



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**APRIL 17, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Trinkle was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by Minister Emanuel Doss, Grace Covenant 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, April 20 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed by Internet through CivicPlus at roanokeva.gov/councilmeetings. 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:

City Planning Commission – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2020

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – five vacancies
Three-year terms of office ending March 31, 2020

Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending June 30, 2018

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:

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.

Joseph Elligson, 4615 Norwood Street, S.W., appeared before Council in opposition of a proposed recycling fee.

Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N.W., appeared before Council to request that Council create change that will make a difference for the people.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S.W., appeared before Council to ask for public input on Greenways by completing an on-line survey located at www.greenways.org by the April 21, 2017 deadline.

Tom Cain, 1826 Langdon Road, S.W. appeared before Council regarding a request for active partnership and support of the City Administration for community concerns.

Scott Terry Cabbler, 1109 Rugby Boulevard, N.W., appeared before Council expressing concern regarding the location of a proposed homeless shelter at the intersection of Rugby Boulevard and 11th Street, N. W., in the Melrose-Rugby neighborhood.

Estelle McCadden, 2128 Mercer Avenue, N.W., appeared before Council regarding concern regarding the location of a proposed homeless shelter at the intersection of Rugby Boulevard and 11th Street, N. W., in the Melrose-Rugby neighborhood.

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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 A communication from the Acting City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the Acting City Manager shall determine, to consider whether acquisition of real property interests by eminent domain for the Cove Road/Dansbury Drive Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project constitutes a public use with the meaning of Section 1- 219.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; and whether eminent domain may be used by the City to acquire the real estate interests needed for the Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-2 A communication from the Acting City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or at such later date and time as the Acting City Manager shall determine, to consider an amendment to the transient occupancy tax to apply such tax to homestay establishments and all bed and breakfast establishments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-3 A communication from the Christopher P. Morrill tendering his resignation from various Council-Appointed Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Accepted the resignation and receive and filed the communication.**

- C-4 Report of qualification of Brandon Turner as the City's Technical Advisor representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for a three-year term of office commencing April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Received and filed.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Request of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to present its proposed 2017 - 2018 Annual Budget. Daniel D. Miles, Chief Executive Officer, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager).
Adopted Resolution No. 40799-041717. (6-0)

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

- a. ACTING CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Recommended Fiscal Year - 30 minutes
2017 - 2018 Budget
Remarks received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION: NONE.

COMMENTS OF ACTING CITY MANAGER.

The Acting City Manager commented on the following:

City Council Public Hearing on the Recommended Budget

- Thursday, April 27
- Council Chambers
- 7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Month Conference

- Saturday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- First Christian Church, Community Room, 344 Church Ave. SW
- Includes a continental breakfast and lunch.
- This is the “kick off” for Neighborhood Month activities taking place around the city during May.
- Participants will choose between four different workshops, with topics determined based on responses to the surveys collected at the conclusion of the 2016 “City Neighborhoods Harvesting of the Fruits Potluck Dinner & Awards Celebration.”
- The conference is free, but registration is required in order to get an accurate headcount for the meals.
- Registration forms are available online at roanokeva.gov or contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 853-1286 to receive a form.

Neighborhood Month

- Begins on May 1
- This is Roanoke's annual month-long celebration of community and neighborhood pride
- Events are hosted by Roanoke neighborhood organizations
- Schedule of events is available on the city's website at roanokeva.gov/Neighborhood-Month

Local Colors Festival

- Saturday, May 20
- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Elmwood Park
- This is a multicultural event that started in 1991, and serves to raise awareness of the cultures represented in our community through music, arts, crafts, food, attire, language, and goodwill.
- Featured Country this year will be the Philippines
- Event will held rain or shine

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Appropriation of proceeds from the sale of Series 2017 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40800-041717. (6-0)

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 Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40801-041717. (6-0)

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 Garland will be speaking at the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Month Conference on Saturday, April 29 at the First Christian Church, 344 Church Avenue, S. W., from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., which include a continental breakfast and lunch.

Council Member Dykstra announced the Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon to be held on Saturday, April 22, in Elmwood Park at 7:35 a.m. Packet pick-up on Friday, April 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 from 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. She emphasized that various streets in the City would be closed.

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

AT 4:44 P.M, THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.



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A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Receive the views of citizens regarding appointment of two Roanoke City School Board Trustees for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2017. The candidates are Caren Pauline Coker-Jones, Anne-Paige Thomas Darby, Ruth Elizabeth (Beth) Deel, Jeanne Puckett Fishwick, William B. Hopkins, Jr., Elizabeth Cori Shields Jamison, Keysha Guthrie McNeil, and Joyce Watson Watkins.
The following citizens appeared before Council in support of Ruth Elizabeth (Beth) Deel, Jeanne Puckett Fishwick, Elizabeth Cori Shields Jamison, and Joyce Watson Watkins, respectively: Jason Bingham (Jamison), Lorena Wilson (Watkins), The Reverend Johnny Stone (Watkins), Dr. Jennifer Alston (Watkins), Kay Dunkley (Jamison), Christina Hatch (Fishwick), Amy Anguiano (Jamison), Virgie Craighead (Fishwick), and Doug Waters (Deel).
2. Request of Roanoke City Public Schools to rezone a portion of the property at 502 19th Street, S. E., from IN, Institutional District, and ROS, Recreation and Open Space District, to INPUD, Institutional Planned Unit Development District. Mark Ayles, Hughes Associates Architects and Engineers, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40802-041717. (6-0)
3. Request of Fralin Companies, Inc., to rezone property located at 0 (zero) Brandon Avenue, S. W., from R-7, Residential Single-Family District, to MXPUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development District, subject to the Development Plan that specifies location of buildings and infrastructure, site access, and building design. Robert Fralin, Fralin Companies, Inc., Spokesperson.
Defeated (0-6)
4. Request of the City of Roanoke to rezone property located at 3660 Blue Hills Village Drive, N. E., and 3661 Blue Hills Village Drive, N. E., from R-12, Residential Single-Family District, to CG, Commercial-General District, for the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare, and to promote good zoning practice. R. Brian Townsend, Acting City Manager.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40803-041717. (6-0)
5. Request of the City of Roanoke to rezone property located at 5401 Williamson Road, N. E., from R-12, Residential Single-Family District, to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, for the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare, and to promote good zoning practice. R. Brian Townsend, Acting City Manager.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40804-041717. (6-0)

6. Request of the City of Roanoke to rezone property located at 5345 Williamson Road, N. E., from R-12, Residential Single-Family District, to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, for the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare, and to promote good zoning practice. R. Brian Townsend, Acting City Manager.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40805-041717. (6-0)

**B. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:
NONE.**

At 10:32 P.M., THE MAYOR DECLARED THE COUNCIL MEETING IN RECESS UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 27, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CITY OF ROANOKE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018 BUDGET; PROPOSED TAX INCREASE ON REAL ESTATE; THE RECOMMENDED 2017 - 2018 HUD FUNDS BUDGET AND 2017 - 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE; AND A PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE.