

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

April 5, 2021

9:00 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.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. 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.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

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.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. 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.

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At 9:09 a.m., the Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess for a Legislative Committee meeting in the Council Chamber.

At this point, Council Member Moon Reynolds left the meeting (10:00 a.m.).

At 10:45 a.m., the Council meeting reconvened with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of Council in attendance with the exception of Council Member Moon Reynolds.

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:

Public Safety Briefing 2020

Samuel Roman, Chief of Police, briefed the Council on the 2020 Police Department crime statistics.

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

Chief Roman highlighted the following information:

- Police/Citizen Initiated CFS Rate By Zone
- Calls By Day of Week – Citywide
- Calls by Year – Citywide
- 2019 vs. 2020 Crime Comparison
- Citywide Part 1 Crime By Category – 2018-2020
- RPD and COVID-19
- Gun Violence Incidents – 2018-2020
- 2020 – Gun Violence Visualized
- RPD Realignment
- RESET Coordinator
- Local, State and Federal Partners
- Traffic Safety
- 2020 Successes and Challenges
- RPD Community

Following Chief Roman's presentation, Council Member Jeffrey applauded the Police Department's efforts to keep the community safe and asked about the status of gang activity; whereby, Chief Roman replied neighborhood gangs were claiming territory, more organized and noted that gang activity was cited as a recurring factor in shootings in the community.

Vice Mayor White-Boyd commended Chief Roman and the Police Department for their work in the City and inquired about the Reset Team as related to meeting the needs of the community. Chief Roman advised the Reset Coordinator's job was to offer assistance such as mental health resources, city services, and to inquire of needs that may be necessary following traumatic or tragic events.

Lloyd Merchant, new Reset Coordinator, introduced himself and stated that the citizens' reaction had been positive and he had received encouraging responses as it related to outreach in neighborhoods affected by violence. Mayor Lea also asked Chief Roman what was the plan for curbing violence in the neighborhoods; wherein, Chief Roman emphasized that officers were taking a multi-track, community-focused approach to curbing the violence and the Police Department was collaborating with local and federal agencies, nonprofits, social services, and neighborhood leaders to build a proactive approach to short-circuit crime and help people find a better path before behavior escalates to arrests or possible incarceration.

Council Member Bestpitch noted that City Council had been criticized for not supporting the Police and clarified for the record, that he supported the Police, praised Chief Roman for his posture in the community, and looked forward to reinstating neighborhood walks with the Police to show support and concern for neighborhoods and residents; and lastly praised former Police Sergeant Joshua Johnson, for his recent move to the City Manager's Office as the new Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

Following brief remarks by Council Member Cobb, Mayor Lea thanked Chief Roman for the comprehensive presentation; and advised that the presentation would be received and filed.

At this point, Council Member Moon Reynolds entered the meeting (11:38 a.m.).

Budget/Financial Planning Fiscal Year 2022

Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance, briefed the Council on the development of the FY 2021 — 2022 budget process.

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

Ms. Merchant highlighted the following:

- FY 2021 General Fund Overview

The Director of Finance advised that with regard to revenues through February, FY 2021 local taxes were 1.1 percent ahead of target, mainly due to performance of sales and transient occupancy taxes; FY 2021 revenues decreased approximately \$7.82 million or 5.38 percent compared to the same period of FY 2020; local taxes decreased \$5.2 million or 5.35 percent compared to the same period of FY 2020 due to lower performance of business license, prepared foods and beverage, transient occupancy, admissions and personal property taxes; FY 2021 other revenues decreased approximately \$2.60 million or 3.96 percent compared to the same period of FY 2020 due to the timing of social services revenues and lower charges for services. She also pointed out that through February, FY 2021 expenditures decreased approximately \$6.3 million or 3.2 percent compared to the same period of FY 2020 due to the timing and lower transfers to other funds as well as the timing of expenditures in street paving and fleet capital.

In terms of local taxes, Ms. Merchant noted that the prior history of March through the end of the fiscal year from the prior year, local taxes could potentially exceed budget by 1 percent or around \$2 million and the projections were monitored on a weekly basis and updated in the dashboard as each month was closed. She pointed out that Fiscal Year 2021 net local tax increases included Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, \$673,000.00 for Roanoke City Public Schools, and \$1 million for the City, but did not take into account nonlocal revenues.

- FY 2022 Development

Ms. Merchant explained that for Fiscal Year 2022 local taxes had been updated reaching an estimate of approximately \$2.79 million; a \$6.1 million increase over the Fiscal Year 2021 adopted budget or 3 percent growth year over year. She noted that the growth was mainly attributed to real estate, transient occupancy, sales tax, personal property and business license taxes, offset by lower performance expectations in communications, prepared food and beverage and cigarette taxes.

