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ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

May 6, 2019

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2019 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 Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb 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. 41181-070218 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 2, 2018. **The 9:00 a.m. session was cancelled inasmuch as there were no budget study items or briefings for discussion by the Council.**

PRESENT: Council Members Michelle L. Davis, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price (arrived late), Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb-6.

ABSENT: Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-1.

The Vice-Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Kenneth Lane, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

VISITING ASIAN FELLOW: Vice-Mayor Cobb recognized and welcomed Ms. Sanmu Caoji, a visitor from Tibet as part of US – Asian Cultural Exchange Program. He presented Ms. Caoji with a City gift.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 952: The Honorable Sam Rasoul, Virginia House of Delegates, presented House Joint Resolution 952 to Robert Clement, former Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

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

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTION OF ORANGE AVENUE AND 15TH STREET, N. W.: Norma Ross, 2318 Rush Street, N. W., appeared before the Council and requested the City consider adding traffic signals and possible cameras at the intersections of Orange Avenue and 18th Street, N. W.

LACK OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IN THE COURT FACILITIES: Stacy Roberts, 816 Mumford Street, S. E., appeared before the Council and expressed concern regarding lack of equipment for the hearing impaired in the Court Facilities Building.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Vice-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. He called attention to seven requests for Closed Meetings – one from the Mayor, in his absence, to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, and appointment of two School Board Trustees; four from the City Manager to discuss the disposition of properties located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., 2607 Salem Turnpike, N. W., 0 Church Avenue, S. E., and 715 Franklin Road, S. W., respectively; and two from the City Attorney for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, and for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation.

Furthermore, since the Mayor was absent, Vice-Mayor Cobb requested that consideration of the appointment of two School Board Trustees be removed from the Mayor's request to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, board, commissions and committees appointed by Council and discussed at the Special Meeting of Council immediately following the Recessed Meeting on Monday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m.

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Council Member Bestpitch moved that the Consent Agenda be amended, as abovementioned, having removed the appointment of two School Board Trustees from the Mayor's request for a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, board, commissions and committees appointed by Council; and consider the two School Board Trustee appointments at the Special Meeting of Council immediately following the Recessed Meeting on Monday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, March 18, 2019, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, 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 Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 4.11 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 PRILLAMAN AVENUE, N. W.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 4.11 acres of City-owned property located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

(Prior to the Certification of the Closed Meeting, Council Member Davis advised of a personal conflict of interest regarding the abovementioned matter. See pages 115 – 116).

DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.96 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2607 SALEM TURNPIKE, N. W.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 2.96 acres of City-owned property located at 2607 Salem Turnpike, N. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY .23 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 0 CHURCH AVENUE, S. E.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately .23 acres of City-owned property located at 0 Church Avenue, S. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY .018 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 715 FRANKLIN ROAD, S. W.: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately .018 acres of City-owned property located at 715 Franklin Road, S. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO ACTUAL LITIGATION: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Attorney as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

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CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO PROBABLE LITIGATION: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Attorney as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, 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 sale of City-owned property located at 5540 and 5550 Precision Circle, N. W., to the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, was before the body.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

2019 ANNUAL HOMELESS WINTER POINT-IN-TIME STREET AND HOMELESSNESS SURVEY REPORT: A communication from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development transmitting the 2019 Annual Homeless Winter Point-in-Time Street and Homelessness Survey Report, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the Annual Report be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Russell Thomas as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, effective immediately, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

FAIR HOUSING BOARD: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Antwyne Calloway as a member of the Fair Housing Board, effective immediately, was before the Council.

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

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Council Member Bestpitch moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM REGIONAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD-PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD-BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: Reports of qualifications of the following individuals were before the Council:

The Honorable Timothy A. Allen, City Sheriff, as the City representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board, for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

Pete Eshelman, Luke W. Priddy and Jared Rigby as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending March 31, 2022;

Lorena Wilson as a Citizen at Large representative of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022; and

Douglas Coffman as a Builder representative (member) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a term of office ending June 30, 2021.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the reports of qualifications be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

INITIATIVES OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE VALLEYS: Zenith Barrett, MPA, Senior Director of Business and Community Engagement; and Stephanie Hoer, Senior Director of Program Services, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, appeared before the Council to present an update on Goodwill's current initiatives.

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

Ms. Hoer stated that the mission of Goodwill was to provide people and families in the community a better life through work and independence; and is the largest non-profit provider of training and employment programs to individuals with disabilities and barriers in the nation.

Ms. Barrett advised that in 2018 Goodwill assisted 4,736 individuals in basic services such as accessing computer resources, resource rooms, conducting job searches and filling out online applications.

