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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
RECESSED SESSION**

**MAY 28, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

**PARTICIPATION BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO
AMENDMENT 28 TO HB29, SECTION 2.2-3708.2 (A),
CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED,
ORDINANCE NO. 41703-032720; AND
RESOLUTION NO. 41704-032720.**

*The City of Roanoke is a safe, caring and economically vibrant community in
which to live, learn, work, play and prosper*

*A vibrant urban center with strong neighborhoods set amongst the spectacular
beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge*

1. Call to Order – Roll Call. **All Present.**
2. Invocation. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Lea.

4. Welcome and Statement of Purpose. Mayor Lea.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to conduct three separate public hearings: (1) Recommended Budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached; (2) Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate Increase at 7:10 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached; (3) Recommended 2020 - 2021 HUD Funds Budget and 2020 – 2024 Annual Update to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan at 7:20 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached

NOTICE

Tonight's public hearings will not be televised live, nor will there be closed captioning for the hearing impaired. However, the public hearings will be video streamed through Facebook Live at [facebook.com//RoanokeVa](https://facebook.com/RoanokeVa). Lastly, the public hearings will be replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Friday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Based upon Executive Order Number Fifty-One, issued by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020, Amended Executive Order Number Fifty-Three on April 15, 2020, Executive Order Number Fifty-Five, issued by Governor Northam on March 30, 2020 and as amended by Executive Order Number Sixty-One issued by Governor Northam on May 8, 2020, Amendment 28 to HB29 (adopted April 22, 2020), Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 (A), Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413, Ordinance No. 41703-032720, and Resolution No. 41704-032720, City Council will be conducting this recessed session of City Council by electronic communication means without a quorum of City Council physically present in Council Chamber and without the presence of members of the public in the City Council Chamber.

In order to afford citizens an opportunity to provide comments to City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic disaster, citizens wishing to address the Council during this regular session of City Council conducted by electronic communication means were instructed to sign-up by emailing or by calling the City Clerk's Office at clerk@roanokeva.gov and (540) 853-2541, by 4:00 p.m., on May 28. Citizens also left comments with regard to

the Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget on a voicemail system by calling (540) 853-1110, by 4:00 p.m., on May 28. Those comments will be played for City Council during the public hearing.

Those citizens, who have signed up to speak before the Council, have been provided the Zoom meeting information and will be allowed to join the meeting and address City Council by electronic communication means.

5. Public Hearings:

- a. **Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 City of Roanoke Budget. (7:00 p.m.)**

The City Clerk read an email, in its entirety, from Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., regarding funding for transportation.

Annette Lewis, 4606 Casper Drive, N. E.; Charlotte Moore, 5415 Bandy Road, S. E.; Kiesha Preston, 2431 Hanover Avenue, N. W.; Nicole Osborne, 806 Stewart Avenue, S. E.; Patricia Brumley, 406 Mountain Avenue, S. W.; William Tynes, 1525 Riverside Terrace, S. E.; Sidney Taylor, 421 Elm Avenue, S. W.; and R. Craig Balzer, Sr.; 8480 Poplar Springs Lane, S. W. (Roanoke County), addressed the Council with regard to funding for Total Action for Progress, TAP, and thanked the Council for their continued support.

Gene Yagow, 802 Loudon Avenue, N. W., addressed the Council to thank the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for their recommendation for funding and encouraged Council to accept the recommendation.

- b. **Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate Increase. (7:10 p.m.)**

The City Clerk played a voicemail from Cathy Bailey, 2709 Liberty Road, N. W., in opposition of the tax increase.

The City Clerk read an email from Haley Putnam in opposition of the real estate tax increase.

- c. **Recommended 2020 - 2021 HUD Funds Budget and 2020 - 2024 Annual Update to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. (7:20 p.m.)**

6. Adjourned - 7:39 P. M.