She explained that overall growth for the General Fund estimated at a 2.2 percent or \$6.5 million increase driven by local tax expectation, the total budget projection stands at \$304,570,449 and in terms of the balancing status, with revenue and expense adjustments that have been made since the March briefing there was an approximately \$2.4 million revenue over expense balance.

The Vice-Mayor inquired as to the projects that were not funded and the long list of CIP projects in relation to surplus revenue the City may gain; whereupon, the City Manager advised that in examining year-end potential funding of revenue over expenses, typically the stormwater projects were not funded through that fund and the CIP list far exceeded the revenue that would be received from any surplus on any kind of consistent basis and conversations at the federal level related to infrastructure could be important to those projects, but the City did not have the revenue to fund those projects.

In response to an inquiry with regard to the 599 funding, the City Manager advised that the funding was received from the Commonwealth for police activities, a provision that was put in place temporarily as the debate continued as to whether cities would be allowed to annex. He further explained that it was a commitment to fund cities at a certain level, and the State had not met that obligation.

Following additional dialogue with regard to unfunded projects, Paul Workman, Budget Manager continued with the presentation providing an overview of fee and tax adjustments.

He advised that the solid waste fees were established in 2018 and designed to cover half of the operating costs, downtown compactor fee was a user based fee created before the solid waste fee was implemented and the goal was to shore up the revenue/expense ratio. In order to get that fee back to covering 50 percent of the costs, the rates would be raised by \$1.10 to \$9.10 per month or \$109.20 annually for residential, \$18.20 or \$218.40 annually for multi-family, and \$13.60 per month or \$163.20 annually for commercial services.

Following an explanation of two scenarios to amend the downtown trash compactor fee, Mr. Workman advised that staff was seeking direction from the Council with regard to possible fee adjustments for Fiscal Year 2022 in those areas and long-term policy goals of the downtown compactor program.

Council Member Cobb inquired as to the users of the downtown compactor and if it applied to residential and commercial; whereupon, Mr. Workman advised that anyone within the compactor zone was charged for the use of the compactors.

Ian Shaw, Stormwater Manager, continued the presentation reviewing the Stormwater Utility Fee, highlighting that existing revenue was not sufficient to fund—current level of operating expenses, inflationary costs, planned debt issuance to support capital projects, incremental debt issuance if grant funding declined, cash funded capital, planned staff additions of two construction crews and technical support positions.

He further reviewed Option C based on the consensus of Council at the March 1 meeting, advising that the option would increase debt funding from \$2 million to \$3 million over the planning horizon, adequately fund cash funded capital, planned staff additions, fee increase from \$.90 per 500 square feet per month to \$1.56 per month over five years, average residential - \$5.40 per month to \$9.36 per month.

Mr. Shaw advised that staff further refined Option C to add a couple of different scenarios including time frames to make sure the City met the proper benchmarks. He added that the revised Option C included a 15 cent increase per billing unit per month in Fiscal Years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and a 10 cent increase in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027; a 70 cent increase over that time.

Following brief discussion with regard to stormwater projects, Ms. Merchant reviewed the amended budget adoption schedule noting that public hearings on the recommended budget and tax rates would be held on May 24 at 7:00 p.m.; budget study would be held on June 7 at 9:00 a.m.; and budget adoption on June 21 at 2:00 p.m.

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Lastly, the City Manager explained the American Rescue Plan Act pointing out that it was a follow up to the CARES (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Development Security) Act and unlike the previous acts; the ARPA included direct funding through local governments specifically for the purpose of replacing lost revenue; \$65 billion would be divided between cities and counties coming directly from the federal government; the anticipated allocation \$44.76 million—first installment in spring 2021, second installment in 2022, must be spent by end of calendar year 2024 and disallowed uses included directly or indirectly offsetting tax reductions, delaying a tax implementation or tax increase and depositing into any pension fund.

There being no further questions and/or comments by the Council members, Mayor Lea thanked the City Manager and Director of Finance for the presentation and advised that the briefing would be received and filed.

At 12:55 p.m., the Mayor 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; and thereafter to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 2:00 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding.

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:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Mayor Lea declared April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

(See ceremonial copy of proclamation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Jeffrey presented the proclamation to Gwen Coleman, Virginia Department of Social Services and Christina Hatch, Children's Trust by electronic communication means.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH: Mayor Lea declared April 2021 as Fair Housing Month.

