ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

March 7, 2016

9:00 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2016, 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, 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. 40280-070615 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 6, 2015, with Mayor David A. Bowers presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Sherman P. Lea, Court G. Rosen, David B. Trinkle, William D. Bestpitch, Raphael E. Ferris, and Mayor David A. Bowers-6.

ABSENT: Council Member Anita J. Price-1.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

CITY COUNCIL: A communication from Mayor David A. Bowers 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.)

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

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

CITY COUNCIL: A communication from Council Member Sherman P. Lea, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the annual performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, 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 Lea moved that Council concur in the request as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned properties together with buildings and improvements thereon, situated at 119 and 117 Norfolk Avenue, S. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining 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 to convene in Closed Meeting as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea.

Vice-Mayor Trinkle advised of a personal conflict of interest, noting although he is employed with Carilion Health Systems, he is able to participate in any discussion and action; and he read the following statement into record:

"STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, David B. Trinkle, state that I have a personal interest in the request of the City Manager to convene a closed meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned properties, together with buildings and improvements thereon, situated at 119 and 117 Norfolk Avenue, S. W., designated as Official Tax Map Nos. 1010306 and 1010307, respectively, because my employer, Carilion Clinic, is a member of Warehouse Lending, L. L. C., the lender involved in this project. Pursuant to Section 2.2.-3112.C., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, I may participate in the deliberations on this matter and vote on this matter because my vote may be essential to a constitutional majority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 15.2-2100.

I ask that the City Clerk accept this statement and ask that it be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Witness the following signature made this 7th day of March, 2016.

S/David B. Trinkle
David B. Trinkle
Vice-Mayor and Member of Council"

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

There being no additional comments, Council's concurrence in the request for Closed Meeting was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY-COUNTRYSIDE: A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located at 2100 Countryside Road, N. W., an approximately 20-acre portion, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining 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 Rosen moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager to convene in Closed Meeting as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located at 1015 Jamison Avenue, S. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining 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 Ferris moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager to convene in Closed Meeting as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-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:

Star City Reads Program Update

Sheila Umberger, Director of the Libraries, gave an update on the Star City Reads Program and the progress made since its implementation.

In summary, Ms. Umberger announced the Library had won the 2015 Pacesetter Award, which was given to seven communities (out of 240) which had made significant progress in all areas of community planning. The City Manager alluded that the award places the City of Roanoke in a good position for consideration of another All-America City Award.

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

Mayor Bowers inquired about data collection and analysis regarding Pre-K, transient and diversity statistics; whereupon, the Superintendent of Roanoke City Schools stated that Virginia's pre-school initiative statistics were higher than other states and there was no substitute to having students in good Pre-K programs.

In conclusion, Mayor Bowers thanked Ms. Umberger and her team, and noted that the presentation would be received and filed.

Citizen Survey Results 2015

Dr. Susan Willis, Director and Senior Research Scientist, Virginia Tech Center for Survey Research, shared data in connection with the City's 2015 Survey.

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

Following inquiries and comments by the Council, Mayor Bowers stated that the presentation would be received and filed.

FY17 Budget/Financial Planning Work Session

Amelia Merchant, Director, Management and Budget, and the Director of Finance presented the following outline on the FY 2016 - 2017 budget development process and recommendations and highlighted the following topics:

- **Budgeting for Outcomes Process Update**
- **Summary – February 1st**
  On February 1 the requests totaled $286.9 million compared to a price of government of $277.3 million with a variance of $9.6 million and since that time many adjustments have been made to the offers, but a great deal of work remained for the budget committee to align the available resources with the offer requests.
- **Revenue Estimate by Major Category Fiscal Year 2017**
  Since the February briefing there had been about a $1.3 million increase in revenue and an estimated additional growth by $1 million in general properties from the personal property as well as sales taxes in automobiles, but information was still being reviewed as the budget process continues.
- **$6.6 Million Increase in FY17 Revenues over FY16 Adopted Budget**
- **FY17 School Funding over FY16 Adopted Budget**
  School funding had increased about $560,000.00, and overall the City could expect an increase of about $440,000.00.
  In response to an inquiry if the increase in the taxes provided a more favorable outlook versus last year, an overall the taxes were experiencing growth and better projections than the majority of other revenues, primarily the ones the City were dependent upon.
- **The Vision**
- **City of Roanoke Priorities:**
  - Education
    Total Offers: $1,836,069.00 Increase from FY16: $62,902.00
  - Safety
    Total Offers: $68,411,409.00 Increase from FY16: $1,950,574.00
  - Human Services
    Total Offers: $37,725,896.00 Increase from FY16: $889,475.00
  - Infrastructure
    Total Offers: $22,896,399.00 Increase from FY16: $1,787,766.00
  - Good Government
    Total Offers: $18,119,445.00 Increase from FY16: $595,011.00
  - Livability
    Total Offers: $16,121,534.00 Increase from FY16: $582,635.00
  - Economy
    Total Offers: $1,418,896.00 Increase from FY16: $149,452.00