Ms. Hoer highlighted three Goodwill sponsored youth programs, noting that the youth HQ center on Melrose Avenue opened last June to middle and high school students to offer mentor services, meeting space, and entertainment opportunities; the summer youth to work program provides job training to ages 14 - 18, with 94 youth last year placed in local businesses and received hands on job training while earning a wage; and pointed out that in summer 2019 a week long career camp and local business tours would be additions to the program; and project search was a business led job training program offered to ages 16 - 21 that have a documented disability.

In terms of adult services, Ms. Hoer explained that Goodwill offered healthcare training, GoodStart prison re-entry program, supported employment, TANF support services, Jobs Plus program, information technology training, New Vision and Medicaid waiver services. She highlighted the GoodStart program noting that Goodwill worked with men and women ages 25 and over who have been released from prison within the last 6 months or currently incarcerated and qualify as low income. The program provides credential training in the areas of advanced manufacturing, information technology and culinary arts as well as support services and job placement to establish a foundation to build upon after exiting prison.

In conclusion, Ms. Hoer encouraged the Council to tour the Goodwill facility on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Osborne with regard to the item recycling program, Kelly Sandridge, Vice-President, Brand Strategy and External Affairs, advised that items such as clothing, books, shoes, computer equipment and small electronics could be bailed and sent off for recycling which produced revenue for support of Goodwill services.

Following general questions from the Council Members, Vice-Mayor Cobb expressed appreciation to Ms. Hoer and Ms. Barrett for an informative presentation and advised that the remarks would be received and filed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending the acceptance of the Summer Food Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Education.

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

Council Member Osborne offered the following resolution:

(#41430-050619) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of a Summer Food Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Education, and authorizing execution and attestation of any required documents on behalf of the City, in connection with such grant, under certain conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 320.)

Council Member Osborne moved adoption of Resolution No. 41430-050619. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41431-050619) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Federal Government, through the Virginia Department of Education, for the Summer Food Program, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2018 - 2019 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 321.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41431-050619. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

FOUNDATION FOR ROANOKE VALLEY GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Foundation for Roanoke Valley Grant funds in connection with the Social Services Central Intake Program.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41432-050619) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of a grant from The Bettie Nichols Guthrie Social Services Fund of Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia to the City of Roanoke on behalf of the City's Department of Human and Social Services (DSS), to be used to support the Crisis Housing Program, 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 80, page 322.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41432-050619. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

Council Member Osborne offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41433-050619) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley to provide additional rent and utility assistance to clients seeking services through the Central Intake program, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2018 - 2019 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 322.)

Council Member Osborne moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41433-050619. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

TINKER CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending authorization to commence right-of-way phase of the Tinker Creek Greenway Trail Phase II Project.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41434-050619) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City to commence work necessary for the Tinker Creek Greenway Trail Phase II Project (Project) from Fallon Park to Masons Mill Park, including but not limited to negotiations, survey, plat development and such other work needed to determine what property rights the City will need to acquire for the Project; authorizing City staff to acquire such property rights by negotiation for the City; authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate acquisition documents; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 323.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41434-050619. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Price was not present when vote was recorded.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Roanoke Public Libraries invites citizens to bring their 1940s photographs for possible use in a new History of Roanoke book.

- The Libraries will host several opportunities for community members to have their 1940s Roanoke photographs scanned for possible inclusion in a new book by Nelson Harris, covering the history of the Roanoke area in the 1940s.
- A list of the dates, times, and locations to bring your photos for scanning in May is posted under "Read About Roanoke," on the city's website homepage.

New "Art in Roanoke" sculptures are coming to Elmwood Park

- This month, sculptures for the third temporary art exhibit (Art in Roanoke) will be installed on the Artwalk in Elmwood Park.
- Installation will begin this week and conclude on May 17.
- Addressing the theme "Roanoke Rising," the works will be on display for two years.
- During Festival in the Park, May 25 - 26, viewers will have a chance to vote on their favorite piece and the winning artist will receive a People's Choice Award.
- More information is available by contacting the city's Arts and Culture Coordinator, Susan Jennings.

Movies in the Market begin on May 10

- This family-friendly entertainment is hosted in Market Square
- Recurs monthly on the 2nd Friday through August 9
- Kids activities begin at 6:00 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
- Admission is free
- May 10 Movie is "Incredibles 2"

Local Colors Annual Festival will be held on May 18

- This is the 29th annual celebration of the diverse ethnic heritages that call Roanoke home.
- The event will include more than 40 ethnic vendors, 15 live performances, beer garden, displays and exhibits, food from around the world.
- The location is in Elmwood Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Admission is free

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

BOOK CITY – ROANOKE: Council Member Bestpitch mentioned Doug Jackson, former Roanoke Arts Commission member, has a blog called "Book City - Roanoke", and encouraged citizens to check out the site and sign up for the monthly newsletter. He shared the blog was easy to find and it spoke about different talks and presentations that were happening in diverse parts of the Roanoke Valley, not just in the City of Roanoke. He noted from time to time organized groups read and discussed books.

