

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

June 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in joint session with the Roanoke City School Board on Monday, June 3, 2019, 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. 41181-070218 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 2, 2018.

PRESENT: Council Members Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis (arrived late), Djuna L. Osborne, and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-6.

ABSENT: Council Member Anita J. Price-1.

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

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum. He advised that Council Member Price would be in attendance at the 2:00 p.m. session of Council.

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES PRESENT: William B. Hopkins, Jr., Elizabeth C. S. Jamison, Laura D. Rottenborn, Lutheria H. Smith, Richard M. Willis, Jr., and Chairman Annette M. Lewis-6.

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mark K. Cathey-1.

Representing Roanoke City Public Schools: Dr. Rita D. Bishop, Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools; Timothy R. Spencer, Senior City Attorney and Legal Counsel of Roanoke City Schools; and Cindy H. Poulton, Clerk of the Roanoke City School Board.

At this point, Council Member Davis entered the meeting. (9:05 a.m.)

SCHOOLS: Mayor Lea welcomed everyone to the last joint meeting of City Council and the Roanoke City School Board during the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year. He mentioned it was Chairman Lewis' last joint meeting as a School Board Trustee and called upon the School Board Chairman for remarks; whereupon, Chairman Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed appreciation for the work the School Board accomplished during her tenure. At this point, the following agenda items were discussed by the School Board and City Council:

School/Business Internships:

Mike Altizer, Western Virginia Water Authority, provided information with regard to the internship program with Roanoke County Schools, pointing out currently 28 apprentices assisted in businesses. He mentioned the Western Virginia Water Authority would provide training, safety gear, etc., and the Program introduces the student to a structured work environment teaching soft skills as well.

In closing, Mr. Altizer officially invited the members of the School Board and City Council to visit the facility and see the simulator in action.

Comments from Forest Park Academy Graduates:

Dr. Eric Anderson, Principal, Forest Park Academy, gave a brief overview of the Forest Park Academy mission, which was the Roanoke City Schools Superintendent vision; and to date the Academy has helped over 1,300 students achieve the requirements for a Virginia Standard Diploma. He shared an email from a former student who embodied Forest Park Academy.

Following stories from Nakiya Becks and Zachary Bowman expressing their experiences at Forest Park Academy and aspirations for the future, Chairman Lewis and Vice-Mayor Cobb offered positive comments.

Research data regarding School to Prison Pipeline:

Drs. Gerard Lawson and Laura Welfare, Associate Professors in the Counselor Education Program at Virginia Tech, shared data regarding the School to Prison Pipeline.

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

Following comments by Tasha Steele, Director of School Counseling, Mayor Lea thanked Drs. Lawson and Welfare for an informative presentation.

Roles and Responsibilities of School Resource Officers; Response to the Recommendation from the General Assembly Select Committee on School Security; and School Resource Officers and School Security Officers for the 2019 - 2020 School Year:

Christopher C. Perkins, Roanoke City Schools Chief of Security, offered an update regarding the roles and responsibilities of school resource officers. He explained the School administrators were to discipline the students, not resource officers, adding all school resource officers attend a 16-hour training event geared toward restorative justice and interaction of people, and how actions influence an individual.

Following additional dialogue with regard to the abovementioned matters, Council Member Bestpitch requested information about completion of the Memorandum of Understanding process.

What are the Roles and Responsibilities of "School Counselors"; how many at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools for the 2019-2020 School Year:

The Director of School Counseling defined school counselors, noting guidance counselors and school counselors were the same with a focus on social, emotional, personal as well as academic components of the student. She added the school psychologists support the special education role and complete tests required to determine if a student needs an Individualized Education Program (IEP); and school social workers traditionally support special education and work primarily with the social history of the student.

Lastly, Ms. Steele mentioned the School Division was implementing a new model of School social workers, primarily to bridge school and home; and effective July 1, legislation will also require school counselors to provide 80 percent of their time in direct services to children.

Council Member Bestpitch added that all guidance counselors should encourage every student to explore the many options available and programs offered at Virginia Western Community College, which does not require a four-year college degree, but could provide excellent career opportunities.

In conclusion, Ms. Steele provided additional talking points to counseling staff to ensure everyone understood the goal was to launch children to the next level and to help them believe in themselves.

Trauma Informed Program:

Ms. Steele gave a briefing regarding the Trauma Informed Program, explaining all staff, including the resource officers and counseling staff have participated in the Program in an effort to provide additional support to families and students in the City Schools.

Employment of School Counselors:

Ms. Steele advised most of the elementary schools have one school counselor, middle schools have two or three school counselors, seven at Patrick Henry High and six at William Fleming High and additional counselors would be added based on need as well as increased enrollments, for the State requires one counselor for every 455 students in elementary schools.

In response to an inquiry with regard to counselor certifications, Ms. Steele replied that counselors have a Master's Degree and can obtain the Licensed Special Counselor designation.

Fine Arts Update:

Cari C. Gates, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, highlighted the Fine Arts Program in the City schools. She plans to forward a Fine Arts Schedule to the Council that outlines events.

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

Update on student homelessness:

Dr. Bishop advised approximately 731 students were homeless, adding homelessness does not indicate living on the streets. It meant the student did not have a defined address.

She continued stating that the school division has a Homeless Correlator to provide things for students like temporary housing, stability to remain in the same school and even assisting with laundry; and highlighted a program at the both high schools in which students help students to provide temporary items ranging from school supplies to coats.

Council Member White-Boyd inquired as to the measures taken to reduce the number of homeless students; whereupon, Ms. Steele replied that the school division works with the City and United Way to secure stable housing as well as pay utility bills or rent to keep students in their current housing.

School Board Trustee Smith stated that perhaps the question at hand was how to tackle poverty and homelessness more broadly and advised that poverty was multifaceted and housing was one piece of that and as a school district think about the insecurity of housing in the strategy versus just simply the high definition for funding.

Bullying and Outcomes of Anti-bullying Efforts:

Council Member Davis commented that many instances of bullying did not occur during the school day and occurred more on social media after hours, but responsibility fell on the school system for something that may not be controllable. She inquired of the schools' current anti-bullying efforts.

Dr. Bishop advised that cyber-bullying was real and terrible that a reputation could be ruined in 20 keystrokes and spoke on a bullying hotline (540) 853-1700 in which kids can report bullying in which every allegation would be investigated thoroughly.

Expansion of Recess Times:

School Board Trustee Hopkins advised that the current recess times were sufficient and appropriate and presented a report to Council Member Osborne for review.

No Smoking Laws, effective July 1, 2019:

Effective July 1, 2019, School Board Trustee Willis advised no smoking would be allowed on school grounds; and asked for the Roanoke Parks and Recreation support to ensure that people utilizing the facilities for any activity will not smoke or use any type of tobacco.

Recognition of Annette Lewis as Chairman and Member of the Roanoke City School Board:

Several Council Members offered kind words and sentiments to Annette Lewis for it was her last meeting as Chairman and Trustee of the Roanoke City School Board.

Chairman Lewis commented that she served with a strong board and thanked the Council for their support and Dr. Bishop for her leadership.

There being no further business, Chairman Lewis declared the School Board meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Lea declared the Council meeting in recess at 11:42 a.m.

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At 11:59 a.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Lea presiding, and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Council Members Davis and Price. The following Items for Action were before the Council:

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; and appointments/reappointments of City Council assignments, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(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 Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

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

At this point, Council Member Davis entered the meeting. (12:00 p.m.)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD: A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the process and criteria for the Citizen of the Year Award process, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

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:

Comprehensive Plan Update

Wayne Leftwich, Senior City Planner, Planning, Building and Development, updated Council on the City Plan 2040 and highlighted the following items:

- Comprehensive Plan
- What's In It?
- Public Meetings
- Survey
- Community Response Report Update
- Working groups
- Livable Built Environment
- Harmony with Nature
- Resilient Economy
- Healthy Community
- Responsible Regionalism
- Interwoven Equity
- Going Forward
- G4G Grant
- Planning Process

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

Council Member Bestpitch asked if any concerns had been expressed with regard to the complete neighborhoods idea; whereupon, Mr. Leftwich replied that no concerns had been received.

Council Member Bestpitch further commented that in addition to combining activities and initiatives, focus on communication and collaboration so that obtaining public information may be more collaborative, and endorse the concept of ongoing efforts in order to address the equity question.

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Following further comments by the Council regarding Interwoven Equity and more diverse communities throughout the Roanoke Valley, Mayor Lea received and filed the remarks.

Single Stream Recycling Program Update

Bob Bengtson, Director, Public Works, briefed the Council on the Single Stream Recycling Program and highlighted the following topics:

- Dual Stream to Single Stream
- Solid Waste Program
- Current Contract
- Recycling Industry Today
- Market Impact on Vendor
- Direct Cost to Continue Recycling
- Future Uncertain
- Next Steps

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

Mr. Bengtson provided background information with regard to the Program and advised that the City have a contract with Recycling & Disposal Solutions (RDS) for a term of five years, with up to five additional one-year terms at a rate of \$34.55 per ton times 700 tons per month to equal \$290,220.00 annually.

After reviewing the next steps, he concluded that staff would continue community education and outreach efforts on unacceptable items to recycle; and if Council was inclined to continue the program, a proposed contract amendment for the additional \$39.00 per ton could be included on the June 17 Council agenda for action, with a retroactive date of June 1.

Following comments from the Council, the consensus was to place the matter on the June 17 Council agenda for action.

At 1:00 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council Meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting to be held in the Council's Conference Room, Room 451, 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 Lea presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price 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 The Reverend David Sesay, Pastor, House of Love International Ministry.

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

Mayor Lea announced that the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address would be Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, N. W. All interested persons wishing to attend, may contact the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce at 540-983-0700.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ROANOKE CITY POLICE OFFICERS: The Mayor recognized Police Chief Timothy Jones, Sergeant Gayle Combs and Roanoke City Police Officers Devin Moore, Vincent Haddox and David Lyle who rescued a gentleman in crisis.

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

VEHICLE DAMAGE FROM A CITY TREE: Chris Craft, President, Wildwood Civic League, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E. appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to his vehicle being damaged from a City tree that had not been pruned.

PROMOTE BICYCLING IN THE ROANOKE VALLEY: Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and urged the promotion of bicycling in the Roanoke Valley.

PERVASIVE GLOBAL ACT: R. L. Cook, appeared before the Council and spoke about an increase in awareness regarding the targeting of victims of the Pervasive Global Act.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, May 6, 2019; recessed until Monday, May 13, 2019; and on Monday, May 20, 2019, were before the body.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

GENERAL FUND AND CIVIC FACILITIES BUDGETS: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 17, 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, for approval of adjustments to the General Fund and Civic Facilities budgets, was before the body.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignations of the Reverend Timothy Harvey and Aaron Deane as Citizen at Large members of the Youth Services Citizen Board, effective immediately, were before the Council.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved that the resignations be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION: Report of qualification of Jeremy Butterfield as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022, was before the Council.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved that the report of qualification be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP: Pete Eshelman, Director, Outdoor Branding, Roanoke Regional Partnership, appeared before the Council and presented the current State of the Outdoors Report.

(For full text, see State of the Outdoors Report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Eshelman advised that the outdoors was an \$887 billion industry, employing one in 20 people and providing 197,000 jobs, adding \$21.9 billion consumer spending and \$1.2 billion State and local tax revenue in Virginia. He spoke about the greenways and Blueways, highlighting over ten years, 17.4 miles of greenways have been constructed in an effort to connect the region.

He further explained not everyone is connected to the outdoors, and to be inclusive, the Outdoors Foundation has collaborated with Big Brothers Big Sisters and The Humble Hustle Company to create programs. He concluded that the outdoors was the fabric, which connected everyone and should continue to be an asset.

