

## ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 4, 2021

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke held its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, 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 Section 10, Meetings of Council, Charter of the City of Roanoke, at which time the newly-elected Members of the Council officially took their seats.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch (participated by electronic means), Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Patricia White-Boyd and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the Organizational Meeting is for the newly elected Members of City Council to officially take their seats; whereupon, he called attention to a communication from the City Clerk advising of the following report of qualifications:

Sherman P. Lea, Sr., as Mayor for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024;

Patricia White-Boyd as Vice-Mayor for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022; and as a Member of Council for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024;

Stephanie Moon Reynolds for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024; and

Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024;

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

Without objection by the Council, the Mayor advised that the communication and report of qualifications would be received and filed.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE SHERMAN P. LEA, SR., AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following resolution recognizing the Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Sr., as Mayor of the City of Roanoke:

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

(#41961-010421) A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Sr., as Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 81, Page 543.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41961-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE PATRICIA WHITE-BOYD AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution recognizing the Honorable Patricia White-Boyd as a member of the City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke:

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

(#41962-010421) A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Patricia White-Boyd to be a member of the City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 81, Page 544.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41962-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH L. COBB AS VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following resolution recognizing the services of the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb as Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke:

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

(#41963-010421) A RESOLUTION paying tribute to the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb and expressing to him the appreciation of the City and its people for his exemplary public service as the Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 81, Page 544.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41963-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

CERTAIN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL: A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., recommending certain committee assignments for the Mayor and Members of City Council as follows:

**Personnel Committee:** Composed of the seven Members of Council. Vice-Mayor White-Boyd as Chair and Council Member Joe Cobb as Vice-Chair.

**Greater Roanoke Transit Company:** Board of Directors -- Composed of two Members of Council -- Council Member Joe Cobb as Director and Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones as Director.

**Audit Committee:** Composed of at least three Members of the Council -- Council Member Joe Cobb as Chair, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd as Vice-Chair, and Council Member Bestpitch as third member.

**Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board:** Two Council Representatives -- Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and Council Member Bill Bestpitch.

**Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority:** Board of Commissioners Council Liaisons -- Liaison Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds and Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones, as Alternate Liaison.

**Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission:** Three Elected Official representatives are Council Members Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Robert Jeffrey and Bill Bestpitch.

**Total Action for Progress Board of Directors:** Council Representative -- Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones.

**Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee:** Council Representative -- Council Member Robert Jeffrey.

**Legislative Committee:** Composed of all Members of Council: Council Member Bill Bestpitch as Chairman and Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds as Vice-Chair.

**Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority:** Elected Official Representative -- Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds and Alternate Representative Council Member Robert Jeffrey.

**Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee:** Two Elected Official Representatives -- Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones and Council Member Joe Cobb.

**Roanoke Valley Area Transportation Planning Organization:** Two Elected Official Representatives -- Council Member Robert Jeffrey and Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

**Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission:** Council Representative -- Mayor Sherman Lea.

**Virginia Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy Committee:** Council Member Robert Jeffrey and Christopher Blakeman, Environmental Manager as the Staff Representative.

**Virginia Municipal League Human Development and Education Policy Committee:** Council Member Joe Cobb and Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds as the Elected Official representatives.

**Virginia Municipal League General Laws Committee:** Council Member Bill Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative and Timothy Spencer, City Attorney, as Staff Representative.

**Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee:** Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones and Dwayne D'Ardenne, Transportation Manager, as the Staff Representative.

**Virginia Municipal League Community and Economic Development Policy Committee:** Council Member Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

**Virginia Municipal League Finance Policy Committee:** Vice-Mayor White-Boyd as the Elected Official Representative and Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance, as the Staff Representative.

**National Civic League Board of Directors:** (NCL will make recommendation.)

**Virginia Municipal League Legislative Committee:** Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr. as the Elected Official Representative.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved that City Council concur in the Mayor's recommendation as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted.

ESTABLISHING A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CITY COUNCIL COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2024: Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for January 1, 2021, and terminating December 31, 2021:

(#41964-010421) A RESOLUTION establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for January 1, 2021, and terminating December 31, 2021.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 81, Page 545.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41964-010421. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 INVESTITURE CEREMONIES COMPILATION VIDEO: Mayor Lea advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, separate investiture ceremonies were conducted to swear in each of the newly elected City Council Members. RVTV-3 recorded each ceremony and made a compilation video to be shared today.

