



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**JULY 5, 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 – Mayor Lea was absent and Council Member Cobb participated by electronic communication.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd.

NOTICE

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Council Member Bestpitch moved to allow Council Member Cobb to participate virtually. (5-0)

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd 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. **(5-0)**

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. **Council Member Bestpitch requested that without objection of Council that item be included on the Regular 2:00 p.m. Session Agenda to allow Professor Ramona Kirsch, Director of International Programs, Hollins University, to make a presentation to Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and Members of Council. (5-0)**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE VICE-MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. **NONE.**

At 9:05 a.m., the Council Meeting stood in recess for a Legislative meeting.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

BRIEFINGS:

- Code Amendment (Sections 21-37 and 24-2.1) - 15 minutes
 - Annual Public Safety Update (Police) - 20 minutes
- Received and filed.**

At 11:35 a.m., the Council Meeting was declared in recess for a Closed Meeting; and thereafter to reconvene at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 5, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

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

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call -- Mayor Lea and Council Member Sanchez-Jones were absent and Council Member Cobb participated by electronic communication.**

The Invocation will be delivered by Council Member William D. Bestpitch.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor White-Boyd.

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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 (Property Management)
- City of Roanoke Finance Board – one vacancy (Citizen-at-Large)
- Roanoke Arts Commission – three vacancies
- Roanoke Public Library Board – one vacancy

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

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Professor Ramona Kirsch, Director of International Programs, Hollins University, and Chair of the Wonju, Korea Sister City Committee shared her experience during a recent visit to Wonju. She also presented gifts from Wonju to Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and Members of Council.

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.

Wiley Jackson Burrows, 2301 Stanley Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to a Boutique Hotel project slated to be constructed on Crystal Spring Avenue and was in opposition due to parking concerns in the area.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to City Council members possessing the keys to building communities and neighborhoods.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 5-0)**

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 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Julie Payne as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission to replace James O'Hare for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026;

Beth Quinn as a member of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board to replace Joshua Johnson for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2026;
and

Charles Whitney Brown, Jr., as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan to replace Charles Hunter, III, for a four-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Receive views of citizens with regard to the 2022 — 2023 HUD Annual Action Plan, to be acted upon at the July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting.
No action taken.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from the Commonwealth's Attorney recommending acceptance of grant funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia Compensation Board for the Regional Drug Prosecutor's Office; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42387-070522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42388-070522. (5-0)

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Local Revenue Sharing Funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Patterson Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42389-070522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42390-070522. (5-0)
2. Acceptance of a Virginia Housing Development Authority Community Impact Grant award to explore potential housing options for adults with intellectual and development disabilities.
Adopted Resolution No. 42391-070522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42392-070522. (5-0)

3. Acceptance of "pass - through" funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to reimburse the Hazardous Materials Response Team.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42393-070522. (5-0)
4. Authorization of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$48,120,000 and appropriation of funds for capital projects.
Adopted Resolution No. 42394-070522 and Budget Ordinance No. 42395-070522. (5-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

- **The Adopted Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget is available for public review on July 6; copies are available online at www.roanokeva.gov, in the City Libraries, City Clerk's Office, and City Manager's Office.**
- **The William and Margaret Robertson Behavioral Health Wing will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, July 13 at the Bradley Free Clinic located at 1240 3rd Street, S. W. The Clinic received CBDG Funding from the City and private funding from the area to support the construction.**
- **Due to the observance of the Independence Day holiday Monday, July 4, 2022, the collection of trash, bulk items and recycling will be delayed one day.**
- **Amtrak train will begin operations out of Roanoke on July 11. As noted, an event commemorating this occasion has been organized by the Virginia Passenger Rail Facility for the afternoon of the July 11 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

- 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 Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd encouraged citizens to cleanup July 4th holiday litter and trash following celebrations.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0)

Council Member Bestpitch made a motion to remove Shawn Swain from the Architectural Review Board due to lack of attendance, per City Code Section 2-283.1, without objection from the Council. Appointed Kathryn Kronau to fill the unexpired term of office of Shawn Swain as a member of the Architectural Review Board ending October 1, 2022.

Appointed Jackie Clewis to replace Carolyn Glover as a City Retiree member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a two-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

Appointed Donna Littlepage to replace Laura Carini as a Citizen member of the City of Roanoke Finance Board for a two-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

Waived residency requirement for Captain Adam Puckett as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board.

Waived residency requirement for Captain Adam Puckett as a member of the Regional Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board.

Appointed Toya Jones to replace Kevin Deck as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Whitney Johnson to replace Cari Gates as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

Appointed Benjamin Bazak to fill the unexpired term of office of Timothy Martin as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2024.

Appointed Jordan Bell to fill the unexpired term of office of Dr. Thomas Powers, Jr., as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission ending September 30, 2023.

Appointed Clare Callaghan to replace Marianne Gandee 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.

12. ADJOURNED – 3:31 P.M.