



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AUGUST 5, 2019**

9:00 A.M.

**FALLON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
502 19TH STREET, S. E.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

- City Council - **All Present.**
- School Board - **School Board Trustee Richard M. Willis, Jr. was absent.**

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
- Chairman Mark K. Cathey

3. Items for Discussion/ Comments by City Council/School Board Trustees.

- Fallon Park Elementary School Project Overview. **School Superintendent**
- Highlights with regard to the RCPS+ program. **Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Osborne**
- Update on diversity and equity in hiring/status of retention and recruitment of minorities. **Vice-Mayor Cobb, Council Members Price and White-Boyd**
- Creation of a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ children and families. **Vice-Mayor Cobb**
- Gender neutral bathrooms for transgender students. **Vice-Mayor Cobb**
- Mental health needs of students. **Council Member Price**
- Status of homeless student population. **Council Member Price**
- Status of the vocational-technical career education program. **Council Member Price**

- Partnerships and internships to provide opportunities for youth who are not necessarily college bound. **Council Member Price**
- Current uses of social media. **Council Member White-Boyd**
- New programs or initiatives for the upcoming school year. **Council Member Osborne**
- Tour of Fallon Park Elementary School Project.

4. Recessed/Adjourned – 10:17 A.M.

At 11:50 a.m., the Council Meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., to consider the following items for action, with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Council Member Davis:

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 appointments/reappointments of City Council assignments, 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.

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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.

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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 1.00 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.

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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 .370 acre portion of City-owned property located at 23 Centre 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.

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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.**

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED 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**

**AUGUST 5, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Jeff Wilson, Pastor, Huntington Court United Methodist 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:

Today's Council meeting will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 10 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:

Building and Fire Board of Appeals – one vacancy
Human Services Advisory Board – one vacancy
Roanoke Public Library Board – two vacancies

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

The Mayor's Annual State of the City Address on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, N. E.

Accepting nominations for the 2019 Citizen of the Year. Forms are available online at www.roanokeva.gov/citizenoftheyear, in the City Clerk's Office or at each City Library branch. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's and Pension Plan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended 2018, to the Department of Finance.

The Mayor presented the Certificates to Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance and her staff.

Presentation of gifts from the City's Sister City, St. Lo, France.

Council Member Bestpitch commented on his trip to Saint Lo, France on June 29, 2019 for the 20th Anniversary Sister City Celebration. He presented an official Saint Lo Crest, with inscription, and a signed declaration medallion. The memorabilia to be placed in the Saint Lo cabinet on second floor of the City Municipal Building.

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.

Gary Flora, 4833 Brookwood Drive, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke about the gun violence pipeline initiative that was established by former President Barack Obama.

4.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 7-0, 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. **Item C-1 was removed from the agenda for consideration at the August 19 Council meeting.**

C-1 A communication from the City Clerk tendering her resignation as City Clerk of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, effective January 1, 2020.
(REMOVED)

C-2 A communication from the Director of Finance transmitting the FY2019 City Manager Transfer Report for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2019.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-3 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority for a four-year term of office ending December 12, 2023; and as a Roanoke City Appointee of the Western Virginia Authority for an additional two-year term of office ending June 30, 2023;

Bill Hume as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a four-year term of office ending October 1, 2023;

Jeanne Fishwick as a member of Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2021;

Christopher Carver as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a term of office ending September 30, 2020;

Ssunny Shah as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office ending June 30, 2020;

Aaron Washington as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Barron Wilson ending November 30, 2020;

Karen Walker as a Commissioner of the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing September 1, 2019, and ending August 31, 2023; and