In response to an inquiry of how many positions were to be reinstated in the Sheriff's Department, Ms. Merchant replied that there were ten positions unfunded due to lost revenue from the Commonwealth, which are the positions held vacant through attrition.

- **Budget Committee Review**
- **Outside Agencies**
  Inquiries regarding specific funding for Council of Community Services, Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare. Ms. Merchant to provide a response prior to the April 4 scheduled briefing.
  (See copy of communication dated March 31, 2016)
- **Reserved Allocations**
- **Summary – March 7th**
  In response to inquiry as to the information on the multiyear commitment made to the Museum of Transportation and the Jefferson Center, Ms. Merchant explained that although the information was not listed in the current presentation today, it was reviewed in the last briefing and noted that fiscal 2017 would be the final allocation for the YMCA, the fourth payment for the Museum of Transportation as well as the fourth payment for the Jefferson Center out of five total payments.
- **Capital Project Planning**
- **Debt Issuance Planning FY 2017-2021**
- **One-Time Funding Requests**
- **Next Steps**
  The next briefing is scheduled for April 4 during the City Council informal session; the balanced budget to be presented at the April 18 Council meeting at 2:00 p.m.; the budget public hearing on Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., and thereafter, adoption of the budget at a recessed meeting on May 12 at 2:00 p.m.

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

There being no further comments and/or questions from the Council Members, the Mayor advised that the briefing would be received and filed.

At 12:15 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council Meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting in Council's Conference Room, Room 451, and thereafter to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 2:00 p.m., the Council meeting was reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Bowers presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Sherman P. Lea, Court G. Rosen, David B. Trinkle, William D. Bestpitch, Raphael E. Ferris, and Mayor David A. Bowers-6.

ABSENT: Council Member Anita J. Price -1.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Bowers.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

PROCLAMATIONS: The Mayor declared March 7 as Andolyn Medina Day.

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

Mayor Bowers presented a ceremonial copy of the proclamation to Andolyn Medina, 2016 Miss Roanoke Valley.

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Mayor Bowers recognized the students from Boston University hosted by the Roanoke Valley Chapter of Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway and students from Holy Cross hosted by Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church for a week of "alternative break" community service.

He presented Certificates of Appreciation to each student.

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

NUISANCE: Dave Wertz, 430 Walnut Avenue, S. E., appeared before Council to share concerns regarding violation of his civil rights, City Code and enjoyment of his property.

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

NUISANCE: Mary Newbold, 2833 Avenham Avenue, S. W., appeared before Council and stated she believes the Dr. Pepper Park is a detriment to the neighborhood and ultimately a detriment to the overall economic welfare of the City.

(See comments and petition on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

NUISANCE: Paul Anderson, 1335 Ivy Street, S. W., appeared before Council to complain about the volume of the music from Dr. Pepper Park events.

Following discussion of the matter by the Council, the matter was referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for report back to the Council at its March 21 meeting at 2: 00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN ROANOKE: Cara Price, Leadership Roanoke Valley representative, appeared before Council to request City Council's endorsement of an Ambassador Program in downtown Roanoke.

Council Member Ferris indicated an opportunity to partner with Downtown Roanoke, Inc., Roanoke Valley Regional partnership and/or Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Bowers suggested a pilot program be implemented to assist during large Festival events.

There being no additional comments, the request was referred to the City Manager for report to the Council.

