



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**AUGUST 19, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W.**

AGENDA

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Josh Coldren, Pastor, Crossroads 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:

This afternoon's Council meeting will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at 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
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: NONE.

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., appeared before the Council regarding comments by Police Chief Tim Jones during Gun Violence Task Force meeting which was on August 12, 2019.

**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 Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, July 15, 2019, and recessed meeting on Monday, July 29, 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 authorize the City Clerk to advertise a public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, or such other date and time as deemed appropriate by the City Manager, regarding the proposed conveyance of approximately .370 acres of City-owned property located at 23 Centre Avenue, N. W., to the Roanoke Higher Education Authority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

- C-3 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel and hear briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in 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.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.
- C-4 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Benjamin S. Crawford as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effective immediately.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.
- C-5 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Anne Beckett as a member of the Architectural Review Board, effective immediately.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.
- C-6 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Douglas Jackson as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board, effective immediately.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.
- C-7 Annual Report of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for Fiscal Year 2019.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-8 Annual Reports of the City Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Review Board for Fiscal Year 2019.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-9 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:
- Jerome Stephens as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2021;
- Amanda McGee as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of office ending December 31, 2021;
- Amazetta Anderson as a member of the Fair Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of Antwyne Calloway ending March 31, 2022;

Karen Pillis as a member (Public) of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2020; and

Antwyne Calloway as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term of office ending December 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Presentation with regard to a new organization, "Fitness for Good" in Roanoke. Sarah Klemenic, Founder, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Council Members Davis and Osborne)
Received and filed.

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION: NONE.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Registration for the Fall 2019 Green Academy is Open

- **This popular series begins on Wednesday, Sept. 11, and runs through Wednesday, Oct. 9. Sessions meet at Fishburn Park Elementary, located at 3057 Colonial Avenue SW, in the library.**
- **The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal, followed by presentations from local subject-matter experts discussing a variety of green initiatives in the Roanoke Valley.**
- **Topics will include energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative transportation, water and air quality, local food, recycling, and more.**
- **This is a free event. The class fills up quickly, so sign up today.**
- **To register, visit roanokeva.gov/greenacademy.**

New School Zone Speed Limit is in Effect

- Effective Aug. 15, the speed limit decreased from 25 mph to 15 mph in certain neighborhood school zones in the City.
- The 15 mph speed limit reduction will only apply during the times scheduled for school flasher operations, 30 minutes before and after established school start and end times.
- To ensure drivers are aware of this change, Roanoke Police will increase its enforcement of the new speed limit during the first weeks of the new school year.
- A list of schools and streets affected by the new speed limit is available on the Roanoke City Public Schools website.

Reminder: Roanoke's Prepareathon

- The public is invited to attend on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Advance Auto Parts Atrium, inside Center in the Square.
- The event is designed to help citizens take an active role in protecting themselves and their community from disasters
- 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/prepareathon

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the City Manager recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 41525-081919. (7-0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. A communication from the City Clerk tendering her resignation as City Clerk of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, effective January 1, 2020.
Tabled indefinitely.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. A resolution appointing Stephanie S. Wyatt-Jones as a Director of the City of Roanoke Economic Development Authority, commencing October 21, 2019, and ending October 20, 2023.
Adopted Resolution Ordinance No. 41526-081919. (7-0)

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. **NONE.**

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Petition for Appeal filed by Spencer Brand, Co-Partner, on behalf of New Legacy Partners LLC, appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board at its meeting on June 13, 2019, denying an amended Certificate of Appropriateness to replace stamped metal roof on main roof with architectural shingles, replace standing seam roof on wrap-around porch and roll rubber roof on rear porch with standing seam roof at 801 Marshall Avenue, S. W.. which is not consistent with the H-2, Historic Neighborhood Overlay District Guidelines. **(Matter postponed until Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.)**

13. RECESSED – 2:53 P.M.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

14. ADJOURNED – 3:32 P.M.

INASMUCH AS NO PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS WERE SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE 7:00 P.M. MEETING WAS CANCELLED.