



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 22, 2019  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** Mayor Lea was not present at the 2:00 p.m. Session.

The Invocation was delivered by Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Cobb.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor Cobb.

**Vice-Mayor welcomed and recognized Council Member Patricia White-Boyd as the Interim Council Member to fill the unexpired term of office of John A. Garland, resigned, ending June 30, 2022.**

**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:

Board of Zoning Appeals – one vacancy  
Three-year term of office ending December 31, 2021

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – one vacancy  
Building Representative term of office ending June 30, 2021

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: NONE.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:  
(APPROVED 6-0)**

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, December 3, 2018.

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

C-2 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the vacancies on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, and Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization, due to the resignation of Council Member John A. Garland, effective January 2, 2019.

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

C-3 A communication from Martha S. Mavredes, CPA, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Virginia, transmitting the Report on Collections of Commonwealth Revenues by Local Constitutional Officers for the Year Ended June 30, 2018.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

C-4 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

The Honorable Patricia White-Boyd as an Interim Council Member of the Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to fill the unexpired term of office of John A. Garland ending June 30, 2020;

Pamela Smith as a member of the City Planning Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2022;

Patricia Wilhelms as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of William Sellari ending June 30, 2020; and

Frank C. Martin, III, as a member of the City Planning Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2022.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Received and filed.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. A communication from the Honorable Timothy Allen, City Sheriff, recommending acceptance of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Reimbursement Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.

**Adopted Resolution No. 41354-012219 and Budget Ordinance No. 41355-012219. (6-0)**

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

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the 2019 Violence Against Women Act (V-STOP) Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice for the Police Department's existing Domestic Violence Specialist position.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41356-012219 and Budget Ordinance No. 41357-012219. (6-0)**
2. Acceptance of the 2019 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Positive Alternatives to School Suspensions (PASS) Project.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41358-012219 and Budget Ordinance No. 41359-012219. (6-0)**
3. Acceptance of a donation in support of specific police programs.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41360-012219 and Budget Ordinance No. 41361-012219. (6-0)**
4. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Sample Avenue/Crown Point Road, S. E., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41362-012219. (6-0)**
5. Acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Hollowell Avenue, S. W., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41363-012219. (6-0)**

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

**Solid Waste Collection Schedule**

City offices were closed on Monday, January 21, in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. As a result, all residential/commercial solid waste collection will be delayed one day:

- Monday – All solid waste will be collected on Tuesday
- Tuesday – All solid waste will be collected on Wednesday
- Wednesday – All solid waste will be collected on Thursday
- Thursday – All solid waste will be collected on Friday

For more information, call 853-2000, Option 1.

### Annual Point-In-Time Count

- On January 23 and 24, the Blue Ridge Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness will conduct the annual Point-In-Time count. The count is a statistically reliable, unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the area.
- This survey is conducted by all jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide baseline data on the number of homeless individuals living in communities and basic demographic information about the homeless population.
- Data collected during the count is critical to effective planning and performance management toward the goal of ending homelessness for each community and for the nation as a whole.

The results of the survey will be available to the community on or before April 15.

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

### **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 Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

**Vice-Mayor announced that he and several Members of Council would be attending the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day on Thursday, January 24, in Richmond, Virginia.**

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

**12. RECESSED - 2:23 P. M.**

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT COMPANY STOCKHOLDER, BEING REPRESENTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT UPON ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF FOUR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF ROANOKE; AND DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT COMPANY, LOCATED IN THE AREA OF SALEM AVENUE AND CAMPBELL AVENUE, S. W., GENERALLY KNOWN AS CAMPBELL COURT.

**13. RECONVENED - 6:37 P. M.**

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECONVENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAYOR SHERMAN P. LEA, SR., PRESIDING, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

AT THIS POINT, COUNCIL MEMBER MICHELLE L. DAVIS LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DUE TO A PERSONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING THE PROPOSED SALE OF CAMPBELL COURT (6:39 P. M.).