He indicated that the first three Thursday evenings in May, the Main Library would host a discussion of the book "The Color of Law", that exposes how American governments deliberately imposed racial segregation on metropolitan areas nationwide, and those discriminatory patterns continue to this day.

Council Member Bestpitch was of the opinion that FHA Home loans were mortgage loans for persons with limited income who received financial assistance. Conversely, FHA Home loans provided financing for large suburb developments, as well as commercial shopping centers; adding most always with proviso that any properties developed would have restrictive covenants forbidding the sale of the home or property to any person of color, at any time in the future. He shared additional excerpts from the book that were compelling and important, and encouraged all to read.

Per Council Member Bestpitch, Mary Ann Gandee, retired chemistry teacher from Patrick Henry High School, and a member of the Roanoke Library Advisory Board and the Book City – Roanoke group, respectively, desired each City Council member to receive a copy of the book, which he distributed.

Council Member Bestpitch also announced the Points of Diversity newest program, “Changing the Narrative”, which would be presented at the Temple Emmanuel on Persinger Road, S. W., on Sunday, May 19 - June 9, which would address issues of racism and bias in the community.

NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH: Vice-Mayor Cobb announced that the month of May had been proclaimed Neighborhood Month.

VACANICES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL: NONE.

At 3:19 p.m., the Vice-Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council’s Conference Room, Room 451; and thereafter to be reconvened in the Council Chamber.

Council Member Price entered the Closed Meeting (3:30 p.m.).

At 6:13 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Vice-Mayor Cobb presiding and all Members of Council in attendance, with the exception of Mayor Lea.

Due to a personal interest regarding disposition of approximately 4.11 acres of City-owned property located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., Council Member Davis left the Closed Meeting prior to discussion; and requested that the following Statement of Conflict of Interest be entered into the record:

“STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST”

I, Michelle L. Davis, stated that I have a personal interest in Agenda Section 4, Consent Agenda Item C-3, of the 2:00 p.m. Session of City Council on May 6, 2019, regarding a communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of approximately 4.11 acres of City-owned property located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, because my employer, Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia, Inc., has an interest in property adjacent to the property situated at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W.

Based on this personal interest in this transaction, I did not participate at the closed session regarding this matter on May 6, 2019, and I will not participate in any further proceedings or discussions regarding this matter.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3112, Code of Virginia, I hereby acknowledge a conflict of interest in this matter and ask that the City Clerk accept this statement and make it a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Witness the following signature made this 13th day of May 2019.

S/Michelle L. Davis
Michelle L. Davis, Council Member"

(See Conflict of Interest Statement on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb announced that vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council was not discussed during the Closed Meeting, however the matter was carried over for discussion during the Special Meeting of the Council on Monday, May 13, 2019, immediately following the Recessed Meeting.

FIRST CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, regarding discussion and consideration of the disposition of approximately 4.11 acres of City-owned property located at 1201 Prillaman Avenue, N. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, Council Member Bestpitch 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 White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)(Council Member Davis abstained due to personal conflict of interest, whereby she left the Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m., prior to discussion.)

SECOND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Bestpitch 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, with the exception of the matter regarding vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Council. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davis, Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor Cobb-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

At 6:17 p.m., Vice-Mayor Cobb declared the Council meeting in recess until Monday, May 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, for adoption of the City of Roanoke Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Budget and any other measures as deemed appropriate.

The Recessed Meeting of Roanoke City Council was called to order on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., with Mayor Lea presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price, Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis 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; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

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

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

Mayor Lea expressed sincerest appreciation for all acts of kindness due to the passing of Lorraine Schoreter, mother-in-law.

Mayor Lea announced that the purpose of the recessed meeting was to adopt measures in connection with the City's Recommended 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year Budget, which takes effect July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING: The Director of Finance submitted a written communication to certify funding in accordance with paragraph (a) of Section 25.1 of the Charter of the City of Roanoke, as amended, and Sections 2-235 (e) and (f) Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, do hereby certify that funds required for the 2019 – 2020 General Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, Civic Facilities Fund, Parking Fund, Risk Management Fund, School Fund, School Food Fund and Grant Fund budgets will be available for appropriation.