(See ceremonial copy of proclamation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Sanchez-Jones presented the proclamation to Lara Burleson, Community Resources Program Specialist by electronic communication means.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP AWARDS RECIPIENTS. Mayor Lea and Members of Council along with Alichia Grubb, Chair, Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, Josh Johnson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and Tiffany Bradbury, Community Engagement Manager, recognized the 2021 Neighborhood Partnership Awards recipients.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. If deemed appropriate, matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to the Council.

Due to the recent increase and severity in COVID-19 cases in the City of Roanoke, out of an abundance of caution, the Roanoke City Council has determined that temporary changes are necessary. Roanoke City Council Members will continue to meet in person in City Council Chamber, observing all recommended safety protocols while members of the community wishing to address the City Council during Hearing of Citizens Upon Public Matters are required to participate virtually or via email by contacting the City Clerk's Office at clerk@roanokeva.gov and (540) 853-2541, by 12:00 p.m., on April 5. The Council Chamber will not be accessible to the general public during the meeting. The meeting will continue to be broadcast via RVTV-3 and on the City's Facebook account.

MISCELLANEOUS: Anthony Peterson, 2750 Florida Avenue, N. W., addressed the Council with regard to errors in a citation in connection with the Executive Order from Governor Northam mandating a stay at home order early in 2020.

BICYCLE ACCESS: Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., addressed the Council via email with regard to Bicycle Access for Roanoke Valley.

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.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and Monday, March 1, 2021, were before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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.

RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 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 permanently relocate the polling places for voting precincts No. 5 Eastgate and No. 9 Highland, 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 Jeffrey 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.

DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAG TAX: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 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 establish a disposable plastic bag tax of \$0.05, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, 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 Jeffrey 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-GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMISSION-PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Reports of qualification of the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb, Stacey Sheppard, Decca Knight and Rabbi Kathy Cohen as members of the Gun Violence Prevention Commission for one-year terms of office, a two-year term of office and a three-year term of office; commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024, respectively; and Diane Simmons as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office, commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

(See Oath or Affirmation 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 Jeffrey 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: NONE.

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

CITY MANAGER:

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT COALITION GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services to maintain existing services to the temporary assistance to needy families' population.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42021-040521) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of an Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Participants grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS); authorizing the City of Roanoke to serve as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of such funds to the provider agencies for services provided to the local departments of social services (DSS) in Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Franklin County, Botetourt County, and Craig County; 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. 81, page 634.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42021-040521. 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.

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

(#42022-040521) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Federal Government through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services for the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2021 - 2022 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 635.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42022-040521. 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.

FY 2019 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the FY 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase upgrades and repairs to the fire prevention safety trailer.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42023-040521) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of the 2019 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant made to the City of Roanoke by the Department of Homeland Security, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 635.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42023-040521. 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:

(#42024-040521) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 General Fund and 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 636.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42024-040521. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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 SWIFT WATER RESCUE TEAM GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the FY 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to purchase necessary equipment and supplies to enhance the Region 6 Swift Water Team capabilities.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42025-040521) A RESOLUTION accepting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Swift Water Rescue Team Grant to the City from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 637.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42025-040521. 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.

Council Member Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42026-040521) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for equipment and supplies for the Regional Swift Water/Flood Rescue Team, 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 638.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42026-040521. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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 HAZMAT MATERIALS GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the FY 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in support of the Region 6 HAZMAT Team.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42027-040521) A RESOLUTION accepting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Grant to the City from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 639.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42027-040521. 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.

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

(#42028-040521) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 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 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 640.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42028-040521. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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.

PROJECT OUTSIDE FUND GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Project Outside Fund grant from the Roanoke Outside Foundation to repair damaged sections of the Roanoke River Greenway or make improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#42029-040521) A RESOLUTION accepting the Project Outside Fund grant made to the City by the Roanoke Outside Foundation; and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 641.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42029-040521. 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 Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42030-040521) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Project Outside Fund Grant for Roanoke River Greenway, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 641.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42030-040521. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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.

PHASE III SCOPE OF SERVICES-WASENA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of the Phase III Scope of Services in connection with the Wasena Bridge Replacement Project.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42031-040521) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance and execution of an additional amendment to the City's contract with Mattern & Craig, Inc., to complete the design of the replacement of Wasena Bridge over the Roanoke River; and authorizing the City Manager to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of such contract, as amended.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 642.)

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Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42031-040521. 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.

