



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**APRIL 15, 2019  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Anthony Holmes, Pastor, Loudon Avenue Christian 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.

**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:

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, 2023

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

Roanoke Civic Center Commission – one vacancy  
Three-year term of office ending September 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: NONE.**

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

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**Carol Pruner, 1839 Maiden Lane, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding litter of newspaper circulars, particular those delivered by the *Roanoke Times*.**

**Luke Priddy, 302 5<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W., appeared before the Council to request improvement of the City's Municipal Equality Index (MEI) score that is measured by the Human Rights Campaign.**

**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 A communication from the Director of Finance transmitting the FY2019 City Manager Transfer Report for the third quarter January – March 2019.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

C-2 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Cindy McFall as the City representative to the Local Office on Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term of office ending February 29, 2020;

Deputy Chief Eric Charles as the Chief of Police designee of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

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

Jessie Coffman as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2022; and

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.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

#### **6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Request of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission to present its proposed 2019 - 2020 Operating Budget and Proposed Capital Expenditures. Timothy Bradshaw, AAE, Executive Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41420-041519. (7-0)**
- b. Request of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to present its proposed 2019 - 2020 Annual Budget. Daniel D. Miles, Chief Executive Officer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41421-041519. (7-0)**

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

### a. CITY MANAGER:

#### BRIEFINGS:

- Opioid Collective Response - 30 minutes  
**Received and filed.**
- Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Budget - 20 minutes  
**Received and filed.**

#### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Extension of the agreement between the City of Roanoke and Old School Partners, II, LLC, for 13 Church Avenue, S. E.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41422-041519. (6-0, Council Member Davis was not present when vote was recorded.)**

#### Two additional communications:

2. Request to modify Ordinance No. 40940-082117 adopted August 21, 2017 to rescind authorization to acquire certain real property interests by eminent domain related to the Roanoke River Greenway "Bridge the Gap Project."  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41423-041519. (7-0)**
3. Request to amend Ordinance No. 40143-010515, adopted January 5, 2015, to prohibit a portion of Official Tax Map No. 1420202 from being used for the Roanoke River Greenway "Bridge the Gap" Project or other recreational purposes.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41424-041519. (7-0)**

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

The City Manager commented on the following items:

### **Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

- The second week of April is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- April 14 - April 20, Roanoke will honor the men and women who serve as public safety communications officers in our city.
- In addition, the E-911 Center will recognize its Dispatcher of the Year during this week.
- The Center's dispatchers handle more than 275,000 emergency and non-emergency calls each year, dispatching calls to Roanoke Police, Fire and EMS personnel to meet the needs of the public in emergencies and on a routine basis.

### **Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

- The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission will hold public meetings to allow citizens to review and comment on the draft Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- A public meeting for Roanoke residents to review the plan will be held on April 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Roanoke Higher Education Center, Room 410, 108 North Jefferson Street.
- Information about the Region's natural hazards, including mapping and plan drafts, will be on display at the meeting.

### **Community School's Strawberry Festival**

- Kicking off festival season each year on the first weekend in May, the Strawberry Festival brings the community together with an atmosphere of good, old-fashioned family fun.
- Friday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m./Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Elmwood Park.
- Offerings will include homemade shortcakes, strawberry treats, kids' games and more.
- Community School coordinates and sponsors the Strawberry Festival with parents, alumni, staff, and community volunteers. All proceeds from the event go toward school operating costs, financial aid, and supplemental outside learning opportunities for students and faculty. More information is available at [www.strawberryfestivalroanoke.org](http://www.strawberryfestivalroanoke.org)

**8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

## **10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. A resolution acknowledging and recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41425-041519. (7-0)**

## **11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

**Council Member Bestpitch encouraged everyone to support the Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day sponsored by Haley Toyota on Saturday, May 11 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at The Berglund Center. Proceeds to benefit local charities.**