Following several comments, accolades and an inquiry about reserving a portion of the greenway for walking pedestrians, the presentation was received and filed.

ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES: Kate Lewis, Chair, Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, appeared before the Council and presented the Annual State of the Neighborhoods Report and highlighted the following information:

- Neighborhood Status Reports
 - Airlee Court Neighborhood
 - Wildwood Civic League
 - Riverland/Walnut Hills Neighbors
 - Belmont Neighborhood Association
 - Riverdale Farm Neighborhood Association
 - Southeast Action Forum
 - Starview Heights Neighborhood Watch
 - Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Organization
 - Old Southwest, Inc. Neighborhood Association
 - Norwich Neighborhood Alliance
 - Grandin Village Business Association
 - Raleigh Court Neighborhood Association
 - Friends of South Roanoke
 - Melrose-Orange Target Area
 - Melrose Rugby
 - NNEO - Northwest Neighborhood Environmental Organization
 - Mountain View
 - Greater Grandview Area Neighborhood Watch Association
 - Hurt Park Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.
- Organizations that do not meet regularly or on as need basis:
 - Garst Farms Neighborhood Watch
 - Lakewood Park Neighborhood Watch
- Organizations that no longer meet:
 - Miller Court Neighborhood Alliance
- Organizations that the RNA was unable to obtain a report for:

- RRHA Joint Residents Council/Residents Council
- NNIC
- Grandin Court Neighborhood Association
- Gainsboro SW Community Organization

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

Ms. Lewis advised that it was recently requested that the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates be reduced from 13 to nine members to be more effective; to report to the Council three times per year with one instance being a work session; and realignment of the Board into quadrant areas to be more aware of matters in the specific neighborhood meetings.

With concurrence in the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates recommendation, Vice-Mayor Cobb suggested the City Attorney draft a measure to reduce the size of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates from 13 to nine members.

Following comments by Council Members Davis and Osborne regarding momentum and attendance at meetings, respectively, the Mayor advised that the Annual Report would be received and filed.

GUN VIOLENCE: Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution regarding an appointment of a gun task force:

(#41454-060319) A RESOLUTION appointing a task force to review current community practices regarding reduction of gun violence and make recommendations to City Council to further reduce incidents of gun violence within our community.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 393.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41454-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch.

Vice-Mayor Cobb expressed excitement in creating a task force to reduce gun violence because incidents take place too frequently creating trauma and deep pain among individuals, families, neighborhoods and the City as a whole. He pointed out the task force's mission will be to address the root cause, challenges and current community practices in place, and to report to the Council, in six months, realistic recommendations for short-term and long-term. He thanked those individuals who agreed to serve on the task force, adding it was a representative and inclusive group of people that could be a model for other localities.

Mayor Lea commended the Vice-Mayor for his efforts in building the task force and his commitment to the epidemic of gun violence.

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Following additional comments from Council Members Price and Davis with regard to gun violence, Resolution No. 41454-060319 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Mayor Lea read a prepared statement encouraging all citizens to wear orange on June 7 in observance of the 5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day. He wanted to demonstrate commitment to those who have suffered the consequences of gun violence and no longer let communities be defined by gun violence by reclaiming the values that make a community, standing together, weeping together, talking together and working together to find effective solutions to end the epidemic of gun violence.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT COALITION GRANT EXTENSION: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of an Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Participants grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41455-060319) 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. 80, page 395.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41455-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41456-060319) 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 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 396.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41456-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT IN SPECIFIED SCHOOL ZONES: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval to decrease speed limit in certain school zones, effective August 15, 2019.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#41457-060319) AN ORDINANCE establishing a decreased speed limit for certain school zones in the City; establishing 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 397.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41457-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd.

