



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**AUGUST 21, 2017  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Trinkle arrived late.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Seungsoo "RJ" Jun, Senior Pastor, Raleigh Court United Methodist Church.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 AT 8:00 A.M., AT THE HOTEL ROANOKE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 110 SHENANDOAH AVENUE, N. W., AND WILL BE TAPED AND REPLAYED ON RVTV CHANNEL 3 ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 AT 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.; AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE OR AT EACH CITY LIBRARY BRANCH. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017.**

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for the following current vacancies and/or upcoming expirations of terms of office:

City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority – one vacancy  
Four-year term of office ending August 31, 2021

Mill Mountain Advisory Board – one vacancy  
Term of office ending June 30, 2020

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – three vacancies  
Terms of office ending March 31, 2020  
Unexpired term of office ending March 31, 2018

Personnel and Employment Practices Commission – one vacancy  
Term of office ending June 30, 2020

Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – one vacancy  
Unexpired term of office ending June 30, 2019

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors – one vacancy  
Term of office ending June 30, 2018

Youth Services Citizen Board – four vacancies  
Two-Terms of office ending June 30, 2020 (Citizen At-Large)  
One-Unexpired term of office ending June 30, 2018 (Public Sector)  
One-Term of office ending June 30, 2018 (Student/William Fleming)

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

## **2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**Adopted Resolution No. 40924-082117 supporting the City of Charlottesville and reaffirming the commitment of the City of Roanoke to the values of inclusion, diversity, and individual respect upon which a more perfect City, Commonwealth, and Country can be created. (6-0)**

## **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.

**Gregory Hunt, 1311 Centre Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council to request support of the Inner City Athletic Association (IICA) being considered a separate region, a part from the Star City Region of the Youth Athletic Council.**

**Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and again expressed dissatisfaction regarding his termination as a City employee.**

**Geoffrey Campbell, 780 Tinker Mill Road, Daleville, appeared before the Council regarding sections of the Ground Transportation policy as implemented at the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission.**

**Ben Early, 1415 Antrim Street, Salem, appeared before the Council to express his frustration regarding the sections of the newly-revised Ground Transportation policy as implemented by the Roanoke- Regional Airport Commission.**

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA: (APPROVED 6-0, as amended, with Item C-3 and C-4 considered separately.**

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 Minutes of a special meeting of City Council held on Thursday, May 25, 2017; and regular meeting of City Council held on Monday June 5, 2017.

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

- C-2 A communication from Council Member David B. Trinkle, 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.

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

- C-5 Reports of qualification of Robert Lewis Leftwich as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2020; and Sarah Glenn as a member of the City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Paula Page Williams ending December 31, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** **Received and filed.**

- C-3 A communication from the Acting City Manager in response to an inquiry from Council Member John A. Garland at the June 5, 2017 Council meeting with regard to downtown flooding.

The communication was received and filed, on motion, duly seconded and adopted.

- C-4 A communication from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development in response to a request from Council Member John A. Garland at the June 5, 2017 Council meeting with regard to the Inner-City Athletic Association (IICA). Council suggested that the IICA and Northwest Recreation Club representatives meet to discuss a plan whereby both parties can work together for the betterment of the inner-city youth. Vice-Mayor Price agreed to coordinate the meeting.

The communication was received and filed, on motion, duly seconded and adopted.

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

## 6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from the Commonwealth's Attorney recommending acceptance of the Multi-Jurisdictional Special Drug Prosecutor Grant from the State Compensation Board; and a communication from the Acting City Manager concurring in the request.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40925-082117 and Budget Ordinance No. 40926-082117. (6-0)**

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

- a. ACTING CITY MANAGER:

### BRIEFINGS:

- Public Art Work Plan FY2018 - 15 minutes  
**On motion, duly seconded and adopted, Council concurred in the recommendations of the Roanoke Arts Commission for total FY2018 expenses being \$104,500.00.**

### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2017 "Four-For-Life" Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health, for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for training, supplies or other appropriate items.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40927-082117 and Budget Ordinance No. 40928-082117. (6-0)**

### COMMENTS OF ACTING CITY MANAGER.

The Acting City Manager offered the following comments:

#### Public Art Program Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

- This year the City of Roanoke is celebrating the 10-year anniversary of its Public Art Program. To commemorate this milestone, the Roanoke Arts Commission will highlight a different work of art and continue monthly throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- To promote the anniversary, the city will host live videos from different public art pieces and hold contests each month on Facebook and Instagram to generate interest in public art.

The public is encouraged to visit art around the city and post photos to social media using #ArtInRoanoke. Prizes include tickets, passes, and memberships to many of the arts and cultural attractions around the city, as well as \$50.00 gift cards to Downtown Roanoke.

#### **State of the City Address This Thursday**

- Citizens are invited to attend the State of the City Address on Thursday, August 24, at Hotel Roanoke. While this event begins with a breakfast for the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce business community at 7:30 a.m., the Mayor's Address, which begins at 8 a.m., is a free public event. Seating will be provided for citizens who wish to attend.

The address will be recorded and replayed on Roanoke Valley Television Cox Channel 3 on Thursday, August 31, at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, September 2, at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Elmwood Park Concerts**

- **Symphony Under The Stars: At The Movies!**  
Saturday, August 26, Elmwood Park, 7:30 p.m., Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
- **Budweiser Summer Series "Third Eye Blind"**  
Friday, Sept. 15, Elmwood Park Amphitheater, Gates Open: 7:30 p.m., Show Starts: 9:00 p.m.

**Reminder: City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday, with City Council meeting being held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m.**

## **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. 40929-082117. (6-0)**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

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

- a. A resolution amending Resolution No. 40923-080717 to reflect the correct name of Robert S. Cowell, Jr., the newly elected City Manager.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40930-082117. (6-0)**

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

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

A resolution authorizing waiver of notice requirements for the Special Meeting of the Stockholder of Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC) set for Monday, August 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., pursuant Section 4(a), Article II of the By-Laws of GRTC.

**Adopted Resolution No. 40931-082117. (6-0)**

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

## **12. RECESSED AT 4:31 P. M.**

**At this point, Council Member Trinkle arrived at the meeting (4:31 p.m.).**

**AT 4:31 P.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM; AND THEREAFTER TO BE RECONVEND AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**



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#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)**

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## **A. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Mayor Lea recognized, congratulated, and honored athletes from William Fleming High School and Patrick Henry High School athletes for the 2017 spring sports season.

**Adopted Resolution Nos. 40932-082117, 40933-082117, 40934-082117, 40935-082117, 40936-082117, and 40937-082117. (7-0)**

## **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Request of Roy Main to vacate, discontinue and close a portion of an alley between the 1900 block of Patterson Avenue and Chapman Avenue, S. W. Roy Main, Spokesperson.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 40938-082117. (7-0)**

2. Request of Bradley and Angela Yarbrough to rezone property located at 642 Walnut Avenue, S. E., from R-5, Residential Single-Family District, to R-12, Residential Single-Family District. Bradley and Angela Yarbrough, Spokespersons.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 40939-082117. (7-0)**

3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to authorize eminent domain condemnation proceedings in connection with acquisition of certain property interests and up to and including the fee simple interest for the "Bridge the Gap Project", such property interests to be across, on, and under located at 0 Railroad Avenue, S. W.; and for acquisition of the fee simple interest in certain privately-owned real property for the "Bridge the Gap Project" located at 0 Roanoke Avenue, S. W., as part of the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the Roanoke River Greenway. Sherman M. Stovall, Acting City Manager; and Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 40940-082117. (7-0)**

4. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to lease approximately 86,501 square feet of City-owned property, commonly known as 5550 Precision Circle, N. W., and formerly known as 1302 Municipal Road, N. W., to The Hertz Corporation to be used as a maintenance, storage and servicing operation for a term of four years and three months, beginning October 1, 2017. Sherman M. Stovall, Acting City Manager.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 40941-082117. (7-0)**

5. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to sell approximately 0.1546 acres of land located on Carver Avenue, N. E., to Shenandoah Telecommunications Company, a Virginia Corporation, in order to construct a communications equipment building as part of its telecommunications network. Sherman M. Stovall, Acting City Manager.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 40942-082117. (7-0)**

**At this point, Council Member Garland left the Council Chamber (9:17 p.m.)**

6. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to sell approximately 1.4 acres of land and improvements, known as the former Fishburn Park Caretaker's Cottage, located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., to Lora J. Katz, in order to restore the building and use it for a single family residence. R. Brian Townsend, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

**The City Attorney announced that Council Member Garland having previously acknowledged a personal conflict at a prior Council meeting in connection with the matter.**

**Matter was postponed until the regular meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. (4-2, with Council Members Bestpitch and Ferris voting no).**

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

**D. ADJOURNED - 10:28 P.M.**