**Vice-Mayor Cobb commented on Equality Virginia (EV) OUTstanding Virginians recognition during the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Commonwealth Dinner held on Saturday, April 13 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, whereby he was honored as one of eight Outstanding Virginians for 2019, and the only one from Southwest Virginia, adding the remaining honorees were Jay Corprew, Virginia Beach; Reverend Lacette Cross, Richmond; Ray and Kathy Green, Glen Allen; Bill Harrison, Richmond; Honorable Levar Stoney, Mayor of Richmond; Jay Timmons, McLean; and Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Arlington.**

**Council Member Osborne congratulated the University of Virginia on its NCAA Basketball Championship. She called attention to the grand opening of RNA craft coffee establishment held on Saturday, April 13; and awareness of Toe+Line, a female-owned clothing boutique, that features recyclable denim manufactured in Guatemala.**

**Council Member Davis remarked about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon held on April 13, at 7:35 a.m. at Elmwood Park. She mentioned the issuance of a proclamation declaring April 13 as “Blue Ridge Marathon 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day”.**

**Mayor Lea called attention to a Community Meeting to receive updates on the Cove Road Repaving and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Garden of Prayer No. 7 in the Fellowship Hall.**

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

## **12. RECESSED – 3:57 P.M.**

**AT 4:08 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS TO FILL TWO UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019. THE FOUR APPLICANTS ARE: LUTHERIA H. SMITH, JOYCE W. WATKINS, ANGELA S. PENN, AND NATASHA N. SAUNDERS.**

## **13. RECESSED – 5:51 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**



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#### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Price arrived late.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Rachel Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, Second Presbyterian Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Brenda Hale, President, Roanoke Branch - NAACP.

**At this point, 7:03 p.m., Council Member Price entered the Council Chamber.**

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Request of Seven Hills Investment Properties, LLC, to rezone property at 0, 914, 922, 924, and 930 Hershberger Road, N. W., 4802 Winsloe Drive, N. W., and 3222 Oaklawn Avenue, N. W. William Herrin, an Associate, Alam Design and Family Builders, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41426-041519. (7-0)**
2. Request of Roy G. Main, Jr., to vacate an alley between the 1900 block of Patterson Avenue, S. W., and Chapman Avenue, S. W. Roy G. Main, Jr., Petitioner, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41427-041519. (7-0)**
3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to consider amendments to the City's Rental Inspection Districts. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41428-041519. (7-0)**
4. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to grant an above and below ground utility easement across City-owned located at 502 19<sup>th</sup> Street, S. E., to Appalachian Power Company. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41429-041519. (7-0)**
5. Receive views of citizens regarding appointment of two Roanoke City School Board Trustees for three-year terms of office, each, commencing on July 1, 2019. The candidates are Lutheria H. Smith, Joyce W. Watkins, Angela S. Penn and Natasha N. Saunders.  
**16 citizens appeared before the Council and spoke in support of Angela S. Penn, Joyce W. Watkins and Natasha N. Saunders, respectively. No formal action was necessary.**

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

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**Barbara Andes, 2803 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to follow-up on lack of response from comments made at the March 18 Council meeting regarding gender bias and law enforcement involving cases of sexual assault and abuse.**

**Catherine Koebel, 2625 Longview Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding funding and community resources to assist with compacting sexual assault in the City of Roanoke.**

**Extensive dialogue regarding pros and cons of Councilmanic elections being in November rather than May during even years. City Attorney instructed to provide information to the Council.**

**Discussion regarding appropriate criteria/policy for responses by the City Manager and/or City Council concerning citizen requests/complaints.**

**Mayor Lea reiterated a Community Meeting to receive updates on the Cove Road Repaving and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Garden of Prayer No. 7 in the Fellowship Hall.**

### **C. RECESSED – 7:57 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING TO CONVENE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 BUDGET AT 7:00 P.M.; PROPOSED REAL ESTATE TAX INCREASE AT 7:10 P.M.; AND THE RECOMMENDED 2019 - 2020 HUD FUNDS BUDGET AND 2019 - 2020 ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AT 7:20 P.M.**