



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL SESSION**

**APRIL 4, 2022  
9:00 A.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.*

**Call to Order -- Roll Call - All Present.**

Welcome. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

**NOTICE**

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**ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the selection of candidates to be interviewed for the interim City Council Member position, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(6-0)**

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 - 60 minutes  
**Received and filed.**
- Gun Violence Prevention Framework - 15 minutes  
**Received and filed.**

**At 10:45 a.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.**



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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Preston Tyler, Pastor, Hill Street Baptist Church.

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

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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.

**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.**

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

A proclamation declaring April 2022 as Fair Housing Month.  
**Mayor Lea declared April 2022 as Fair Housing Month and presented the proclamation to Peter Volosin, Chair, Fair Housing Board.**

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

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA: (APPROVED 6-0, AS AMENDED)**

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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 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 FY 2021 – 2022 appropriation of funding from the General Fund Assigned Fund Balance.

**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, April 26, 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 an increase of FY 2021 – 2022 local tax and other revenue estimates and appropriation of funding.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

C-4 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

The Honorable Joseph L. Cobb as member of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for a term of office commencing April 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022;

Laura Carden as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Janet Carty ending June 30, 2024;

Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop as a City representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing March 10, 2022 and ending March 9, 2026;

Jennifer Oakes as the City representative to the Local Office on Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term of office, commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023;

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

Dawn Tanner Erdman as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Elda Stanco Downey ending June 30, 2023.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

C-5 A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting immediately following the recessed meeting of Council on April 18, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., to discuss the selection of a candidate to fill the term of office of former Council Member Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., ending December 31, 2022, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

### **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: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Grant program funding to support the activities of the regional hazardous materials team.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42320-040422 and Budget Ordinance No. 42321-040422 (6-0).**
2. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Grant program funding to support the activities of the regional technical rescue team.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42322-040422 and Budget Ordinance No. 42323-040422 (6-0).**
3. Acceptance of the Summer Food Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Education.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42324-040422 and Budget Ordinance No. 42325-040422 (6-0).**
4. Acceptance of the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services to provide assistance to citizens receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42326-040422 and Budget Ordinance No. 42327-040422 (6-0).**
5. Execution of an agreement with Roanoke County Department of Parks and Recreation for continuation of therapeutic recreation services, with four annual renewals.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 42328-040422 (6-0).**

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER. NONE.

## 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 Bestpitch announced he would submit a naming request with regard to naming the Virginia Room after the late George Kegley.

Council Member Moon Reynolds requested that the resolution prepared to memorialize Mr. Kegley be concurrent with the naming request.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd commented that the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board was actively accepting applications and encourage the public to apply.

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)**

**AT 3:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERVIEWED TO FILL A NINE-MONTH TERM OF OFFICE OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT L. JEFFREY, JR., ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

**Suzanne Osborne  
Kiesha Preston  
Anita Price  
Luke Priddy  
Kevin Berry**

**12. RECESSED – 4:49 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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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Receive views of citizens regarding the applicants interviewed, at 3:00 p.m., to fill the nine-month term of office of former Council Member Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., ending December 31, 2022. **The candidates for consideration are Suzanne Osborne, Kiesha Preston, Anita Price, Luke Priddy and Kevin Berry.**

## **B. RECESSED – 7:39 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, AT 10:30 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TO CONDUCT 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.**