Following the video, Mayor Lea thanked RVTV-3 for recording and compiling the ceremonies into a beautiful keepsake and received and filed the presentation.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Organizational meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.; and immediately reconvened the regular session of City Council.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session immediately following its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, in the City Council Chamber, Room 450, 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. 41964-010421 adopted by the Council on Monday, January 4, 2021.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch (participated by electronic means), Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Patricia White-Boyd and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES WITH 30, 35 AND 40 YEARS OF SERVICE: Mayor Lea recognized the service of employees with 30 - 40 years of service with the City of Roanoke.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

#### 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 were desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL: 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, was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF SPACE TO ORVIS COMPANY, INC.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, for renewal of lease of space to the Orvis Company, Inc., was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS-FREEDOM FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, to consider the vacation of the two existing 15 foot public utility easements to Freedom First Credit Union, was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS ON CITY PROPERTY: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, to receive citizen comment with regard to restrictions on firearms in municipal facilities, was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the City Attorney as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020: A report of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Western Virginia Water Authority for Fiscal Year 2020, was before the Council.

(See copy of Financial Report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that the Financial Report be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.



OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: Reports of qualification of Rosheta Chase as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates to fill the unexpired term of office of Katelynn Lewis ending September 30, 2021; and Pamela Smith as a member (Citizen-at-Large/Medical) of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2023, were before the Council:

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

### **Budget/Financial Planning FY 22 General Real Estate Reassessment**

Susan Lower, Director, Real Estate Valuation, provided an overview of the FY 2021 — 2022 Real Estate Assessment Projections and highlighted the following topics:

- FY 2022 Real Estate Assessment Projections
- Assessment History by Fiscal Year
- New Construction History by Fiscal Year
- History of Residential Sales and Foreclosures
- Median Residential Sales Price 2010 to 2020
- In Summary
- Projected Real Estate Fiscal Impact
- Appealing an Assessment
- Tax Relief Programs

- Questions & Comments
- Appendix
- Timeline of Assessment Process
- Tax Relief and Abatement Programs
- History of Sales Ratio
- History of Roanoke's Assessment Changes

(For full text, see copy presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Ms. Lower gave an overview of the assessment process noting that in January reassessment notices were mailed to citizens and hearings began for citizens who appeal and disagree with the real estate assessment; in February staff inspect the appealed properties; decisions were made and correspondence mailed thereafter; and in March, the Board of Equalization, appointed by Circuit Court as a separate entity to serve as unbiased opinion, made a decision on the values assessed by Real Estate Valuation.

She continued by reviewing each category and stated that in 2020 the assessed value of real estate increased by 2.69 percent and noted in October of 2008, the United States experienced a recession, but the City of Roanoke did not drop in values until about 2011.

Mayor Lea asked for an explanation of the requirements for the elderly tax relief program; whereupon, Ms. Lower advised that interested parties must be 65 years of age or older, have an annual gross income less than \$42,000.00 and total net worth cannot be over \$160,000.00, and noted that the forms for the elderly, disabled and veterans were available through the Commissioner of the Revenue and Real Estate Valuation offices located in the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.

Mayor Lea thanked Ms. Lower for the update and advised that the presentation would be received and filed.

#### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

**FY20 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT- PROVIDER RELIEF FUND:** The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Provider Relief Funds allocated for eligible providers who bill for Medicare fee-for-service.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41965-010421) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding in the amount of \$199,646.00 by the City of Roanoke from the United States Department of Health and Human Services as part of the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, which provides reimbursement of fees to eligible providers who bill for Medicare fee-for-service in connection with the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and authorizing the acceptance, execution, and filing of appropriate documents to obtain such funds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 547.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41965-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41966-010421) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Treasury for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) – Provider Relief Fund, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 548.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41966-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUNDS-ROANOKE FIRE-EMS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of "pass through" funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to reimburse the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#41967-010421) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to accept, on behalf of the City of Roanoke, "pass-through" funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Emergency Management to support Roanoke Fire-EMS in its service as the region's Level III Hazardous Materials Response Team.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 548.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41967-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41968-010421) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the United States Department of Transportation through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for hazardous materials emergency responses and training and development, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019-2020 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 549.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41968-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property located at 23 Centre Avenue, N. W.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41969-010421) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property dated January 22, 2020 (the "Contract") between the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), and Roanoke Higher Education Authority ("RHEA"); authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to perform, effectuate, administer, and enforce the proposed Amendment No. 2 and Contract; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 550.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41969-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

#### COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager offered the following comments:

##### **COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

- The Community Engagement Office has created a new page on the City's website, emphasizing the "Vaccinate Roanoke" message.
- The page includes information from local and state health partners about the COVID-19 vaccine, including its development process, vaccination efforts, answers to questions about the vaccine, and more.
- Citizens may check out this page at [roanokeva.gov/VaccinateRoanoke](https://roanokeva.gov/VaccinateRoanoke).

##### **2021 Solid Waste Collection Guide**

- In early January, residents will receive the "2021 Solid Waste Collection and Hazardous Weather Preparation Guide" in their mailbox.
- This guide is a great resource for understanding what is collected for solid waste, recycling, bulk, and brush.
- It also contains information about the City's snow removal process, flood preparedness, and the 2021 recycling calendar.
- In addition to printed copies, the guide is posted on the City's website homepage – [roanokeva.gov](https://roanokeva.gov), under "Important Resources" – and on the Solid Waste Management Division's website – [roanokeva.gov/SolidWaste](https://roanokeva.gov/SolidWaste).

**Roanoke 100 Miler**

- There is still time to sign up for this year's Roanoke 100 Miler challenge.
- The challenge runs from Jan. 19, 2021 to April 19, 2021. Participants must commit to complete 100 miles in 100 days.
- This is one of Roanoke's favorite fitness traditions, and a great way to learn more about the parks, trails, and greenways in our area.

Go to [PLAYRoanoke.com/Roanoke-100-Miler](https://PLAYRoanoke.com/Roanoke-100-Miler) to register for this event.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ONE-TIME PAYMENT:** Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 41946-122120 adopted December 21, 2020, authorizing and approving a one-time payment in appreciation to certain full-time and part-time City employees:

(#41970-010421) AN ORDINANCE repealing Ordinance No. 41946-122120, adopted December 21, 2020; adopting a new Ordinance restating the content with the change of the date which employees were in the employ of the City of Roanoke; deletion of the Deputy City Manager and the Assistant City Manager as persons who were "not" to receive payment; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 551.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41970-010421. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

**NAYS:** None-0.

**MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION: Council Member Moon-Reynolds recommended that Council honor the late Dr. Wendell H. Butler, a former Vice-Mayor and City Council Member and first African American Council Member appointed to serve as Chairman of Roanoke City School Board, who passed on November 5, 2020, with a Memorial Resolution from the Mayor and City Council at the January 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

At 3:50 p.m., Mayor Lea declared the Council Meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council's Conference Room, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.

At 4:35 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, with Council Member Bestpitch participating by electronic means.

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by City Council. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Marcus Huffman as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of office ending December 31, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Betty Jean Wolfe.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Wolfe was appointed as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of office of Marcus Huffman ending December 31, 2021, by the following vote:

FOR MS. WOLFE: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

CITY OF ROANOKE FINANCE BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the two-year term of office of Kenneth Cronin as a Citizen member of the City of Roanoke Finance Board ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Laura Carini.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Carini was appointed to replace Kenneth Cronin as a Citizen member of the City of Roanoke Finance Board for a term of office ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MR. CLEMENTS: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

LOCAL OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the one-year term of office of Cindy McFall as a member of the Local Office on Aging Advisory Board ending February 28, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Cindy McFall.

There being no further nominations, Ms. McFall was reappointed as a member of the Local Office on Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term of office, commencing March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MS. MCFALL: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the four-year term of office of John R. Clements as a City representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission ending March 9, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of John R. Clements.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Clements was reappointed as a City representative of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a four-year term of office, commencing March 10, 2021 and ending March 9, 2025, by the following vote:

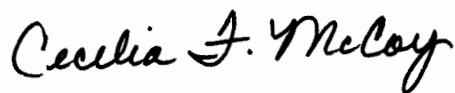
FOR MR. CLEMENTS: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.



There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC  
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.  
Mayor

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ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

January 19, 2021

2:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Council Members Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch (participated by electronic means), and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member William D. Bestpitch.

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.