



SANCHEZ-JONES
42356-051622

**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**MAY 16, 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 Anthony Holmes, Pastor, Loudon Avenue Christian 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:

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – one vacancy (Architect)
Roanoke Public Library Board – two vacancies
Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board – one vacancy

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

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring May 15 - 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week.
Mayor Lea declared May 15 - 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Mark Jamison, Director, Public Works.

A proclamation declaring Thursday, May 20, 2022 as Bike to Work Day.
Mayor Lea declared Thursday, May 20, 2022 as Bike to Work Day and presented the proclamation to Barbara Duerk, Bicycle Enthusiast.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Cindy Vancott, 4527 Edgelawn Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the Embassy Inn property and complained about disruptive behavior in the neighborhood, such as dealing drugs and prostitution.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council on behalf of the Grandin Court Neighborhood Association, and spoke with regard to adding stipulations to the deed with regard to the sale of the Fishburn Cabin property.

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, April 4, 2022; recessed until Monday, April 18, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

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

C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 21, 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, on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$48,120,000 million for qualifying capital improvement projects and bond issuance costs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-3 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-4 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Lori Baker-Lloyd as a member (Citizen a Large) of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Richard Morrison ending June 30, 2022;

John Francis, Jr., as a member 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;

Deatria Muse as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board to replace The Honorable Tim Allen for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025; and

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Appropriation of funds from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke to support the development of a Strategic Plan for the Department of Economic Development.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42356-051622. (7-0)
2. Approval of Roanoke Arts Commission allocation of funding to specific arts and culture agencies for Fiscal Year 2022 — 2023.
Adopted Resolution No. 42357-051622 and Budget Ordinance No. 42358-051622. (7-0)
3. De-appropriation of advance appropriated 2022 Bonds related to the Stormwater and Parks Projects.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42359-051622. (7-0)
4. Execution of the Virginia Department of Transportation Standard Project Administration Agreement and other documents in connection therewith.
Adopted Resolution No. 42360-051622. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Washington Park Basketball Court Dedication in honor of Ricky Renell Wright

- Friday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m., at the Washington Park newly refurbished basketball courts.
- Immediately following dedication, three on three basketball tournament, weather permitting.

Economic Development Strategic Plan Kickoff

- Economic Development Strategic Plan Project kicked off last week, with briefings and updates to come before the Council and public as it advances.

Complete Neighborhood Center Analysis

- Project previously centered in the Gainsboro neighborhood, but work was taking place all over the City.
- More information to come.

National Police Week

- As part of the National Police Week, National Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15 established by President Kennedy to honor men and women killed in the line of duty.
- Fifteen Roanoke City Police Officers have died in the line of duty the first patrol officer in 1892 and as recently as 1992.

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. 42361-051622. (7-0)

- b. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd announced if anyone was interested in serving on the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board to please contact her.

Council Member Cobb updated the Council on the new Valley Metro Transfer Station Project, noting that it was ahead of schedule in some ways, three new electric buses purchased, and the micro-transit “METROFLEX” program would launch soon for Monday through Saturday service.

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 that Abbott Bus Lines was offering free Commercial Driver License training and all interested parties should call the Training Coordinator at (540) 769-8140.

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

12. RECESS – 3:05 P.M.

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



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Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Price was absent.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)

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A. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of the City of Roanoke 2022 Leadership College Graduates.
Mayor Lea recognized the City of Roanoke 2022 Leadership College Graduates; and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Kathryn Reyna to vacate a portion of street right-of-way adjacent to 1037 Highland Avenue, S. E., consisting of approximately 3,920 square feet along 11th Street, S. E., between Highland Avenue, S. E., to the north and an alley to the south of the subject property. Kathryn Reyna, Owner, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42362-051622. (6-0)
2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to consider an amendment to the aggregate amount of the FY 2021 - 2022 annual budget in connection with appropriation of funds from the General Fund assigned fund balance to be used for transfers to the Capital Projects Fund and ARPA grant in the Grants Fund. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42363-051622. (6-0)

C. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of the Peacemakers, Inc., to provide an update on its initiatives and activities. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd)
Received and filed.

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Philip Robinson, 1520 Fresno Street, N. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the ARPA funding for gun violence and the rescinding of funds for Paradise Cathedral Church.

E. ADJOURNED – 8:18 P.M.