

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

July 18, 2016

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Section 2-15, Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, Regular Meetings, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and pursuant to Resolution No. 40579-070516 adopted by the Council on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

PRESENT: Council Members Raphael E. Ferris, John A. Garland, Anita J. Price, and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-4.

ABSENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Michelle L. Dykstra and David B. Trinkle-3.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Sherman M. Stovall, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Cecelia F. McCoy, Deputy City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Lyle Morton, Pastor, West End United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: The Mayor advised that City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters would be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as he may deem appropriate.

POLICY: Michael Givens, 1915 Laura Road, N. W., appeared before the Council in opposition of the City of Roanoke becoming a sanctuary city; and alleged that each municipality that has become a sanctuary city experienced a slight increase in crime. He also pointed out that as guardians of the City; the Council was tasked to protect its prosperity.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the Members of Council and would be enacted by one motion in the form, or forms, listed on the Consent Agenda, and if discussion was desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meetings of the Council held on Monday, March 21, 2016, were before the body.

(See Minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Paula Page Williams as a Director of the Economic Development Authority, effective July 20, 2016, was before the Council.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Geraldo M. Correa, Jr., as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission, effective immediately, was before the Council.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY: A communication from Gayle Shrewsbury, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Western Virginia Water Authority, transmitting a resolution expressing appreciation to John Williamson, III, for his service as a Botetourt County representative of the Western Virginia Water Authority Board of Directors, was before the Council.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

ANNUAL REPORTS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Annual Report of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016, was before the Council.

(See Annual Report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the Annual Report be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS-CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council:

Thomas T. Cullen as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Director for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017;

Carolyn H. Glover as a City Retiree representative of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2018; and

Beatrice Schlepner as a member of the (Alternate Student) of the Youth Services Citizen Board, to replace Quentin Long, for a one-year term of office commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

(See Oaths or Affirmations of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Garland moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

BUDGET-GRANTS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance and appropriation of the Foundation for Roanoke Valley grant funds to host the “Bridges out of Poverty Workshop”, which will provide key community members and service providers lessons in assisting and supporting individuals who live in poverty.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Vice-Mayor Price offered the following resolution:

(#40586-071816) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley to the City of Roanoke on behalf of the City’s Department of Social Services (DSS), to be used for expenses related to the Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop (“Workshop”), and authorizing execution of any and all necessary documents to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 384.)

Vice-Mayor Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40586-071816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris.

The Assistant City Manager for Operations advised that the purpose of the grant was to host an one-day workshop titled the “Bridges out of Poverty Workshop”, primarily for community members and service providers to increase their effectiveness in terms of assisting and supporting individuals who live in poverty.

There being no questions/comments by the Council Members, Resolution No. 40586-071816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

Vice-Mayor Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40587-071816) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley for a Bridges Out of Poverty workshop, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2016 - 2017 Grant Fund Appropriations.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 385.)

Vice-Mayor Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40587-071816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris and adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Ferris, Garland, Price, and Mayor Lea-4.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra and Trinkle were absent.)

COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS.

The Assistant City Manager for Operations shared the following comments:

National Night Out to Return in August

- Tuesday, August 2, 2016.
- All neighborhood organizations and watch groups have been encouraged to participate.
- National Night Out events involve citizens, law enforcement agencies, Fire-EMS, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood crime watch groups, and local officials from all over the city.
The events are designed to:
 - Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
 - Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
 - Strengthen neighborhood spirit; and
 - Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.
- City neighborhoods have participated in a variety of events over the years including block parties, cook outs, ice cream socials, visits from local police, fire department and City officials, flashlight walks, contests, watermelon parties, youth programs and more.
- National Night Out is a unique crime and prevention annual event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch on the first Tuesday in August. For additional information, visit www.roanokeva.gov/nno.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 6, Parks & Arts at Mountain View Recreation Center, noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 7, Budweiser Summer Series: Lee Brice will perform in the Elmwood Park Amphitheater, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 27, Parks & Art in Elmwood Park, noon to 3:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

VIOLENCE: Mayor Lea encouraged the public to attend a public forum hosted at Paradise Cathedral on Monday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. The event is meant to help protect local communities from gun violence and to come up with solutions to such issues. The forum is free and open to the..

GUN SAFETY: Vice-Mayor Price invited the community to attend a dialog on violence prevention and gun safety for all age groups on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Williams Memorial Baptist Church located at 2105 Carroll Avenue, N. W.

YOUTH SUMMIT: Vice-Mayor Price also announced the Annual Roanoke Youth Summit on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at William Fleming High School. The event is open to 8th through 12th grade students who attend Roanoke City Public Schools. Topics will include:

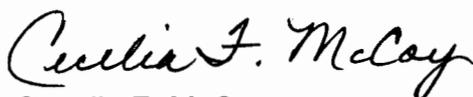
- Internet safety
- How to take care of your friends/peers
- The power of "no"
- Health and nutrition

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL: NONE.

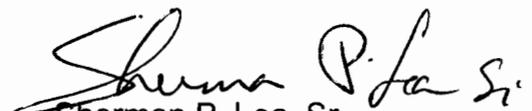
Inasmuch as there are no public hearings or official business to come before the Council at the 7:00 p.m. session, Mayor Lea announced that the session was cancelled; and there being no further business to come before the Council, he declared the Council meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy
Deputy City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