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 41364-012219 APPROVING OF THE DISPOSITION OF CAMPBELL COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA AND GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT COMPANY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GRTC BOARD; RATIFYING, APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS OF THE GRTC BOARD TO (I) AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF GRTC TO EXECUTE THE CITY AND GRTC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT; AND (II) AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND/OR GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH FURTHER DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION THAT THE CITY, AS STOCKHOLDER OF GRTC, APPROVES OF THE DISPOSITION OF CAMPBELL COURT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF GRTC, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED CITY AND GRTC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. (6-0)

**13. RECESSED AT 6:44 P. M.**

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.



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**AGENDA**

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Kathy O’Keeffe, Pastor, Kingdom Life Ministries.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Cub Scout Pack 584, sponsored by Bonsack United Methodist Church.

Welcome. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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## **A. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Recognition and honor of Oliver White Hill, Sr., for his outstanding contributions to the City of Roanoke, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our Nation.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 41365-012219. (7-0)**
2. Proposed annual salary increases for Mayor and Members of City Council, beginning July 1, 2020.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41366-012219. (7-0)**

## **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Request of Seven Hills Investment Properties, LLC, to rezone property located at 3162 Williamson Road, N. W., from CN, Commercial Neighborhood District, to CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions. Hussain Alam, Agent, Alam Design Group, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41367-012219. (7-0)**
2. Request of the City of Roanoke to vacate, discontinue and close a portion of Denniston Avenue, S. W., to support construction of a new fire station. Tom Austin, Mattern and Craig, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41368-012219. (7-0)**
3. Request of the City of Roanoke to rezone 1742 Memorial Avenue, S. W., from Commercial-Neighborhood District to Institutional Planned Unit Development District; a portion of 0 Denniston Avenue, S. W., from Commercial-Neighborhood District and Residential Mixed Density District to Institutional Planned Unit Development District; a portion of 1810 Denniston Avenue, S. W., from Residential Mixed Density District to Institutional Planned Unit Development District; and vacate a portion of Denniston Avenue right-of-way between the abovementioned parcels from Residential Mixed Density District, Residential Mixed Density District and Commercial-Neighborhood District to Institutional Planned Unit Development District, in connection with construction of a new fire station. Tom Austin, Mattern and Craig, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41369-012219. (7-0)**
4. Request of the City of Roanoke to amend Chapter 36.2, Zoning, Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended, for clarification and consistency with State law. Ian Shaw, Agent, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41370-012219. (7-0)**



**At this point, Council Member Davis left the Council Chamber, due to a personal conflict regarding the proposed acquisition and sale of Campbell Court (8:04 p.m.).**

5. Proposed sale of real estate to Greater Roanoke Transit Company; and authorization for acquisition of Campbell Court by the City from Greater Roanoke Transit Company. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41371-012219. (6-0, Council Member Davis was not present when the vote was recorded.)**

6. Proposed sale of Campbell Court to Hist:Re Partners, LLC; and authorization for acquisition of the future rail station parcels by the City from Hist:Re Partners, LLC. Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 41372-012219. (6-0, Council Member Davis was not present when the vote was recorded.)**

**At this point, Council Member Davis returned to the Council Chamber (9:34 p.m.).**

### **C. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Petition for Appeal filed by Neil Aneja appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying his request to retain nine newly installed Ply Gem wood windows that fit the size of the original wood windows at 817 Ferdinand Avenue, S. W.
2. A communication from the City Attorney, on behalf of the City Planning Department, recommending dismissal of the Petition for Appeal filed by Neil Aneja due to failure to meet the 30-day requirement period as set forth in the City Code.  
**Concurred in recommendation to dismiss the Appeal. (7-0)**

### **D. 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.

**Chris Craft, President, Wildwood Civic League, appeared before the Council to express concern about lack of public services in the Wildwood neighborhood.**

**Nina Heldt, 3153 Roundhill Avenue, N. W., appeared before the Council to voice concerns about the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project and Western Virginia Water Authority Sewer Line Project on Roundhill Avenue.**

**Mayor Lea announced that Vice-Mayor Cobb and several Members of Council would be attending the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day on Thursday, January 24, in Richmond, Virginia; and he would be attending the 2019 U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Policy Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 25.**

**E. ADJOURNED – 10:00 P.M.**