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**40943-090517**

**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

**WELCOMED NEW CITY MANAGER – ROBERT “BOB” COWELL.  
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT.**

**MEET AND GREET RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MR. COWELL WAS HELD AT THE  
BERGLUND CENTER IN THE SPECIAL EVENTS LOBBY FROM 5:00 P.M. – 7:00  
P.M. PUBLIC WAS INVITED.**

**NOTICE**

This morning meeting and briefings will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 following the 2:00 p.m. session on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at [facebook.com/roanokecitycouncil](https://facebook.com/roanokecitycouncil). Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

**1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.**

- City Council – **All Present**
- Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority – **All Present.**

## **2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
- Chair Gail Burruss

## **3. Items for Discussion and Comments:**

- Annual Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Board of Commissioners)
- Status of providing affordable housing and location (Vice-Mayor Price)
- In order to facilitate the need and support for affordable housing that is not contained to certain areas of town, can we enter into a conversation with appropriate stakeholders to advocate this need (Vice-Mayor Price)
- How is the Housing Authority coordinating with other agencies working to address housing needs (Council Member Bestpitch)
- Whether the Council anticipates the RRHA being involved in any possible eminent domain action.
- Coordination of housing and planning efforts between City and RRHA to avoid duplicity of effort.
- A better understanding of the City's expectation of RRHA role in all redevelopment activities in region.
- To what degree does the City wish to be involved in the Choice Neighborhoods grant moving forward.
- Where is the City on the disposition of the Melrose library?

## **4. Recess/Adjourn.**

**Roanoke Redevelopment Housing Authority – Adjourned at 10:14 a.m.**  
**City Council – Recessed at 10:15 a.m.**

**Reconvened at 11:22 a.m. to consider the following items for action and briefings:**

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, 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. **(7-0)**

A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(7-0)**

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. **(7-0)**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of an approximately 1.4 acre portion of City-owned property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(6-0, Council Member Garland abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest)**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 12.032 acres of City-owned property located at 1950 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(7-0)**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 1.21 acres of City-owned property located at 201 Carver Avenue, N. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(7-0)**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss or consider the acquisition of interests in real property by the City for public purposes, whether in fee simple and/or in leasehold, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(7-0)**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF ROANOKE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING. **Provide City Clerk with any agenda items by September 18.**

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:

- Summer Youth Work Program Overview - 20 minutes  
**Received and filed.**
- Mountain Valley Pipeline - 20 minutes  
**Received and filed.**

**RECESSED AT 12:26 P.M. FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN THE COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING; AND RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER..**



## **ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2017  
2:00 P.M.**

## **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER AGENDA**

### **1. Call to Order--Roll Call. ALL PRESENT.**

**Moment of Silence in memory of victims in Texas due to Hurricane Harvey; and the passing of Judge John L. Apostolou on August 24, who served as a judge in General District Court for over a decade.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend John R. Hasting, Parish Associate Pastor, Raleigh Court Presbyterian 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.

**Recognized Mr. Cowell as the City Manager of Roanoke City. Oath of Office was administered during 9:00 a.m. session of Council.**

**Meet and Greet Reception in honor of Mr. Cowell will be held at the Berglund Center in the Special Events Lobby from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Public is invited.**

## **NOTICE:**

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## **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 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

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.

**The City of Roanoke also accepting nominations for the 2017 Citizen of the Year. To obtain information to submit a nomination, contact the City Clerk's Office at (540) 853-2541 or access the form at each city library branch. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, September 27, 2017.**

September 11, 2017, National Day of Service and Remembrance. Mayor Lea urged all citizens to focus on a day of unity, empathy and service for all Americans in tribute to those injured and lost on September 11, 2001, noting it is now the nation's largest annual day of charitable engagement.

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

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

**Delegate Rasoul presented a memorial resolution celebrating the life of Steve Buschor, former Director of Parks and Recreation to Marilyn Buschor, Widow, and daughter.**

## **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.

**Robert Gravely appeared before the Council.**

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA: (APPROVED 7-0)**

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 Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, June 19, 2017; and Monday, July 3, 2017.

