



**SANCHEZ-JONES
42419-081522**

**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**AUGUST 15, 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.

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jeff Wilson, Pastor, Huntington Court United Methodist 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 – two vacancies (Property Management and Architect)
Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board – two vacancies
Roanoke Civic Center Commission – one vacancy
Towing Advisory Board – two vacancies

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

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and advised that government represent a three-legged stool and a key to the City.

Owen McGuire, 2514 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concerns about Fishburn Park Drive Disc Golf Course.

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, August 1, 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 Dr. Brenda Russ as a member of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, effectively immediately.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.
- C-3 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the acquisition of publicly owned property in the Williamson Road area of the City, 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 to discuss the acquisition of publicly owned property in the Wasena area of the City, 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-5 Annual report of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-6 Annual reports of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan Board of Trustees for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-7 Annual reports of the City of Roanoke Finance Board for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-8 Annual reports of the Defined Contribution Board for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-9 Reports of qualification of Melanie Crovo as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2023; and Marc Nelson as a member of Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority and the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2026 and a two-year term of office ending June 30, 2024, respectively.
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. De-appropriation of the Virginia Department of Transportation local revenue sharing funds for the King Street Improvement Project.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42419-081522. (7-0)
2. Execution of an additional change order to the agreement with Norfolk Southern in connection with the Roanoke River Greenway Bridging the Gap Canopy Construction Project.
Adopted Resolution No. 42420-081522. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

b. CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Amendment of City Code Section 32-124 to change the due date of personal property taxes owed by a public service corporation.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42421-081522. (7-0)

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. 42422-081522. (7-0)

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

**Council Member Moon Reynolds advised that the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority applied for and received two grants for \$4 million for multiple improvement projects, such as, the Melrose Towers window replacement project; and announced the Section Voucher Program waitlist reopened and the online only application will close again on August 19.
(See written remarks on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

Council Member Bestpitch thanked Council Member Moon Reynolds for facilitating the last Legislative Committee Meeting and advised that the next Legislative Committee meeting would be held on September 6, at 9:15 a.m.

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 Cobb sent good thoughts and energy to all students, teachers and staff in Roanoke City Public Schools.

Mayor Lea announced a free public forum to be held on Human Trafficking on Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m., at Straight Street.

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

12. RECESSED – 2:42 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451; AND THEREAFTER RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

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A. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Recognition of Angele Cahu and Camille Timerie, students visiting from St. Lo, France.

Council Member Cobb recognized and presented the students with City gifts. The students shared remarks on their experiences in Roanoke and each Council Member welcomed them and wished them safe travels.

B. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. A request of Carilion Medical Center to amend the Institutional Planned Unit Development Plan as part of a previous rezoning for 1906 Belleview Avenue, S. E., 0 Jefferson Street, S. W., 2013 Jefferson Street, S. W., 2017 Jefferson Street, S. W., 2001 Crystal Spring Avenue, S. W., and 127 McClanahan Street, S. W., respectively, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 41623-111819 on November 18, 2019. Chris Burns, Agent, Balzer and Associates, Inc., Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42423-081522. (7-0)

C. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Laura Hartman, 1209 Campbell Avenue, S. W., representing BRAG Bus Riders Advocacy Group, appeared before the Council to thank Council Member Cobb for the support of the group; advised of Valley Metro driver shortage; and invited everyone to attend a BRAG meeting on September 1, at 5:30 p.m., at the Gainsboro Branch Library.

Ken McLeod, 1125 Winona Avenue, S.W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to improving traffic safety; provided local traffic statistics; and offered information on available grants for traffic safety.

D. ADJOURNED – 8:04 P.M.