Following comments by Council Members regarding proposed signage and enforcement of speed limit in school zones, Ordinance No. 41457-060319 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending concurrence and approval of the Roanoke Arts Commission allocation funding to specific arts and culture agencies for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41458-060319) A RESOLUTION concurring with and approving the recommendations of the Roanoke Arts Commission's ("Arts Commission") allocation of City funds to various nonprofit agencies for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 399.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41458-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41459-060319) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding to specific Art Commission agencies, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 - 2020 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 400.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41459-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CODE AND FEE COMPENDIUM: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code and Fee Compendium in connection with dockless mobility operations.

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

Council Member Price offered the following ordinance:

(#41460-060319) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 20-65, Parking prohibited in specified places, Division 1, Generally, of Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking; Section 20-131, Definition, age of operation, Division 1, Generally, Section 20-136, Impoundment of abandoned or unregistered electric power-assisted bicycles and mopeds, Division 2, Registration, Section 20-148, Compliance with traffic signals, Section 20-149, Hand on handlebars, Section 20-150, Riding on sidewalks, Section 20-151, Reckless riding, Section 20-152, Carrying other persons, Section 20-153, Holding on to moving vehicle, Section 20-154, Hand signals, Section 20-155, Method of riding, Section 20-156, Brakes, Section 20-157, Lamps, Section 20-158, Riding out of lanes, alleys and driveways, Section 20-159, Law enforcement officers, and Section 20-161, Persons riding upon mopeds, Division 3, Operation, of Article VII, Mopeds, Bicycles and Electric Power-Assisted Bicycles, of Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; adding Section 20-162, Parking mopeds, Division 3, Operation, of Article VII, Mopeds, Bicycles and Electric Power-Assisted Bicycles, and Section 20-163, Permit requirement, Division 4, Dockless Mobility Operations, of Article VII, Mopeds, Bicycles and Electric Power-Assisted Bicycles, of Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; amending and reordaining Section 30-13.1, Use of wheelbarrows, handcarts, bicycles, skates, etc., on sidewalks, of Article 1, In General, of Chapter 30, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended; 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 402.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41460-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd.

Vice-Mayor Cobb inquired as to the prohibition of motorized bikes and scooters and exceptions to the rule; whereupon, Chris Chittum, Director, Planning, Building and Development advised that the current rule in place was no form of powered devices were permitted on greenways, adding that the amendment parallels what was currently in place; however, a separate discussion needed to be held with the community.

There being no additional comments by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41460-060319 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41461-060319) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to create a new fee for a dockless mobility operation permit and application fee for same.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 414.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41461-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Deyerle Road, S. W., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41462-060319) AN ORDINANCE providing for the acquisition of real property rights needed by the City in connection with the Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project – Deyerle Road, S. W. (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 415.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41462-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROANOKE AND GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT COMPANY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate dated January 23, 2019 between the City of Roanoke and Greater Roanoke Transit Company, to extend the inspection period to August 30, 2019, in connection with the Sale of Campbell Court.

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

Mayor Lea called attention to a personal conflict of interest by Council Member Davis, previously noted at the January 22, 2019 Council meeting regarding the abovementioned matter.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41463-060319) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Roanoke, Virginia and Greater Roanoke Transit Company ("City and GRTC Exchange Agreement") to provide for (i) the sale and transfer of the GRTC Relocation Parcels, as described below, to Greater Roanoke Transit Company ("GRTC") from the City of Roanoke, Virginia ("City"), and (ii) the acquisition of Campbell Court, as described below, by the City from GRTC; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 416.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41463-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Davis abstained from voting due to a personal conflict of interest.)

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROANOKE AND HIST:RE PARTNERS, LLC: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate dated January 23, 2019, between the City of Roanoke and Hist:Re Partners, LLC, to extend the inspection period to August 30, 2019 in connection with the Sale of Campbell Court.

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

Mayor Lea called attention to a personal conflict of interest by Council Member Davis, previously noted at the January 22, 2019 Council meeting regarding the abovementioned matter.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41464-060319) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Roanoke, Virginia (“City) and Hist:Re Partners, LLC (“Developer”) (“City and Developer Exchange Agreement”) to provide for (i) the sale and transfer of Campbell Court, as described below, from the City to Developer; and (ii) the acquisition of the Future Rail Station Parcels, as described below, by the City from Developer; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 418.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41464-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Davis abstained from voting due to a personal conflict of interest.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Cooling Assistance Program Begins June 15

- The Department of Social Services will facilitate this program for city residents
- Cooling assistance provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment.
- Eligibility is determined by a specific criteria
- Applications will be accepted online and at local departments of Social Services from June 15 to Aug. 15.
- To provide easier access to individuals who wish to apply for the program, from June 17 to June 20 Social Services will place representatives at specific locations in the city.
- Those locations and other information about the program are available on the city's homepage – www.roanokeva.gov – under “Read About Roanoke”

A Reminder to Event Organizers and Residents

- Summer is a great time to hold an event in the City.
- With this in mind, the City reminds organizers and planners that the city's Special Events Policy requires a Public Assembly Permit for special events that utilize public spaces, such as streets, greenways, public parks, and plazas.
- In addition, the use of City greenways, parks, and plazas requires coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department, and use of a public right-of-way (such as a street or sidewalk) requires coordination with Public Works.
- Before you plan an event, please contact our Public Works Department at 853-5482 and fill out an Assembly Permit so staff can help you with this in advance.

Movies in the Market

- The next movie – "Bumblebee" – will be shown on Friday, June 14
- This is a free, family-friendly event in Market Square designed to bring residents into our downtown
The movie begins at dusk, with kids activities beginning around 6:00 p.m.

The City Manager also commented about the tragedy that occurred Friday, May 31, 2019 in Virginia Beach, and asked the citizens to continue to keep our fellow public servants in Virginia Beach and their families in our thoughts and prayers; and to keep supporting and looking out for one another, as well as doing what we do every day – delivering excellent services to our community..

At this point, Council Member Osborne left the meeting. (4:16 p.m.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: The Roanoke City School Board submitted a written report requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and the City Manager submitted a written report recommending that Council concur in the request.

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

Council Member Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41465-060319) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth and private grant for various educational programs, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2018 - 2019 School Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book 80, page 421.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41465-060319. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

RICHFIELD LIVING: On behalf of the Economic Development Authority, Harwell M. Darby, Jr., Counsel, submitted a written report recommending issuance of revenue bonds, not to exceed \$45 million, for Richfield Living to construct a skilled nursing facility in Roanoke City.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41466-060319) A RESOLUTION approving, solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act (as hereinafter defined), the issuance of bonds in an amount up to \$45,000,000.00 by the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia for the purpose of financing a project proposed by Richfield Living; and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book 80, page 423.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41466-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

CITY PAY PLAN: Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance amending the City Pay Plan Ordinance No. 41442-051319 adopted on May 13, 2019, providing for an effective date of June 3, 2019:

(#41467-060319) AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 41442-051319, which adopted and established a Pay Plan for officers and employees of the City effective July 1, 2019; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 425.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41467-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

3024 MAYWOOD ROAD, S. W.: Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance amending and reordaining Ordinance No. 41448-052019 to correct a scrivener's error:

(#41468-060319) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Ordinance No. 41448-052019, which ordinance authorized the encroachment of three retaining walls on and within a portion of the public right of way located along Maywood Avenue, S. W., and adjacent to real property located at 3024 Maywood Road, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, bearing Roanoke Official Tax Map No. 1070805 ("Property"), at the request of Anthony James McNeeney and Elin Rohani a/k/a Elin McNeeney (collectively "Owner"), the owner of the Property, to correct a scrivener's error, upon certain terms and conditions; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 427.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41468-060319. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

MOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: As Chair of City's Legislative Committee, Council Member Bestpitch gave an update regarding the renewal of the contract for a Legislative Aide to assist the City in developing legislative requests for presentation to the Virginia General Assembly. He noted it had been determined to reissue the RFP for comparison and contrast purposes, and thereafter make a recommendation, prior to moving forward. The City should begin formulating legislative requests for the 2020 General Assembly Session, adding the Legislative Committee will meet on August 6 at Fallon Park Elementary School, immediately following the Joint Meeting of City Council and School Board.

