



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Susan E. Bentley, Pastor, St. James Episcopal 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:

- Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy
- Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – two vacancies (Property Management and Architect)
- Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board – one vacancy
- Personnel and Employment Practices Commission – one vacancy

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: NONE.

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 A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the annual performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-2 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly owned property, 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-3 A communication from the City Manager to schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 17, 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 amend the City's Enterprise Zone One A to add 13.6 acres into the zone.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-4 Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-5 Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-6 A communication from the City Manager transmitting the FY 2022 City Manager Transfer Report for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2022.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-7 Reports of qualification of Captain David Morris as a member (Law Enforcement) of the Towing Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending October 31, 2023; and Jamaal Jackson as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for a three-year term of office commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2025.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from the Honorable Antonio Hash, City Sheriff, recommending acceptance of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Reimbursement Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.
Adopted Resolution No. 42441-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42442-091922. (7-0)

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Appointment of Battalion Chief Rebecca R. Smith as the Fire Marshal for the City of Roanoke.
Adopted Resolution No. 42443-091922. (7-0)
2. Acceptance of the Conference and Education Assistance Grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to provide training to local and regional emergency responders during Fiscal Year 2023.
Adopted Resolution No. 42444-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42445-091922. (7-0)
3. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2023 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement - Alcohol) Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42446-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42447-091922. (7-0)
4. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2023 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement — Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety) Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42448-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42449-091922. (7-0)
5. Acceptance of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2023 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement – Police Traffic Services) Grant.
Adopted Resolution No. 42450-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42451-091922. (7-0)
6. Appropriation of additional revenue in connection with the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant for the Berglund Center.
WITHDRAWN.

7. Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Roanoke and Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc., for the placement of a Library Community Services Assistant – Employment Specialist at the Melrose Library.
Adopted Resolution No. 42452-091922 and Budget Ordinance No. 42453-091922. (7-0)
8. Execution of additional amendments to the contract with HPC2, LLC, for cleaning services for the Libraries.
Adopted Resolution No. 42454-091922. (7-0)
9. Execution of the Performance Agreement between the City of Roanoke, Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia and ASGN Incorporated for the expansion of its workforce at its office located at 510 South Jefferson Street.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42455-091922, as amended. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The Deputy City Manager shared the following comment:

Personal Property Tax Rebate Payment

- Residents will receive a one-time payment equal to 17.5 percent of what they paid in personal property tax. Payments will go out late September as long as personal property taxes have been paid by August 31, 2022.

b. CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Amendment of City Code Sections 32-86 and 32-88 to clarify and provide that the income of nonrelatives of a homeowner living in the home is applied to such exemption's household income and net worth limitation; and to change the due date of the affidavit verifying eligibility for the exemption from June 30 to May 31, respectively.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42456-091922. (7-0)
2. Amendment of City Code Section 32-22 to transfer the preparation and maintenance of the Land book from the Commissioner of Revenue to the Director of Real Estate Valuation.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42457-091922. (7-0)
3. Amendment of City Code Section 17-31 to change the membership requirements of the Youth Services Citizen Board.
Adopted Ordinance No. 42458-091922. (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. 42459-091922. (7-0)
- b. A report of certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.

Council Member Cobb reported on the actions of the Greater Roanoke Transit Company Meeting advising that construction for the new transit facility was on schedule and electric buses should arrive next year.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. A resolution approving and affirming the action taken by the Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) d/b/a Valley Metro to implement Fare Free Election Day Bus Service for Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
Adopted Resolution No. 42460-091922. (7-0)

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Bestpitch reminded everyone of the 129th anniversary of the lynching of Thomas Smith and invited the public to the unveiling of a memorial on Wednesday, September 21, 2022; held on the corner of Franklin Road and Mountain Avenue. Parking available at Second Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue and 3rd Street.

Council Member Cobb offered support to the transgender community advising that the Governor reversed the Virginia Values Act.

Council Member Price thanked citizens, planners and sponsors of the 32nd Annual Henry Street Festival hosted by the Harrison Museum of African American Culture. Sponsors included Truist Bank, the City of Roanoke and The Berglund Center and over 4,000 tickets were sold for the event.

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

12. RECESS – 3:13 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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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

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A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Virginia Transformer Corporation to rezone property located at 207 Berkley Road, N. W., from Residential Single Family District to Light Industrial District, with conditions. Maryellen F. Goodlatte, Agent, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42461-091922. (7-0)

2. Request of Trustees of High Street Baptist Church to rezone an approximately 12,054 square foot portion of property located at 1433 Lafayette Boulevard, N. W., from Institutional Planned Unit Development District to Residential Mixed Density District. Wallace I. Allen, Chair, Real Estate Department, Spokesperson.

Adopted Ordinance No. 42462-091922. (6-0, Council Member Price abstained from the vote.)

B. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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

Lisa Archer, 746 Arbutus, Avenue, S. E., appeared in support of women's reproductive rights.

Ronnie Blankenship, 513 Lester Avenue, N. E., appeared before the Council to advise of an issue in his neighborhood.

Latorie Woodberry, 3214 Forest Hill Avenue, N. E., appeared before the Council to present information about his boxing program.

Lindsey Lineberry, 1511 Roanoke Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council in support of women's reproductive rights.

Whitney Hayes, 1002 5th Street, S. W., appeared before the Council in support of women's reproductive rights.

Luke Priddy, 430 Mountain Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council in support of women's rights and protecting the Evans Spring property.

Theresa Gill-Walker, 2807 Ordway Drive, N. W., appeared before the Council in support of protecting the Evans Spring property.

Chris Craft, P. O. Box 12804, Roanoke, Virginia, announced the upcoming Latino Heritage Festival on October 15 in Thrasher Park; and expressed concern for phone calls not returned by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbriar Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to express concern with the condition of Fishburn Park and the Fishburn Cabin, noting that public safety should be priority.

Council Member Bestpitch advised that all comments with regard to women's reproductive rights should be forwarded to the City Clerk to b include at the next Legislative Committee Meeting to be held on October 6, 2022.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd announced that the Fields of Hopes and Dreams Mentoring, LLC, would host a youth workshop at Faith and Hope Church of God, located at 1802 Orange Avenue, N. W., collaborating with Stephen "Webbie" Jefferson.

C. RECESSED – 8:03 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, AT 8:30 A.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, TO INCLUDE A TOUR OF AREA CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RECONVENE AT THE BERGLUND CENTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY; AND ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AT 8:30 A.M., AT THE HOTEL ROANOKE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 110 SHENANDOAH AVENUE, N. E., FOR A CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT.