



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**MARCH 4, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 450**

AGENDA

Call to Order -- Roll Call. Mayor Lea arrived late.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

NOTICE

This morning meeting and briefings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 following the 2:00 p.m. session on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at [facebook.com/RoanokeVa](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeVa). Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., 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.

(6-0)

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the process and criteria for the Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss reports or plans related to the security of the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, situated at 215 Church Avenue, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(19), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(6-0)

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA. **NONE.**

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

At this point, Mayor Lea entered the meeting (9:06 a.m.)

BRIEFINGS:

- Comprehensive Plan Process Update - 30 minutes
Remarks received and filed
- E-Scooter Regulation - 30 minutes
Remarks received and filed
- Budget/Financial Planning Fiscal Year 2020 - 90 minutes
Remarks received and filed

AT 12:17 P.M., THE MAYOR DECLARED THE COUNCIL MEETING IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M., FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**MARCH 4, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Dave Skole, Pastor, Christ Lutheran 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
Unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2021

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – one vacancy
Building Representative term of office ending June 30, 2021

Fair Housing Board – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending March 31, 2021

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – one vacancy
Three-year term of office ending March 31, 2022

Roanoke Cultural Endowment Board of Directors – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2020

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:

Recognition of students from College of the Holy Cross hosted by Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.

Mayor Lea presented each student with a Certificate of Appreciation.

A Proclamation declaring Wednesday, March 13, 2019 as K9 Veterans Day.

Mayor Lea presented a ceremonial copy of the proclamation to Mark Smoot and Steve Roragen, Members of the Roanoke Valley Veterans' 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.

Catherine Koebel, 2625 Longview Avenue, S. W., Ivonne Wallace-Fuentes, 2528 Alberta Avenue, S. W., Barbara Andes, 2803 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., Elizabeth JoJack, 4916 Sunnyside Drive, Roanoke County; Madalyn Sullivan, 1001 Jefferson Street, Lynchburg, Virginia, and Brienne Nida, 1119 Manassas Circle, Daleville, Virginia, appeared before Council to express concerns about prior comments by Chief Jones regarding sexual assault/rape on women.

Josh Chapman, 302 Campbell Avenue, S. E., appeared before the Council regarding parking for the community high school and lack of street signs for pedestrians crossing in the right-of-way.

**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 Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

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 Patice Holland as a City representative of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment Board of Directors, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.

C-3 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the lack of attendance of Kwan Evans as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-4 Reports of qualification of The Honorable Frank W. Rogers, III, as the Juvenile Domestic and Relations Court representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2020; and Stephen Ambruzs as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Update on activities of Total Action for Progress during the past year. Annette Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Bestpitch)
Received and filed.

At 3:30 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council Meeting in recess.

At 3:40 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened, with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance.

Since he and Council Member Price would not be present for the remainder of the meeting due to prior commitments, the Mayor noted that Council would vote on the Certification of the Closed Session; and announce appointments/reappointments on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

Reappointed Jessie Coffman, Antwyne Calloway, Stephen Grammer and Peter Volosin as members of the Fair Housing Board for three-year terms of office each ending March 31, 2022.

Reappointed Mayor Sherman P. Lea, as the Council representative of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for a four-year term of office ending April 12, 2023.

Reappointed Pete Eshelman, William Modica and Jared Rigby as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office each ending March 31, 2022.

Appointed Sue Williams as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Kwan Evans ending March 31, 2021.

Reappointed Cynthia Lawrence as a City representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a four-year term of office ending March 9, 2023.

Appointed Officer Jada Smith as a Law Enforcement representative (member) of the Towing Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Patrol Officer Fatima Foster ending October 31, 2021

Appointed Officer Travis Barber as a Law Enforcement representative (member) of the Towing Advisory Board for a term of office ending October 31, 2021

Appointed Crystal Hall as a member (Public/Government) of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2021.

Appointed Aisha Johnson as a (Technical Advisor) City representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee to fill the unexpired term of Brandon S. Turner ending March 31, 2020.

At 3:44 p.m., Mayor Lea relinquished the Chair to the Vice-Mayor and he and Council Member Price left the meeting.

- b. Transmittal of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Budget. Elaine Bays-Murphy, Cable Access Director. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 41393-030419. (5-0, Mayor Lea and Council Member Price were absent.)
- c. Annual update on activities of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. Beth Doughty, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Received and filed.

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

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- 1. Acceptance of the Built for Zero Community Technical Assistance Grant from Community Solutions to provide technical assistance to the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care.
Adopted Resolution No. 41394-030419 and Budget Ordinance No. 41395-030419. (5-0)
- 2. Establishment of a Tourism Zone in Downtown Roanoke.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41396-030419. (5-0)

3. Adjustment of the Greenhouse Gas measurement baseline year and reporting period.
Adopted Resolution No. 41397-030419. (5-0)
4. Amendment of the City Code to define the exclusion of usual and regular compensation regarding pensions and retirement.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41398-030419. (5-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

McDonald's St. Patrick's Day Activities Coming Soon

- Saturday, March 16 – Parade begins at 11 a.m. on Jefferson Street at Elm Avenue
- Shamrock Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Freedom First Kids Zone is from 12 to 5 p.m.
- The activities and the parade are one of the largest St. Pat's celebrations in the entire mid-Atlantic region.
- More details are available at www.downtownroanoke.org.

Participate in Clean Valley Day

- Clean Valley Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- This is a valley-wide clean up event to promote respect and care for the beautiful community we share.
- Residents may pick their spot – a park, playground, roadside, stream bank or your very own neighborhood to help get rid of the litter and make it a cleaner, healthier place. Clean Valley Council provides volunteers with trash bags and gloves.
- Register on-line at www.cleanvalley.org/events

Response to Request from Citizens Climate Lobby

- I ask that City Council look at the letter of response to the Citizens Climate Lobby, which updates information provided previously by staff, including changes at the federal level.
- If Council desires to take action beyond sending the letter, please let us know and we can take those steps

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 Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Bestpitch commented that following the January 2019 Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) Policy Board meeting, a request was made of staff to perform an in-depth analysis of the SMART SCALE program and its impacts on transportation in the region, which was following the January 15th release of the initial FY 2020 SMART SCALE funding scenario; and staff developed this analysis with the intent of:

Addressing

- The overall performance of RVTPO region;
- The reasons for successes and disappointments; and

Answering

- What are the impacts of leveraging funds;
- How the Congestion Mitigation factor is calculated; and

Exploring

- Differing processes in project selection;
- External forces statewide contributing to success and loss in the region; and

Reflecting

- On the first three rounds of SMART SCALE and developing strategies for continued success.

Council Member Bestpitch indicated the General Assembly needed another study that could provide an opportunity for an inter-modal facility in the Elliston, Virginia area; and in closing, mentioned the Alleghany-Highlands drone zone project.

In connection with public safety, Vice-Mayor Cobb announced that a comprehensive community solutions effort was being created that will include various agencies, city officials and citizens to address reduction of gun violence, and interested any citizens may contact the City Clerk's Office or City Council.

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **See Pages 6 and 7.**

12. ADJOURNED – 4:40 P.M.