



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call. All Present.**

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member William D. Bestpitch.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

**NOTICE:**

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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  
Building Representative term of office ending June 30, 2021

Fair Housing Board – four vacancies  
Three-year terms of office ending March 31, 2022

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – four vacancies  
Three-year terms of office ending March 31, 2022

Roanoke Regional Airport Commission – one vacancy  
Four-Year term of office ending March 9, 2023

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

**Expiration of the three-year terms of office of Annette Lewis and Lutheria Smith as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board ending June 30, 2019. Trustee Lewis is not eligible for reappointment. Information pertaining to the School Board process and application for appointment are available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office. Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, March 11, 2019. For questions and/or additional information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (540) 853-2541.**

**2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.**

**3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

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**Jordan Bell, 5208 Lancelot Lane, N. W., appeared before Council to request a letter of recognition or proclamation in honor of the late Issac D. Burrell, a prominent black physician and pharmacist, during the month of March.**

**Coquina Restrepo, 1118 Winchester Avenue, S. W., appeared before Council to request extending bus services through the evenings hours and into the surrounding areas.**

**Megan Bowles, 1430 Barnhart Drive, S. W., and Katrina Wood, 3816 Strafford Park Drive, S. W., appeared before Council, respectively, to urge them to reconsider renaming of Jackson Park and Jackson Branch Library.**

4.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**(Approved 7-0)**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and on Monday, February 4, 2019.

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

C-2 A communication from Council Member Michelle L. Davis, 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-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, 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 shall determine, in his discretion, to consider designating an existing non-profit entity and its governing board to carry out the functions of a land bank entity.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

C-4 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Amelia Merchant as ex-officio to replace Barbara A. Dameron, as the Director of Finance on the Defined Contribution Board;

Va'Shay McCalla as the Student Alternate/Patrick Henry High School of the Youth Services Citizen Board, for a term of office ending June 30, 2019;

Marcus Huffman as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2021; and

Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop as the New River Valley representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for an additional one-year term of office, commencing March 10, 2021 and ending March 9, 2022.

**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:

- Stormwater Flood Mitigation Program - 10 minutes  
**Received and filed.**
- Annual Public Safety Updates - 40 minutes
  - Fire/EMS
  - Police**Received and filed.**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the 2018 Continuum of Care Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the City's Homeless Assistance Team.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41378-021919 and Budget Ordinance No. 41379-021919. (7-0)**
2. Acceptance of the 2018 Continuum of Care Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Coordinated Assessment System.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41380-021919 and Budget Ordinance No. 41381-021919. (7-0)**
3. Approval of the "Roanoke, Virginia Strategic Plan 2019."  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41382-021919. (7-0)**

4. Appropriation of funds in connection with the GO Outside Festival.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41383-021919. (7-0)**
5. Appropriation of Parking Fund Retained Earnings for capital maintenance projects.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41384-021919. (7-0)**
6. Amendment of the City Code with regard to Solid Waste Management.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41385-021919. (7-0)**
7. Amendment of the City's Pay Plan Ordinance to allow for a provision of a sales commission and allowance of pay adjustments for exceptional performance.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41386-021919. (7-0)**

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

The City Manager offered the following comments:

##### **Google to Offer Free Digital Training**

- Google is coming to Roanoke as part of its "Grow with Google" initiative to help create economic opportunity in communities across the United States.
- Google will kick-start this work locally by hosting a free, one-day event on March 4 at Roanoke's Main Library, located at 706 S Jefferson St SW, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The event is designed to help job seekers, small business owners, students, educators, and entrepreneurs improve their digital skills.
- Attendees are welcome to drop in for a few sessions or stay all day.
- The tour will also visit two other Virginia communities, Herndon and Richmond.
- For general information, contact the Main Library at 853-2474. To register, visit [g.co/GrowVirginia](http://g.co/GrowVirginia). Space will be limited, so please register in advance.

##### **Citizen Science Water Monitoring Program**

- The Roanoke Stormwater Division, Clean Valley Council, and the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable have partnered to create a Citizen Science Water Monitoring Program.
- An informational meeting to learn more about this program will be held at the Raleigh Court Branch Library on Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m.
- The public is invited to attend and learn more about how to create a Clean Water Legacy.
- To register, go to [www.facebook.com/roanokestormwater](http://www.facebook.com/roanokestormwater) and click on "Events."

**Solid Waste Collection Schedule Altered This Week**

- Because city offices were closed on Feb.18 for the Presidents' Day holiday, solid waste collection (including, "A week" recycling, bulk, and brush) will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.
- For more information, call 853-2000, option 1.

**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. 41387-021919. (7-0)**

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

**12. RECESSED – 5:56 P. M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESSTO CONVENE IN A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451.**



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**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)**

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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to convey an approximate 0.1145 acre portion of City-owned property located at 0 Denniston Avenue, S. W., to Oak Tree Ventures, LLC. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41388-021919. (7-0)**
2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to release and vacate an existing site distance easement and a new sight distance easement to benefit a new development along Blue Hills Village Drive, N. E., owned by The National Bank of Blacksburg. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41389-021919. (7-0)**
3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to vacate an existing slope easement across real property located at 202 Campbell Avenue, S. E., adjacent to Williamson Road, owned by Pinnacle Properties VA, LLC. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41390-021919. (6-0, Council Member Davis abstained from voting due to personal interest conflict that was a previously disclosed at the February 4, 2019 Council Meeting.)**

## **B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval to re-name Jackson Park to Belmont Park.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41391-021919. (7-0)**
2. Approval to re-name Jackson Park Branch Library to Belmont Branch Library.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41392-021919. (7-0)**

## **C. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

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**Alison Blanton, 1701 Arlington Road, S. W., representative of Roanoke Valley Preservation, appeared before Council with regard to historic preservation of the façades along Campbell Avenue, specifically Campbell Court; and thoughts about construction of the proposed bus facility on Salem Avenue, S. W., keeping in mind the historic buildings in the area.**

## **D. ADJOURNED – 7:29 P.M.**