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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD
MAY 3, 2021**

9:00 A.M.

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

- City Council – **Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., was absent.**
- School Board – **School Trustee Cathey was absent.**

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

- Vice-Mayor White-Boyd
- Chair Lutheria Smith

3. Items for Discussion/Comments by City Council/School Board Trustees.

- School Superintendent Presentation. "Equity in Action – Destination 2030" - **School Superintendent.**

4. Recess/Adjourn – 9:49 A.M.

AT 9:50 A.M., THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS, FOR A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

At 10:45 a.m., the Council Meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., to consider the following agenda items, with Vice-Mayor White-Boyd presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Mayor Lea:

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. A list of current vacancies is included with the agenda for this meeting.

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A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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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:

- Budget/Financial Planning FY 22 - 45 minutes
Received and filed.

At 12:16 p.m., the Council Meeting was declared recess for a Closed Meeting 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.



ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

**MAY 3, 2021
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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. Mayor Lea was absent.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Alexander MacPhail, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor White-Boyd.

NOTICE:

Today's Council meeting will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 8 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at [facebook.com/RoanokeVa](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeVa). Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for the following current vacancies and/or upcoming expirations of terms of office:

Mill Mountain Advisory Board – one vacancy
Personnel and Employment Practices Commission – two vacancies
Roanoke Arts Commission – two vacancies
Roanoke Public Library Board – two vacancies
Towing Advisory Board – one vacancy (Citizen at-large)

Access the City's homepage to complete an online application for the abovementioned vacancies.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A proclamation declaring May 2 – 8, 2021 as Resilience week.

Council Member Moon Reynolds declared May 2 – 8, as Resilience Week and presented the proclamation to Christine Gist, Prevention and Wellness Specialist, Blue Ridge BehavioralHealthcare.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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

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

Keith Pullen, 2336 Denniston Avenue, S. W., addressed the Council with regard to an attack against his First Amendment rights, liberties and religious speech.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 6-0)**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, March 15, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.

C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, to lease 3.6 acres of City-owned property located at 5401 Barns Avenue, N. W., to Jared and Donna Green for agricultural uses.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

C-3 Reports of qualification of Helen Favor as a member (Engineer) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024; and Peter Volosin as a Citizen representative of the Roanoke Valley-Allegheny Regional Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

C-4 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine in his discretion, to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with BH Media Group, Inc., successor in interest to Times-Word Corporation, authorizing the City Manager, along with the School Board of the City of Roanoke to acquire parcels from BH Media Group, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Transmittal of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 Budget. Scott Ramsburg, Cable Access Director, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by the City Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 42043-050321. (6-0)

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Grant to support community driven projects at a minimum of two Roanoke River Greenway “gateway” locations for the southeast neighborhood.
Adopted Resolution No. 42044-050321 and Budget Ordinance No. 42045-050321. (6-0)
2. Consideration and approval of the 2021 — 2022 HUD Annual Plan.
Adopted Resolution No. 42046-050321. (6-0)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Campaign for Grade-Level Reading announced last week that it has named Roanoke, Virginia and its Star City Reads initiative as a 2021 Bright Spot community.

- The Campaign is highlighting communities that developed exemplary or innovative responses to the COVID-19 crisis.
- The first week after Virginia’s shutdowns began, Roanoke Public Libraries staff began recording and posting virtual storytimes on its Facebook and Instagram pages, and on its YouTube channel. More than 150 storytime and craft videos have been shared with Roanoke children.

- In June, they collaborated with Feeding Southwest Virginia to offer our Feed and Read program curbside so children could receive free, nutritious meals and early learning activities at the same time from the same place.
- Since the summer of 2020, the Libraries distributed more than 8,400 themed learning kits.

Roanoke will celebrate “Kids to Parks Day” in May

- Parks and Recreation will host a scavenger hunt that can be completed in any City playground on Saturday, May 15, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Not only will this have kids getting active, learning about their parks, and expressing their creativity, they’ll also have a chance to win some prizes.
- More information can be found at PlayRoanoke.com

May is Neighborhood Month

- Roanoke’s neighborhood groups are planning events throughout May to celebrate this special month.
Some events are still being developed at this time, but those already scheduled include yards sales, cookouts, and Fun Days.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council. **NONE.**
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council. **See below.**

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0)

Reappointed the Honorable Charles N. Dorsey as a 23rd Judicial Circuit City representative of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

Appointed Ollie Howie to replace Vickie H. Bibee as a Director of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for a four-year term of office, commencing October 21, 2021 and ending October 20, 2025. City Attorney to prepare the appropriate measure for adoption at the May 17 Council meeting.

Appointed Elvir Berbic to replace Sue Williams as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term of office ending March 31, 2024.

Appointed Douglas Pitzer as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board to fill the unexpired term of Crystal Hall ending June 30, 2021.

12. ADJOURNED – 2:50 P.M.