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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**MARCH 21, 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.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Terry Kemp, Children's Pastor and Ministries Director, Fort Chiswell Church of God.

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:

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – one vacancy (Architect)
Roanoke Arts Commission – one vacancy
Roanoke Public Library Board – two vacancies
Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board – one vacancy
Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge – one vacancy

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

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of Officers in the Roanoke City Police Department.

Mayor Lea recognized the Officers in attendance on receiving the distinguished Award of Valor from the Roanoke City Police Department for their acts of selflessness.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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David Garland, 3704 Round Hill Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council with regard to options for filling the City Council vacancy and requested that the Economic Development Authority proactively review prior and new CARES grant awards for fraud or misuse.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to thank the Council for supporting events in Roanoke and urged citizens to walk, bike or bus on May 20.

Shaheed Omar, 1430 Chapman Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to offer opinion with regard to the treatment of Council Member Robert Jeffrey.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to share information with regard to the disposition of the 2424 Brambleton Avenue property.

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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 City Council held on Monday, February 7, 2022.

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 the two upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board expiring June 30, 2022, 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 Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the acquisition of publicly owned property, 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-4 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel to discuss a personnel matter requiring the advice of counsel, 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)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-5 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of an approximately one acre portion of City-owned property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-6 Report of qualification of the following individuals:

Ralphel Lee and Luke W. Priddy as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025; and

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

Dr. Brenda Russ as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Elda Stanco Downey ending December 31, 2023;

Angela Williams as a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission to replace Taisha Steele for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families - COVID funds from the Virginia Department of Social Services to assist families with housing related costs such as rent, deposits, utilities, furniture and similar material supports to promote family stability.
Adopted Resolution No. 42310-032122 and Budget Ordinance No. 42311-032122 (6-0).

2. Acceptance of funds from the Virginia Department of Social Services for the Chafee Independent Living Center youth transportation assistance program.
Adopted Resolution No. 42312-032122 and Budget Ordinance No. 42313-032122 (6-0).
3. Authorization to submit to the Virginia Department of Transportation the required forms to identify the streets added or deleted from the City street system used to determine State Maintenance Payment eligibility.
Adopted Resolution No. 42314-032122 (6-0).
4. Annual authorization to establish the percentage reduction for personal property tax relief for the 2022 tax year.
Adopted Resolution No. 42315-032122 (6-0).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER. NONE.

b. CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Execution of a quitclaim deed from the Commonwealth of Virginia to convey the residual rights-of-way, easements and property interests in connection with the Tenth Street Corridor between Fairfax Avenue and Williamson Road Improvement Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42316-032122 (6-0).

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. 42317-032122 (6-0).
- b. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.
Vice-Mayor White-Boyd invited citizens to volunteer on the Equity and Empowerment Board and asked interested parties to contact Council Member Bestpitch or herself for details.

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

12. RECESSED – 3:06 P.M.

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



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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0).

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Vice-Mayor White-Boyd advised that on April 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Roanoke City Council will conduct four interviews to select two candidates to serve as Roanoke City School Board Trustees for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022. The four candidates are Mary F. Apel, Ryan A. Bell, Kathy S. Cohen and Joyce W. Watkins.

On April 18, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held to hear the views of citizens on said candidates for Roanoke City School Board Trustee; and announcement of the successful candidates will be made at the May 2, 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Franklin Road, LLC, to close by barricade the alley running north from Franklin Road, S. W., towards Luck Avenue, S. W., adjacent to property located at 117 Franklin Road, S. W., and to close by barricade the portion of the alley running parallel to Franklin Road, S. W., and Luck Avenue S. W., continuing east from its intersection with the aforementioned alley to the southeast corner of the building at 120 Luck Avenue, S. W. Dave Jones, Agent, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42318-032122 (6-0).

B. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Martha Ann Kuchar, 4503 Laurelwood Drive, S. W., appeared before the Council to request that the City of Roanoke raise the Ukrainian flag at City hall to express solidarity with Ukraine.

Nick Hagen, 3551 Winding Way Road, S. W., appeared before the Council to support the appointment of Peg McGuire to Roanoke City Council.

C. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 42319-032122 (6-0), directing the City Attorney to petition the Circuit Court to issue an order confirming that the remaining members of City Council are authorized to appoint a qualified voter to fill the Council seat forfeited by Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., until a special election can be held, and to issue a writ of election to order that such special election be held on November 8, 2022 to fill the remaining balance of the unexpired term from January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2024.**

D. ADJOURNED - 7:24 P.M.