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

- C-2 A communication from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development transmitting a report the Library System Statistics for Fiscal Year 2017.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

- C-3 Annual report of the Roanoke Public Library Advisory Board for the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

- C-4 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

The Honorable John A. Garland as an Elected Official Representative of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2020;

John P. Bradshaw, Jr., as a City representative of the Western Virginia Water Authority, Board of Directors, for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2021;

Chrystal Smith as a member (Classified Service) of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2020;

Benjamin Bazak as a member (Citizen at Large) of the Youth Services Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2020; and

Meighan Sharp and The Reverend Joe Cobb as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

#### **6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Request of Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to present the Annual State of the Neighborhoods Report. Nicole Harris, Vice-Chair, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Council Members Garland and Dykstra)  
**Comments received and filed.**



- b. Presentation by Points of Diversity with regard to its work within the community. Katie Zawacki, Board Chair, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Price and Council Member Bestpitch)  
**Comments received and filed.**

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

### **ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:**

1. Amendment and ratification to support Roanoke Electric Steel Corporation's Industrial Access Railroad Track Program Grant Application from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to assist with rail upgrades on the Company's property.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40943-090517. (7-0)**
2. Acceptance and appropriation of a donation of funds from Mrs. Yong-Ja Howery through the Roanoke Public Library Foundation to support the renovation and expansion project at the Williamson Road Branch Library.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40944-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40945-090517. (7-0)**
3. Acceptance and appropriation of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2018 multi - jurisdictional Driving Under the Influence Taskforce Grant funds, with the County of Roanoke and the City of Salem and Town of Vinton to deter, detect and apprehend intoxicated and impaired drivers.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40946-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40947-090517. (7-0)**
4. Acceptance and appropriation of funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for the 2018 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement - Alcohol) Grant to be used for traffic enforcement targeting alcohol impaired drivers.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40948-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40949-090517. (7-0)**

5. Acceptance and appropriation of funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for the 2018 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement - Speed) Grant to be used for traffic enforcement targeting drivers who are speeding.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40950-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40951-090517. (7-0)**
6. Acceptance and appropriation of funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for the 2018 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement - Pedestrian Bicycle Safety) Grant to be used for traffic enforcement targeting pedestrian bicycle safety.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40952-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40953-090517. (7-0)**
7. Acceptance and appropriation of funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for the 2018 Traffic Safety (Selective Enforcement - Occupant Protection) Grant to be used for traffic enforcement targeting occupant protection.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40954-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40955-090517. (7-0)**
8. Acceptance and appropriation of FY 2018 grant funds from the Department of Fire Programs to supplement the Fire-EMS budget.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40956-090517 and Budget Ordinance No. 40957-090517. (7-0)**
9. Amendment of the contract with Blue Ridge Rescue Suppliers for firefighter turnout gear.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40958-090517. (7-0)**

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

The City Manager shared the following comments:

- City offices were closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day holiday. As a result, collection of trash, bulk, brush, and single-stream recycling for residential and commercial Solid Waste customers will be delayed by one day. The Central Business District will be worked on-schedule Monday through Saturday, Sept. 4 through Sept. 9.
- Changes to the Solid Waste Collection schedule are posted on the city's website, and the public has been informed through email notification on MyRoanoke and through social media.

- The Budweiser Summer Series continues on Friday, September 15, at Elmwood Park Amphitheater with the musical group, "Third Eye Blind." Gates Open: 7:30 p.m., Show Starts: 9 p.m.
- This is the last of three concerts in this year's series, and I want to thank the staff at Downtown Roanoke, Inc. for their work to coordinate and manage these performances to allow our citizens to enjoy music in Elmwood Park this summer.
- The Henry Street Heritage Festival will be held Saturday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Elmwood Park.
- The Harrison Museum of African American Culture presents this festival each year to lift up and share the art, history, and culture of the African-American community of the Roanoke Valley. We are delighted to have this festival held in our city.
- The GO Outside Festival will be held Friday through Sunday, October 13 through 15, at the River's Edge Sports Complex. The community is invited to come out and engage in more than 125 outdoor activities: Test-drive a bike or stand-up paddleboard, learn to fly cast, participate in a race, camp out, sample craft beer, or take a survival class.
- The first GO Outside Festival was held in 2011. Since that time, it has become a highly popular event that gets bigger and better each year. Last year, the festival had an attendance of 30,000. More information is available at [roanokegofest.com](http://roanokegofest.com)

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

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

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

- a. A resolution reimbursing the City Manager for costs associated with health insurance premiums.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40959-090517. (7-0)**

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

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

**Council Member Dykstra commented on the Symphony Under The Stars: At The Movies! Event held in Elmwood Park at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017, featuring the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.**

**Vice-Mayor Price announced the Annual Youth Summit will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., at William Fleming High School; and the Annual Henry Street Festival will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Elmwood Park.**

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

## **12. RECESSED – 3:36 P.M.**

## **13. RECONVENED – 4:34 P.M.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING (7-0, Council Member Garland abstained from voting on the Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of an approximately 1.4 acre portion of City-owned property located at 2424 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., due to a previous disclosed conflict of interest. (6-0)**

## **14. ADJOURNED – 4:35 P.M.**