STREETS IMPROVEMENTS-REGISTRAR: Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate, N. E., appeared before Council to request traffic improvements on Route 460 and King Street, N. E.; and he urged the Council not to relocate the Registrar's Office from the City Municipal Building.

MISCELLANEOUS: Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N. W., appeared before Council to reiterate the importance of prayer.

BUDGET: Terry Huxhold, 1125 16th Street, S. E., appeared before Council regarding a proposal that could create tax revenue for the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are 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. Mayor Bowers called attention to three requests for public hearing by the City Manager.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meetings of the Council held on Monday, May 4, 2015; recessed until Monday, May 11, 2015; Monday, May 18, 2015; Monday, June 1, 2015; Monday December 7, 2015; and Monday December 21, 2015; were before the body.

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

Council Member Lea moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

COUNTRYSIDE-CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or at such later date as the City Manager may determine, to consider the sale of City-owned property located at 2206 Countryside Road, N. W., to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Evans, Jr., was before the body.

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

Council Member Lea moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

EASEMENTS-CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or at such later date as the City Manager may determine, to consider the request of 416 Campbell Avenue, LLC, for a pedestrian access easement across City-owned property located at 416 Campbell Avenue, S. W., was before the body.

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

Council Member Lea moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

COYNER SPRINGS-CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or at such later date as the City Manager may determine, to consider the sale of City-owned property located in the Coyner Springs area of Botetourt County to Straight Street Roanoke Valley, Inc., was before the body.

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

Council Member Lea moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSSION-WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY-ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY-PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council:

Heather S. Shepardson as a Citizen at Large member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a term of office ending June 30, 2017;

Wayne Bowers and Robert Ledger (Alternate) as City representatives of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority for four-year terms of office, each, ending February 3, 2020;

Robert D. Edwards as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for a term office ending December 31, 2019; and

William J. Modica as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2019.

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

Council Member Lea moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP: Beth Doughty, Executive Director, presented an annual update on activities of the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

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

Following comments by Council Member Ferris, the remarks by Ms. Doughty were received and filed.

VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE: Joint communication from Council Members William D. Bestpitch and Raphael E. Ferris in support of a regional brand "VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE".

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#40449-030716) A RESOLUTION supporting the designation of the Roanoke Valley region as Virginia's Blue Ridge and directing the use of the Virginia's Blue Ridge brand by the City on promotional and marketing materials in support of expanded destination travel and tourism.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 165.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40449-030716. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris.

Landon Howard, Executive Director, Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, appeared before the Council in support of the designation, along with Tim Bradshaw, Executive Director, Roanoke Blacksburg Regional Airport.

Following positive comments by several members of the Council, Resolution No. 40449-030716 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

BUDGET-AMERI CORPS-GRANTS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending Acceptance of the 2016 AmeriCorps Vista Grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to build and expand social capital in the Loudon-Melrose community.

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

Vice- Mayor Trinkle offered the following resolution:

(#40450-030716) A RESOLUTION accepting the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and authorizing execution of any required documents on behalf of the City in connection with such grant.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 166.)

Vice- Mayor Trinkle moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40450-030716. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

Vice- Mayor Trinkle offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40451-030716) AN ORDINANCE appropriating funding for the AmeriCorps VISTA grant funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 167.)

Vice-Mayor Trinkle moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40451-030716. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

BUDGET-TECHNOLOGY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending appropriation of Department of Technology Retained Earnings for technology projects.

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

Council Member Lea offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40452-030716) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Department of Technology Retained Earnings to the CAD Replacement, Contract Management System, PC Replacement, Lawson Upgrade, Mobile PC Replacement, and Mobile Connectivity Software projects, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Department of Technology Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 168.)

Council Member Lea moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40452-030716. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending adoption of the revised Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Roanoke.

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

Vice-Mayor Trinkle offered the following resolution:

(#40453-030716) A RESOLUTION readopting an Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 169.)

Vice- Mayor Trinkle moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40453-030716. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

SALE-PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acquisition of real property rights for the Narrows Lane Drainage Improvements Project.

