



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**APRIL 1, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 450**

AGENDA

Call to Order -- Roll Call. Mayor Lea was absent.

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, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 6 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 the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purposes, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
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A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of an approximately 1-acre portion of City-owned property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., 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
(6-0)

**A communication from the Vice-Mayor requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss various vacancies on authorities, boards, commissions, and committees appointed by the Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), 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 VICE-MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
NONE.

AT 9:05 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING STOOD IN RECESS FOR A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

AT 10:15 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, VICE-MAYOR COBB PRESIDING, AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE-BOYD.

BRIEFINGS:

- Budget/Financial Planning Fiscal Year 2020 - 90 minutes
Remarks received and filed.

During the discussion of the Park and Recreation Fee Compendium, Council Member White-Boyd reentered the meeting (10:33 a.m.)

AT 11:36 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING; AND THEREAFTER TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.



ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

**APRIL 1, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Mayor Lea was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Kevin Kinsey, Pastor, Central Church of the Brethren.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor Cobb.

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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:

Architectural Review Board – one vacancy
Four-year term of office ending October 1, 2023

Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2021

Economic Development Authority – two vacancies
Four-year terms of office ending October 20, 2022

Roanoke Arts Commission – two vacancies
Three-year terms of office ending June 30, 2022

Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority one vacancy
Four-year term of office ending August 31, 2023

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

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

Presented ceremonial copy of proclamation to Lara Burleson, Community Resources Program Specialist.

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.

Julie Wagner, 2630 Grandin Road, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding the Intimate Partner Violence Screening Program (I.P.V.).

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding budget priorities.

Brian McConnell, 32 Elm Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding the lack of good sound leadership in Roanoke.

Ricky Davis, 402 4th Street, S. E., appeared before the Council to express concern regarding the alleged misappropriation of funds by the Rescue Mission and the treatment of the homeless.

4.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 6-0)

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, March 4, 2019.

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

C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 15, 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 a request of Appalachian Power Company to acquire a 10-foot wide easement across City-owned property located at 502 19th Street, S. E.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-3 Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Roanoke for calendar year 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-4 Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-5 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

William Modica as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2022;

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

Aisha Johnson as the City's Technical Advisor representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for a term of office ending March 31, 2020; and

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Presentation by Compress & Shock Foundation to share information with regard to the program and activities. Jack Perkins, MD, Founder and Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Council Member Davis and Council Member Osborne)
Received and filed.
- b. Presentation by Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) to highlight program services and initiatives. Teresa Berry, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Patricia White-Boyd)
Received and filed.
- c. Annual Report of the City Treasurer's Office for Calendar Year 2018. Evelyn W. Powers, City Treasurer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Received and filed.

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Citizen Survey Results - 30 minutes
Received and filed.
- Public Art Project Updates - 15 minutes
Received and filed

Prior to comments by the Council Members regarding the public art project updates, Council Member Davis left the meeting (4:12 p.m.).

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Amendment of the City Code to include River's Edge Sports Complex – South as a “designated park facility” where alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41410-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
2. Appropriation of funds for the Roanoke River Greenway Bridge across Barnhardt Creek Project.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41411-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
3. Appropriation of funds for the Tinker Creek Greenway Trail from Fallon Park to Mason Mill Park.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41412-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
4. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Bruceton Road, S. W., Stormwater Maintenance Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41413-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
5. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., Stormwater Improvement Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41414-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
6. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the recently authorized Stormwater Utility Flood Mitigation Program; and acquisition of property rights in connection with other current practices and procedures for stormwater programs.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41415-040119 and Budget Ordinance No. 41416-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).

7. Authorization to establish the Percentage Reduction for Personal Property Tax Relief for the 2019 Tax Year.
Adopted Resolution No. 41417-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).
8. Acceptance of a donation of an electric vehicle charger from EVgo Services, LLC, for installation at the Berglund Center.
Adopted Resolution No. 41418-040119. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

Open House Community Meetings

- There are two remaining Open House Community Meetings to invite citizen input on the city's Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040:
 - Tuesday, April 2 – Main Library, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, April 3 – Williamson Road Branch Library, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Feedback from these meetings, as well as meetings with stakeholder groups and focus groups, will be used to create a draft plan.

Budget Process

- City Council received an update on the City's Budget development process this morning.
- I want to remind citizens that:
 - The Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Budget will be presented to City Council on April 15.
 - Public Hearings on the Budget and Tax Rates will be held on April 25.
 - On May 6, Council will hold a Budget Study.
 - City Council will vote to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget on May 13.

Blue Ridge Marathon Returns to Roanoke

- Saturday, April 13, 7:35 a.m. is the race start time.
- The Full Marathon, Half Marathon, Anthem Star 10K, all start on Jefferson Street (outside Elmwood Park)
- The Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon Series has earned its title as "America's Toughest Road Marathon" by challenging runners with over 7,430 ft. in elevation change, more than any other road marathon in the United States.
- This race is the only marathon that runs along the famously scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Proceeds benefit the Parkway and local charities. More information is available at www.blueridgemarathon.com

Down by Downtown Music Festival

- This Festival coincides with Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon race weekend.
- Dates: Thursday, April 11 through Sunday, April 14
- It features four days of music, with shows at venues throughout downtown Roanoke
- Many of the events are free, but some do have cover charges or tickets. Information about specific performances is available at www.downbydowntown.com

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **A Resolution urging the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to adopt the Governor’s Recommendation for amendments to HB 2718 to provide a funding mechanism dedicated to critical improvements to the Interstate 81 Corridor. (5-0, Council Member Davis and Mayor Lea were absent).**

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Bestpitch announced the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will host Annual Prayer Breakfast, which will take place on the National Day of Prayer on May 2 at the Elks Club at 7:00 a.m.; and Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day on May 11 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Berglund Center.

Council Member Price called attention to the Unleashed Empowerment Conference for young ladies, held on March 30 at Hollins University.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (5-0).

Appointed Douglas Coffman to replace Robert L. Price, III, as a member (Builder) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a term of office ending June 30, 2021.

Reappointed Sheriff Tim Allen and Deputy Chief Eric Charles (Police Chief Designee) as members of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for three-year terms, each, ending June 30, 2022.

Appointed Luke Priddy to replace Claude J. Page, III, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2022.

Appointed Cheryl Cobbs as a member of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of office of Patice Holland ending December 31, 2020.

Reappointed Stephen Ambruzs as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022.

Reappointed the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb as a representative of the Total Action for Progress Board of Directors (TAP) for a one-year term of office ending June 30, 2020.

Reappointed Council Member Anita J. Price as a government representative, and Lorena Wilson and Joyce Watkins as Citizen at Large representatives of the Youth Services Citizens Board for three-year terms, each, ending June 30, 2022.

12. ADJOURNED - 4:33 P.M.