BARNHARDT CREEK PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of an additional change order to the City's contract with MB Contractors, Inc., for additional construction services in connection with the Roanoke River Greenway Bridge across Barnhardt Creek Project.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42032-040521) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance and execution of additional change orders to the City's contract with MB Contractors, Inc., for additional construction services for the Roanoke River Greenway Bridge across Barnhardt Creek; and authorizing the City Manager to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of such contract, as amended.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 643.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42032-040521. 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.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending adoption of a revised Calendar of Events for Budget Development Activities for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#42033-040521) AN ORDINANCE approving and endorsing the revised budget schedule for the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 budget presented by the City Manager on April 5, 2021, pursuant to Ordinance No. 41703-032720 and Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413; authorizing the City Manager to take such actions necessary to implement the revised budget schedule; determining that an emergency exists; establishing an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 644.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42033-040521. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey 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:

Bank On' Wellness Series Continues

- The next round of the Bank On Financial Wellness Series begins this month.
- Bank On Roanoke Valley rewards hard work and commitment through perks that are tailored to each participant's self-identified goals.
- The series will meet virtually on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the GoToMeeting online platform.
- The first meeting, on April 27, will feature the topic, "The Future Looks Bright: Goal Setting, Credit Intro, and Banking Refresher."

Roanoke is Partnering with Local Agencies to Bring Awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Staff in our Human/Social Services Department is creating awareness that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, by partnering with:
 - Children's Trust,
 - Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare,
 - Total Action for Progress (TAP),
 - Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, and
 - The Virginia Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention.

- This year's theme, "Building Brighter Childhoods," promotes the idea that everyone has a role to play in helping to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Residents can show their support by:
 - Posting a photo on social media with the hashtag #wearblue, or
 - "Planting" a garden of pinwheels, which symbolize child abuse prevention and reflect childhood hope, health and happiness.
 - Children's Trust is making pinwheels and yard signs available for free at their offices at 4519 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., Suite 110, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Supplies are limited.

COVID Update

- Citizens should be aware that as of March 31, all residents in the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a and 1b may skip the wait to receive an email or phone call to schedule a vaccination appointment. If you are over age 65 or between the ages of 18-64 with at least one qualifying underlying medical condition, you may schedule an appointment directly by calling 540-613-6597 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to make the appointment.
- Residents eligible for Phase 1c should pre-register, as well as everyone who will be eligible in an advanced phase.
- Last week, Governor Northam announced that all individuals in Virginia age 16 and older will be eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine starting on Sunday, April 18, ahead of the May 1 nationwide goal set by President Joe Biden.
- Everyone who lives or works in Virginia should pre-register so they can be notified when they are eligible for vaccination and an appointment is available.
- To pre-register, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-829-4682.

Annual outdoor events starting to return

Effective April 1, COVID restrictions for outdoor events are easing and this will allow some annual events to return to the City. Event will still require masking and social distance protocols. Examples of events include:

- The Down By Downtown Music Festival will kick off with a Concert in Elmwood Park - April 17
- Community School's Strawberry Festival will be held in Berglund Center's parking lot on April 30 and May 1.
- Party in Elmwood will return to Elmwood Park on Thursdays beginning May 20.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Council Member Cobb commented on the uptick of litter and trash around the city during the pandemic and encouraged citizens to use trash receptacles to discard trash. He commended the 'Southeast Plawkers', neighborhood volunteers and Sustainable Roanoke for their efforts to keep the City tidy and announced Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke, 2015 Grandin Road, S. W., will host a cleanup event on April 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd advised that the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board met virtually on April 1 at 6:30 p.m.; subcommittees were appointed and received recommendations with regard to the renaming of Lee Plaza; and pointed out that the Board welcomes additional recommendations from citizens.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd 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 Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was not present for the Closed Meeting.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of Gregory W. Feldmann as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Gregory W. Feldmann.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Feldmann was reappointed as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025, by the following vote:

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

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of three-year terms of office of Douglas Coffman (Builder), Helen Favor (Engineer) and Charles Waters (Citizen-at-Large) as members of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Douglas Coffman, Helen Favor and Charles Waters.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Coffman, Ms. Favor and Mr. Waters were reappointed as members of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. COFFMAN, MS. FAVOR AND MR. WATERS: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM REGIONAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Laura Eichenlaub, as the Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

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

There being no further nominations, Ms. Eichenlaub was reappointed as the Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

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

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of Andrea Trent, as a member (Assistant City Manager's Designee) of the Defined Contribution Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Andrea Trent.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Trent was reappointed as a member (Assistant City Manager's Designee) of the Defined Contribution Board for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025, by the following vote:

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

FAIR HOUSING BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of three-year terms of office of Anita Wilson and Nicole Calhoun as members of the Fair Housing Board ending March 31, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Charnika Elliott and Nicole Calhoun.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Elliott was appointed to replace Anita Wilson; and Ms. Calhoun was reappointed as members of the Fair Housing Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024, by the following vote:

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

MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of three-year terms of office of Niki Voudren and Jason Morgan as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Niki Voudren and Jason Morgan.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Voudren and Mr. Morgan were reappointed as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

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

PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Roy Mentkow (Protected Class/Citizen-at-Large), as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Roy Mentkow.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Mentkow was reappointed as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

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

ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of three-year terms of office of Greg Webster, Jeanne Fishwick, Timothy Martin and Janet Carty as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Karl Willers, Helen Dean, Timothy Martin and Janet Carty.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Willers was appointed to replace Greg Webster; Ms. Dean was appointed to replace Ms. Fishwick; and Mr. Martin and Ms. Carty were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. WILLERS, MS. DEAN, MR. MARTIN AND MS. CARTY: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Amy M. Morgan, as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Amy M. Morgan.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Morgan was reappointed as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025, by the following vote:

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

ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Timothy Witten as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners ending August 31, 2022; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Peg McGuire.

There being no further nominations, Ms. McGuire was appointed as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of office of Timothy Witten ending August 31, 2022, by the following vote:

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

ROANOKE VALLEY GREENWAY COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of James V. Revercomb, III, as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of James V. Revercomb, III.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Revercomb was reappointed as a member of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

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

ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of three-year terms of office of Peter Volosin and Dr. Elda Stanco Downey as members of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Peter Volosin and Dr. Elda Stanco Downey.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Volosin and Dr. Stanco Downey were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. VOLOSIN AND DR. STANCO DOWNEY: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of one-year terms of office of Shaleen T. Powell, Ssunny Shah and Annette Lewis as members of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Shaleen T. Powell, Ssunny Shah and Annette Lewis.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Powell, Mr. Shah and Ms. Lewis were reappointed as members of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for one-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MS. POWELL, MR. SHAH AND MS. LEWIS: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of John P. Bradshaw, Jr., a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority Board of Directors ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of John P. Bradshaw, Jr.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Bradshaw was reappointed a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority Board of Directors for a four-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025, by the following vote:

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

YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of one-year and three-year terms of office of Jayveon Tucker (Student Member/Patrick Henry), Kennady Wade (Alternate Member/Patrick Henry) and Christian Bryant (Student Member/William Fleming), Charlsie E. Parker (Public/Government), James M. O'Hare (Public/Government), and Dina Hackley-Hunt (Citizen-at-Large) as members of the Youth Services Citizen Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the names of Jayveon Tucker, Kennady Wade, Christian Bryant, Charlsie E. Parker, James M. O'Hare and Dina Hackley-Hunt.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Tucker, Ms. Wade, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Parker, Mr. O'Hare and Ms. Hackley-Hunt were reappointed as members of the Youth Services Citizen Board for one-year and three-year terms of office, respectively, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. TUCKER, MS. WADE, MR. BRYANT, MS. PARKER, MR. O'HARE AND MS. HACKLEY-HUNT: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-7.

The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the unexpected death of John R. F. Lewis (Citizen-at-Large) as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Anita J. Price.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Price was appointed as a member (Citizen-at-Large) of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of office of John R. F. Lewis ending June 30, 2021; and appointed for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

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

The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the expiration of the term of office of former Council Member Anita J. Price as a member (Elected Official) of the Youth Services Citizen Board ending June 30, 2022; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Council Member Vivian Sanchez-Jones.

There being no further nominations, Council Member Sanchez-Jones was appointed as a member (Elected Official) of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of office of former Council Member Anita J. Price ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MS. SANCHEZ-JONES: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Sanchez-Jones abstained from the vote.)

At 3:41 p.m., the Council meeting was declared in recess to be reconvened at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber to conduct five School Board interviews.

At 4:01 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, to consider the following applicants for three upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024:

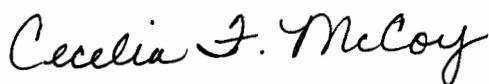
Mark K. Cathey - 4:00 p.m.
Diane M. Casola - 4:30 p.m.
Michael L. Cherry, II - 5:00 p.m.
Byron L. Hamlar - 5:30 p.m.
Jennifer Owen-O'Quill - 6:00 p.m.

Following the interviews, the Mayor concluded that City Council would receive citizen comments regarding the applicants' appointment to the School Board during the 7:00 p.m., public hearing session on Monday, April 19; and subsequently, City Council would elect three successful applicants at a future meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the regular meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