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

Council Member Ferris offered the following ordinance:

(#40454-030716) AN ORDINANCE providing for the acquisition of real property rights needed by the City in connection with the Narrows Lane Drainage Improvements Project ("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. 78, page 170.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40454-030716. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager shared the following comments:

<u>City to Collect Paper Bags Containing Leaves This Week</u>

- For one week only, March 7-11, the City's Solid Waste Management Division will conduct "Spring Paper Bag Collection."
- Crews will collect leaves placed in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags.
- Residents are invited to place as many paper bags as desired to the curb for collection on their regular trash collection day; there is no limit.
- Plastic bags will not be collected.
- For more information, call 853-2000, Option 1.

<u>McDonald's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shamrock Festival</u>

- Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. on Jefferson Street at Elm Avenue, S. W. continues to Campbell Avenue, S. W., and ends at Williamson Road, S. E.

<u>Shamrock Festival</u>

- Begins at 12:00 Noon behind the City Market Building
- 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Dancing Chicken Band
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Funky Bones
- 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Seven Mile Ford

McDonald's Kid's Zone

- 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. in two locations
- In front of the Taubman Museum of Art on Salem Avenue, S. W., and in Market Square along Market Street, S. W.

Corned Beef & Co. Celtic Celebration

- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., featuring Second Wynde

Raleigh Court Branch Library Re-opening Ceremony

- March 15 at 11:00 a.m.
- The City will hold a re-opening ceremony for the Raleigh Court Branch Library, located at 2112 Grandin Rd SW.
- The public is invited to attend and help celebrate the completed renovation and expansion of this popular neighborhood branch.

"Implement Lean" Conference was a Success

- Last Thursday and Friday, the city and the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center hosted "Implementing Lean" at Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center
- There were 120 people in attendance. The City's Lean "Greenbelts" played a big role in the conference.
- The next step for this program is the Lean Training Academy, which will be held in the fall.
- Thank you to the City staff who presented their projects at the conference. Also thanks to Kay Dunkley with the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center and Eileen Van Aken with the Virginia Tech College of Engineering, ISE program.
- There is discussion that Roanoke may become a national center for Lean.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

CITY REGISTRAR: The Director of Finance submitted a written report recommending appropriation of additional funding General Registrar's Office relocation and tenant upfit.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40455-030716) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding from the Capital Improvement Reserve to the Registrar's Office Tenant Upfit and Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE) project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 171.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40455-030716. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Trinkle and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, and Ferris -5.

NAYS: Mayor Bowers-1.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

FINANCIAL REPORTS-SCHOOLS: The Director of Finance submitted the Financial Report for the seven months ended January 31, 2016 for the City of Roanoke; and Roanoke City Public Schools for the six months ended December 31, 2015.

(See copies of the Financial Report and presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Following comments by the Director of Finance, the Financial Report was received and filed

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 MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

LEGISLATION: Council Member Court G Rosen, Chair, Legislative Committee, stated that recently, a representative from Botetourt County announced that an international manufacturer was exploring opportunities to establish a manufacturing facility in the United States; adding one of the contending locations was in the Roanoke Valley at property located within Botetourt County. He continued that one incentive that could be provided to this enterprise was a Commonwealth Opportunity Grant, in the amount of $1,500,000.00 Economic Development Partnership VEDP.

Council Member Rosen pointed out Botetourt County has requested the General Assembly to enact legislation to provide additional grant funding to VDEP and had contacted the City Manager to ask that the City's Liaison support this legislative effort initiated.

Council Member Rosen made a motion to authorize Rob Catron, Legislative Liaison for the City, to represent the interest of the City in supporting legislation requested by Botetourt County to increase funding to Virginia Economic Development Partnership to support development of a new manufacturing business in Botetourt County. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris.

Following comments by Council Member Lea, the motion offered by Council Member Rosen and seconded by Council Member Ferris was adopted.

The City Attorney also shared information regarding pending legislative matters before the General Assembly.

CELEBRATIONS: Council Member Bestpitch announced that the UBU Honors 2016: "Together We Stand", scheduled to be held at Shaftman Performance Hall on March 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. and encouraged the public to attend.

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

COUNCIL: 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. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lea, Rosen, Trinkle, Bestpitch, Ferris, and Mayor Bowers-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Price was absent.)

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

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC
City Clerk

David A. Bowers
Mayor

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