

## SPECIAL MEETING-ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2019

2:25 p.m.

A special meeting of the Roanoke City Council was called to order on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2:25 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding, pursuant to written notification by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., dated May 8, 2019.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price, Patricia White-Boyd and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

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.

Mayor Lea advised that the purpose of the Special Meeting of Council was for City Council to convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council; and appointment of two School Board Trustees.

Council Member Bestpitch moved that convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council; and appointment of two School Board Trustees, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

At 2:27 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess.

At 4:08 p.m., the Special meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance.

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**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:** With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Vice-Mayor Cobb 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 Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price, White-Boyd, and Mayor Lea-7.

**NAYS:** None-0.

**SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES:** Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution appointing and electing two School Board Trustees on the Roanoke City School Board for a three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022:

(#41446-051319) A RESOLUTION appointing Lutheria H. Smith and Joyce W. Watkins, as School Board Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board for terms commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2022.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 379.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41446-051319. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

Following comments by Council Members Osborne and Davis and Vice-Mayor Cobb regarding the number of qualified applicants who had expressed an interest in serving as a School Board Trustee; and encouraging the unsuccessful candidates to reapply for consideration next year, Resolution No. 41446-051319 was adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL:

**ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION:** The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year terms of office of Thomas L. McKeon, Jeremy Butterfield, Lora Katz and Cari Gates as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2019. Inasmuch as Mr. McKeon having served three consecutive terms of office, he was not eligible for reappointment, whereupon, Mayor Lea opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Tranay Wilson, Jeremy Butterfield, Lora Katz and Cari Gates.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Wilson was appointed to replace Thomas L. McKeon, commencing July 1, 2019; and Mr. Butterfield, Ms. Katz and Ms. Gates were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

**FOR MS. WILSON, MR. BUTTERFIELD, MS. KATZ AND MS. GATES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-6.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of Braxton G. Naff as a Director of the Economic Development Authority ending October 20, 2019.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare the proper measure for adoption at the May 20 Council meeting reappointing Mr. Naff for a four-year term of office.

**VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD:** The Mayor called attention the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of J. Granger MacFarlane as a City Representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board ending June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of J. Granger MacFarlane.

There being no further nominations, Mr. MacFarlane was reappointed as a City Representative of the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2023, by the following vote:

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

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

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year terms of office of John Fulton and Bill Hume as members of the Architectural Review Board ending October 1, 2019. Inasmuch as Mr. Fulton having served three consecutive terms of office, he is not eligible for reappointment, whereupon, Mayor Lea opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Kevin Earl and Bill Hume.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Earl was appointed to replace John Fulton, commencing October 2, 2019; and Bill Hume was reappointed as members of the Architectural Review Board for four-year terms of office, each, ending October 1, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. EARL AND HUME: Council Members Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-6.

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

ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of Robert Cowell, Jr., as a City Representative of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority ending December 12, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Robert Cowell, Jr.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Cowell was reappointed as a City Representative of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority for a four-year term of office ending December 12, 2023, by the following vote:

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

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

ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of Robert D. Edwards as a City Representative of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority ending December 31, 2019; he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Broaddus Fitzpatrick.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Fitzpatrick was appointed to replace Robert D. Edwards as a City Representative of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023, by the following vote:

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

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

There being no further business, Mayor Lea declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC  
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.  
Mayor

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