



**MOON REYNOLDS
42340-050222**

**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**MAY 2, 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 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.

(7-0)

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the appointments of two Trustees to serve on the Roanoke City School Board, for three-year terms, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), 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:

- FY 23 Budget Study - 30 minutes
Received and filed.

AT 11:57 A.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**

**MAY 2, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

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

AGENDA

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Alexander MacPhail, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

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)
- Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy
- Roanoke Arts Commission – one vacancy
- Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – 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:

A proclamation declaring May 1 – 7, 2022 as Resilience Week.

Mayor Lea declared the week of May 1 – 7, 2022 as Resilience week and presented the proclamation to Christine Gist, Prevention and Wellness Specialist, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare.

A proclamation declaring May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mayor Lea declared May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Angelia Vernon, Director, Human Resources.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as he may deem appropriate.

Crystal Bolton, 2705 Longview Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to intrusive behavior downtown and lack of police presence downtown.

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 meetings of City Council held on Monday, March 7, 2022 and Monday, March 21, 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 Christopher Vail as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately.

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

- C-3 Report of qualification of the Honorable Anita James Price as an Interim Council Member of the Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to fill the nine-month term of office of Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., ending December 31, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Transmittal of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Budget. Scott Ramsburg, Cable Access Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42340-050222. (7-0)

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Gun Violence Prevention Framework - 15 minutes
 - Language Access Plan - 20 minutes
- Received and filed.**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the FY2022 "Four-For-Life" Grant for training, supplies or other appropriate items used for Emergency Medical Services.
Adopted Resolution No. 42341-050222 and Budget Ordinance No. 42342-050222. (6-0, Mayor Lea was not present when the vote was recorded.)
2. Acceptance of the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Funds from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services to support the certification of Fire-EMS students.
Adopted Resolution No. 42343-050222 and Budget Ordinance No. 42344-050222. (6-0, Mayor Lea was not present when the vote was recorded.)
3. Appropriation of funds to implement and maintain an electronic summons system for the Roanoke Police Department.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42345-050222. (7-0)

4. De-appropriation of funds from the Virginia Utility Protection Service, Inc., in connection with the Blue Hills E911/VA811 Communication Center.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42346-050222. (7-0)
5. Acquisition of real property rights for the Patterson Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42347-050222. (7-0)
6. Execution of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Programmatic Project Administration Agreement to permit continuance of currently funded revenue sharing projects.
Adopted Resolution No. 42348-050222. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

Liberty Trust Hotel Grand Opening

- Newest hotel in Downtown, Roanoke.
- Ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, May 20.

Washington Park Basketball Court Dedication in honor of Ricky Renell Wright

- Friday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m., at the Washington Park newly refurbished basketball courts.
- Immediately following dedication, three on three basketball tournament, weather permitting.

Credit Agencies Bond Ratings

- Reviews by the three credit rating agencies, all three rating agencies affirmed the City's credit position and credit worthiness.
- Ratings help to secure debt in order to execute Capital Improvement Projects at an affordable rate.

Rail Yard Dawgs Ice Hockey Team

- Rail Yard Dawgs to play Peoria Rivermen on May 2 and May 3 in the division's championship.
- Best of five games and unfortunately, they have lost the first two games, hope they will see victory.
- Certainly, wish them the best as they pursue for the first time ever the President's Cup Award.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Adopted Resolution No. 42349-050222 appointing Mary F. Apel and Joyce W. Watkins, as School Board Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board for terms commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025. (7-0)**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Price announced that the Annual Youth Summit would be held on June 25, 2022 at the upper level of Washington Park. Please contact Ms. Price for more information.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Appointed Meg Smith to fill the unexpired term of office of Christopher Vail as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals ending December 31, 2023.

Reappointed Yvonne Johnson (Citizen-at—Large) as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Captain David Morris (Police) to replace Battalion Chief Clarence Turpin (Fire); and reappointed Marc Nelson (City Employee) for two-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024, as members of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan. Waived residency requirement for Captain Morris.

Reappointed David Jeavons as a member (Roanoke Regional Airport Commission representative) of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Captain Deatria Muse (City Sheriff Designee) to replace The Honorable Tim Allen as the City representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Mary L. Kegley (Fishburn Family Representative) and Whitney Feldmann (Garden Club Representative) of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Gloria Manns (protected Class/Citizen at-Large) and appointed Brian Haynesworth (City Employee) as members of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Donna Davis and Betsy Whitney and appointed John Cornthwait, Jr., as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Jane Field as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed William Hackworth as a member of Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Reappointed Steven Martin as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Appointed Council Member Price to fill the unexpired term of office of former Council Member Jeffrey as the Elected Official representative of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee ending December 31, 2022.

Appointed Council Member Cobb to fill the unexpired term of office of former Council Member Jeffrey as the Elected Official representative of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization ending December 31, 2022.

Appointed Lieutenant Christopher Ramey (law enforcement) to replace Lieutenant James W. Price, Jr., as a member of the Towing Advisory Board for a term of office ending October 31, 2024.

Reappointed John F. Francis, Jr., as a City representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

Reappointed Annette Lewis and Stephen Lemon and appointed Malcolm Quigley to replace Ssunny Shah as City representatives of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for one-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

12. RECESS: 4:32 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 9 AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 BUDGET AND ANY OTHER MEASURES DEEMED APPROPRIATE.