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

Without objection, the Mayor advised that the Certification of Funding would be received and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX RATE: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending adoption and reaffirmation of the proposed real estate property tax rate of \$1.22 per \$100.00 of fair market value of such property, commencing July 1, 2019, and for each tax year thereafter.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#41435-051319) AN ORDINANCE adopting and reaffirming the real property tax rate as set forth in Article II of Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Roanoke and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book 80, page 324.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41435-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

FY 2020 FEE COMPENDIUM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FEE ADJUSTMENTS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending adjustment to the FY 2020 Fee Compendium for Fire-EMS, Parks and Recreation and Parking Facilities Fee.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41436-051319) A RESOLUTION amending the Roanoke Fire-EMS Fire Permit Inspection Fees to be charged by the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department; providing for an effective date; and directing amendment of the Fee Compendium.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 80, page 325.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41436-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41437-051319) A RESOLUTION amending certain fees and charges with regard to fire safety reinspections, amending the Fee Compendium, and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 80, page 326.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41437-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

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Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41438-051319) A RESOLUTION directing amendment of the Fee Compendium maintained by the Director of Finance and authorized and approved by the City Council by Resolution No. 32412-032795, adopted March 27, 1995, effective as of that date, by removing certain fees as set out below to be charged for Athletic Programs; Breckinridge Fitness Center; Jackson Fitness Center; Lucy Addison Fitness Center; Woodrow Wilson Middle School Fitness Center; National Guard Armory; Victory Stadium Parking Lot; and Other Miscellaneous Programs; amending certain fees as set out below to be charged for Elmwood Park and Amphitheater; Facility Rentals; Miscellaneous Item Rentals; and Recreation Center Programs; and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 80, page 327.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41438-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41439-051319) AN ORDINANCE providing for an amendment of the fees and violations charged at the City owned and/or controlled parking facilities, namely: Campbell Garage, Center in the Square Garage, Church Avenue Garage, Elmwood Park Garage, Elmwood Lot, Gainsboro Garage, Higher Education Lot, Market Garage, Market Lot, Tower Garage, and Warehouse Row Lot providing for an amendment of certain fees for late payment or nonpayment of such parking fees; establishing an effective date of such fees and violations charged at the City owned and/or controlled parking facilities; authorizing the City Manager to issue guidelines to implement, administer, and enforce such fees; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book 80, page 335.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41439-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41440-051319) A RESOLUTION directing amendment of the Fee Compendium; and establishing an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book 80, page 348.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41440-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ANNUAL GENERAL, STORMWATER UTILITY, CIVIC FACILITIES, PARKING, RISK MANAGEMENT, SCHOOL GENERAL, SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES AND GRANT FUND APPROPRIATIONS: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance regarding the adoption of Annual General, Stormwater Utility, Civic Facilities, Parking, Risk Management, School General, School Food Services and Grant Fund appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

(#41441-051319) AN ORDINANCE adopting the annual General, Stormwater Utility, Civic Facilities, Parking, Risk Management, School General, School Food Services, Grant Funds, and State Asset Sharing Program Appropriations of the City of Roanoke for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 360.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41441-051319. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ADOPTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAY PLAN ORDINANCE: Council Member Price offered the following ordinance establishing a Pay Plan for officers, employees, Council-appointed officers and Constitutional Officers of the City; and authorization for certain salary adjustments and merit increases and monthly stipends for certain board and commission members, effective July 1, 2019:

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(#41442-051319) AN ORDINANCE to adopt and establish a Pay Plan for officers, employees, Council appointed officers and Constitutional Officers of the City effective July 1, 2019; providing for certain salary adjustments; authorizing various annual pay supplements for certain officers and employees; providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 368.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41442-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE FOR FY 2020 – 2024: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending endorsement and concurrence in recommendations for a certain update to the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program for the City of Roanoke for Fiscal Years 2020 – 2024 in the recommended amount totaling \$174,784,311.00.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41443-051319) A RESOLUTION endorsing the update to the Capital Improvement Program submitted by the City Manager in the City Council Agenda Report of May 13, 2019.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 376.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41443-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Osborne offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41444-051319) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding for the FY 2020 - 2024 Update to the Capital Improvement Program, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 General, Capital Projects, and Grant Funds Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 376.)

Council Member Osborne moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41444-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 – 2020 HUD ANNUAL PLAN: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending submission of the approved 2019 – 2020 Annual Update to HUD to the 2015 – 2019/20 Consolidated Plan for final review and approval.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41445-051319) A RESOLUTION approving the 2019 - 2020 Annual Update ("Annual Update") to the 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan and authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to submit the approved Annual Update to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for final review and approval, and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents pertaining to such Annual Update.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 378.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41445-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

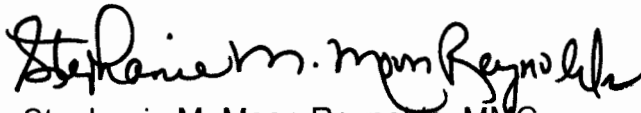
AYES: Council Member Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

Following expressions of appreciation to the City Administration and staff regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of the 2019 - 2020 budget process, Mayor Lea declared the Council meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