Sherman P. Lea, Jr., as a Citizen at Large representative of the Roanoke Cultural Endowment, Board of Directors, for a three-year of office ending December 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Presentation from Roanoke Tree Stewards on increasing diversity within the organization. David Edwards, Volunteer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Council Member Bestpitch)
Received and filed.
- b. A communication from the City Treasurer recommending acceptance of the reimbursement as a Licensed Agency of DMV ("DMV Select"); and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41515-080519. (7-0)
- c. A communication from the Commonwealth's Attorney recommending acceptance of the Victim/Witness Program Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services in accordance with the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.
Adopted Resolution No. 41516-080519 and Budget Ordinance No. 41517-080519. (7-0)

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of a training and conference grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.
Adopted Resolution No. 41518-080519 and Budget Ordinance No. 41519-080519. (7-0)
2. Acceptance of a Blue Star Memorial Marker from the Westchester Garden Club as a visual display of the City's support of the sacrifices and dedication of the men and women of the Armed Forces.
Adopted Resolution No. 41520-080519. (7-0)
3. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Park Lane, S. W., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41521-080519. (7-0)
4. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Glenoak and Ivywood Drive, S. E., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.
Adopted Ordinance No. 41522-080519. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

National Night Out

- Tuesday, Aug. 6
- This is an annual campaign to celebrate the successes resulting from community partnerships between law enforcement agencies, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood watch groups, elected officials, and others.
- The goal is to help communities feel safer, and create more caring places to live, work, play, and do business.
- Specific events for National Night Out are listed on the city's website at roanokeva.gov/nationalnightout

Roanoke Prepareathon

- Citizens are invited to attend the Roanoke Prepareathon and take an active role in protecting yourself, your family, and your community from disasters.
 - Saturday, Aug. 31
 - From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - In the Advance Auto Parts Atrium, inside Center in the Square.

- Topics will include local flood hazards, why being prepared is important, and actions you can take at home, at school, at work, and at play to be ready.
- The event is free and open to the public.
- More information is available at roanokeva.gov/prepateathon

Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference

- This year is the 20th anniversary of the conference
 - Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 12-14
 - Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
- The conference will include:
 - Information-packed workshops
 - Engaging keynote speakers
 - Neighborhood pride mobile tours
 - The Youth Café – a component specifically designed for youth ages 13-18 years to help engage them in their communities.
- To sign up to attend, go to www.vsn.org and click on “Registration”

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Correction of Budget Ordinance No. 41488-061719 adopted on June 17, 2019, regarding issuance of General Obligation Bonds in connection with capital improvement projects.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41523-080519. (7-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Continuation of the matter with regard to an amendment to Vision 2001 - 2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan, to replace the Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted in 2013 with the new 2019 - 2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. **(Matter continued from the July 15 Council meeting)**
Adopted Ordinance No. 41524-080519. (7-0)

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. **See below.**

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

REAPPOINTMENTS/APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL-APPOINTED BODIES.

Reappointed Edward Garner as a City representative of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2022.

Appointed Stephanie S. Wyatt-Jones to replace Linda D. Frith as a Director of the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing October 21, 2019 and ending October 20, 2023. The City Attorney instructed to prepare the proper measure for adoption at a subsequent Council meeting.

Appointed Amazetta Anderson as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Antwyne Calloway ending March 31, 2022.

Appointed Craig Gill-Walker as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of office of Dan Smith ending June 30, 2021.

Appointed Betsy Whitney to replace Patice L. Holland as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2022.

Reappointed Jeffrey Robertson, Timothy Meadows and Walter Hinkley as Citizen at Large representatives (Towers) of the Towing Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending October 31, 2022.

Appointed Todd Putney to replace Mark S. Lawrence as a City representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2023.

Appointed Dina Hackley-Hunt to fill the unexpired term of The Reverend Timothy Harvey ending June 30, 2021; and Melanie Morris to replace Cerid Lugar for a term ending June 30, 2022, as Citizen at Large members of the Youth Services Citizen Board.

Waived City residency requirements for Christopher Carver as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission; and Dina Hackley-Hunt as a Citizen at Large member of the Youth Services Citizen Board. (7-0)

12. ADJOURNED – 3:50 P.M.