Alphin as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals ending December 31, 2023.**

**Appointed Dr. Brenda Russ to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Elda Stanco Downey as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board ending December 31, 2023. Waived residency requirement for Dr. Russ.**

**Reappointed Stacey Sheppard and appointed Angela Williams to replace Taisha Steele for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025; and reappointed Council Member Cobb for a term of office commencing April 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 as members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission. Waived residency requirement for Ms. Sheppard.**

**Appointed Laura Carden to fill the unexpired term of office of Janet Carty as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2024. Waived residency requirement for Ms. Carden.**

**Waived residency requirement for Karen Michalski-Karney as a member of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority.**

**Appointed Dawn Tanner Erdman to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Elda Stanco Downey ending June 30, 2022; and an additional one-year term of office ending June 30, 2023 as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors.**

## **12. ADJOURNED – 5:17 P.M.**