PRIDE MONTH: Vice-Mayor Cobb called attention to the month of June being LGBTQ Pride Month.

VACANICES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL. See Below.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Davis 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 Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of D. Jeffry Parkhill as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals ending June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of D. Jeffry Parkhill.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Parkhill was reappointed as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MR. PARKHILL: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of Madeline Sefcik as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board ending November 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Andrew Kohler.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Kohler was appointed to replace Madeline Sefcik as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board for a four-year term of office, commencing December 1, 2019, and ending November 30, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MR. KOHLER: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year terms of office of Mary Kegley, Whitney Feldmann, and David Perry as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board ending June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Mary Kegley, Whitney Feldmann, and David Perry.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Kegley, Ms. Feldmann, and Mr. Perry were reappointed as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for four-year terms of office, each, commencing December 1, 2019, and ending November 30, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MS. KEGLEY, MS. FELDMAN AND MR. PERRY: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year terms of office of Donald Dillard (City Employee), Richard Morrison (Retired City Employee), and Gloria P. Manns (Citizen at Large) as members of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission ending June 30, 2019. Inasmuch as Mr. Dillard has served three consecutive terms of office, and therefore, is not eligible for reappointment, Mayor Lea opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Deputy Police Chief Chester Smith, Richard Morrison and Gloria P. Manns.

There being no further nominations, Deputy Police Chief Smith was appointed to replace Donald Dillard (City Employee); and Mr. Morrison (Retired City Employee) and Ms. Manns (Citizen at Large) were reappointed as members of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF SMITH, MR. MORRISON AND MS. MANNS: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Tom Roller as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission ending November 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Thomas Page.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Page was appointed to replace Tom Roller as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MR. PAGE: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne absent.)

ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year terms of office of Benjamin Bazak, Marianne Gandee and Jane Field as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board ending June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Benjamin Bazak, Marianne Gandee and Jane Field.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Bazak, Ms. Gandee and Ms. Field were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MR. BAZAK, MS. GANDEE AND MS. FIELD: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY: The Mayor advised that the initial appointment of Robert S. Cowell, Jr., to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Bowers as the Roanoke City Appointee of the Western Virginia Water Authority should have expired on June 30, 2019; however, the incorrect term expires on June 30, 2021. Inasmuch as the Oath of Office denoted the term ending June 30, 2021, it was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Cowell be reappointed for an additional two-year term of office ending June 30, 2023, in order to coincide with a four-year term of office, by the following vote:

FOR MR. COWELL: Council Members White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

The following reappointments/appointments were noted regarding the 2019 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees:

Virginia Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy Committee:
Council Member White-Boyd as the Elected Official representative and Christopher Blakeman, Environmental Manager, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Human Development and Education Policy Committee:
Council Member Price as the Elected Official representative and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League General Laws Committee:
Council Member Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative and Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee:
Vice-Mayor Cobb as the Elected Official representative and Mark Jamison, Transportation Manager, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Economic Development Policy Committee:
Council Member Osborne as the Elected Official representative and Robert Ledger as the Staff representative.

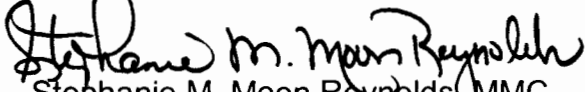
Virginia Municipal League Finance Policy Committee:
Council Member Davis as the Elected Official representative and Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance, as the Staff representatives.

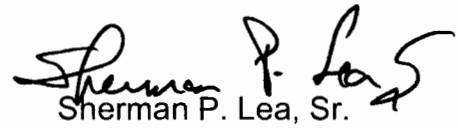
Virginia Municipal League Legislative Committee:
Mayor Lea – Elected Official representative.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the Council meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:


Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC
City Clerk


Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
