



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL SESSION**

**MAY 6, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 450**

AGENDA

**INASMUCH AS THERE WERE NO BUDGET STUDY ITEMS OR
BRIEFINGS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL, THE
9:00 A.M. SESSION WAS CANCELLED.**



ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

**MAY 6, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Mayor Lea was absent; Council Member Price arrived late.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Kenneth Lane, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church.

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.

NOTICE:

Today's Council meeting will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 11 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.

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 – one vacancy
Four-year term of office ending October 20, 2023

Fair Housing Board – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending March 31, 2022

Human Services Advisory Board – one vacancy
Four-year term of office ending November 30, 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 Neighborhood Advocates – one vacancy
Unexpired term 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:

Vice-Mayor Cobb recognized and presented City gift to visiting Asian Fellow, Ms. Sanmu Caoji of China, hosted by Feeding America.

Presentation by The Honorable Sam Rasoul, Member, Virginia House of Delegates.

The Honorable Sam Rasoul, Virginia House of Delegate presented House Joint Resolution 952 to Robert Clement, former Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

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.

Norma Ross, 2318 Rush Street, N. W., appeared before the Council regarding adding traffic signals at intersection of Orange Avenue and 15th Street, N. W.

Stacy Roberts, 816 Mumford Street, S. E., appeared before the Council regarding lack of equipment for the hearing impaired in the court facilities.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 5-0, as amended)**

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. **The Vice-Mayor advised since the Mayor was absent, the appointment of two School Board Trustees would be discussed at a Special Meeting of Council immediately following the Recessed Meeting on Monday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m**

C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, March 18, 2019.

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

C-2 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; and appointment of two School Board Trustees, 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.

Matter was later withdrawn to be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, May 13, 2019.

C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 4.11 acres of City-owned property located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request. During the Closed Meeting, Council Member Davis acknowledged a personal conflict of interest and left prior to discussion of the matter. (See page 9.)

- C-4 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 2.96 acres of City-owned property located at 2607 Salem Turnpike, N. 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.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-5 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately .23 acres of City-owned property located at 0 Church Avenue, S. E., 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-6 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately .018 acres of City-owned property located at 715 Franklin Road, 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.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-7 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2 -3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-8 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2 -3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-9 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 20, 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 the sale of City-owned property located at 5540 and 5550 Precision Circle, N. W., to the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-10 A communication from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development transmitting the 2019 Annual Homeless Winter Point-in-Time Street and Homelessness Survey Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-11 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Russell Thomas as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, effective immediately.

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

C-12 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Antwyne Calloway as a member of the Fair Housing Board, effective immediately.

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

C-13 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

The Honorable Timothy A. Allen, City Sheriff, as the City representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board, for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

Pete Eshelman, Luke W. Priddy and Jared Rigby as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending March 31, 2022;

Lorena Wilson as a Citizen at Large representative of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022; and

Douglas Coffman as a Builder representative (member) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a term of office ending June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Update on the initiatives of Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. Zenith Barrett, MPA, Senior Director of Business and Community Engagement; and Stephanie Hoer, Senior Director of Program Services, Spokespersons. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Council Member Osborne).

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 Summer Food Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Education.
Adopted Resolution No. 41430-050619 and Budget Ordinance No. 41431-050619. (5-0, Mayor Lea was absent, Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded).
2. Acceptance of the Foundation for Roanoke Valley Grant funds in connection with the Social Services Central Intake Program.
Adopted Resolution No. 41432-050619 and Budget Ordinance No. 41433-050619. (5-0, Mayor Lea was absent, Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded).
3. Authorization to commence right-of-way phase of the Tinker Creek Greenway Trail Phase II Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41434-050619. (5-0, Mayor Lea was absent, Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded).

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Roanoke Public Libraries invites citizens to bring their 1940s photographs for possible use in a new History of Roanoke book.

- The Libraries will host several opportunities for community members to have their 1940s Roanoke photographs scanned for possible inclusion in a new book by Nelson Harris, covering the history of the Roanoke area in the 1940s.
- A list of the dates, times, and locations to bring your photos for scanning in May is posted under “Read About Roanoke,” on the city’s website homepage.

New “Art in Roanoke” sculptures are coming to Elmwood Park

- This month, sculptures for the third temporary art exhibit (Art in Roanoke) will be installed on the Artwalk in Elmwood Park.
- Installation will begin this week and conclude on May 17.
- Addressing the theme “Roanoke Rising,” the works will be on display for two years.
- During Festival in the Park, May 25-26, viewers will have a chance to vote on their favorite piece and the winning artist will receive a People’s Choice Award.
- More information is available by contacting the city’s Arts and Culture Coordinator, Susan Jennings.

Movies in the Market begin on May 10

- This family-friendly entertainment is hosted in Market Square
- Recurs monthly on the 2nd Friday through August 9
- Kids activities begin at 6 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
- Admission is free
- May 10 Movie is “Incredibles 2”

Local Colors Annual Festival will be held on May 18

- This is the 29th annual celebration of the diverse ethnic heritages that call Roanoke home.
- The event will include more than 40 ethnic vendors, 15 live performances, beer garden, displays and exhibits, food from around the world.
- The location is in Elmwood Park, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free

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 called attention to a book “Color of Law”; and encouraged all to read.

It was announced the Changing of the Narrative would be at Temple Emmanuel on Persinger Road, S. W., on Sunday, May 19 – June 9.

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **Held over for discussion at a special meeting of Council on Monday, May 13, 2019 immediately following recessed meeting at 2:00 p.m.**

At 3:19 p.m., the Vice-Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council’s Conference Room.

At this point, 3:30 p.m., Council Member Price entered the Closed Meeting.

At 6:13 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened, with Vice-Mayor Cobb presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance with the exception of Mayor Lea.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0, excluding C-3, whereby Council Davis recused herself prior to discussion of the matter due to a personal conflict; and Mayor Lea was absent.)

AT 6:17 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 13 AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 BUDGET AND ANY OTHER MEASURES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.