

## ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

July 1, 2019

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.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 the following resolution as set forth below, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price, Patricia White-Boyd and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-6.

ABSENT: Council Member William D. Bestpitch-1.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager (arrived late); Sherman M. Stovall, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Timothy J. Spencer, Senior Assistant City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Steve Hall, Pastor, Roanoke Valley Bible Church.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS: The Mayor's Annual State of the City Address on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, N. E.

2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: The Council of the City of Roanoke is accepting nominations for the 2019 Citizen of the Year. Forms are available online at [www.roanokeva.gov/citizenoftheyear](http://www.roanokeva.gov/citizenoftheyear), in the City Clerk's Office or at each City Library branch. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MEETING SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL:**  
The Mayor advised that the first meeting of Council in the month of July is considered to be the Organizational Meeting at which time the Council will adopt a resolution establishing the days, times and places of regular meetings to be held by the Council during the ensuing months.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41490-070119) A RESOLUTION establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2019, and terminating June 30, 2020.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 483.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41490-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

## **PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**ALL-AMERICA CITY HALL OF FAME AWARD:** Mayor Lea announced that the City of Roanoke was selected to be the First-Ever All-America City Hall of Fame Award. He shared video clips pertaining to the All-America City Hall of Fame Award as presented by the National Civic League in Denver, Colorado, June 22 - 24, 2019. Mayor Lea recognized Sheila Umberger, Director of Libraries and City employees and presented the Award to the Assistant City Manager for Operations in the City Manager's absence.

**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.

**LACK OF BUS TRANSPORTATION:** Coquina Restrepo, 1118 Winchester Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council regarding the lack of bus transportation throughout the City.

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 were desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL:** Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, June 3, 2019 and Monday, June 17, 2019, were before the body.

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

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

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

**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, 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 Davis moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO ACTUAL LITIGATION: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Davis moved that Council concur in the request of the City Attorney as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO PROBABLE LITIGATION: A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

Council Member Davis moved that Council concur in the request of the City Attorney as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

**RESIGNATIONS OF KING TOWER AND JOHN LEWIS AS MEMBERS OF THE ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignations of King Tower and John Lewis as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board, effective immediately, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Davis moved that the resignations be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

**RESIGNATION OF PATRICK WILLIAMS AS A MEMBER OF THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Patrick Williams as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, effective immediately, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Davis moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

**LACK OF ATTENDANCE OF BARRON WILSON AND CAIN TURNER AS MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the lack of attendance of Barron Wilson and Cain Turner as members of the Human Services Advisory Board, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Davis moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, were before the Council.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD-ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD-HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD-PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION-MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council:

Lutheria Harrison Smith and Joyce W. Watkins as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board, for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022;

Benjamin Bazak and Marianne Gandee as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board for three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2022;

Andrew Kohler 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;

David Perry as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022;

Chester Smith as a member (Classified Service) of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022; and

Whitney Feldmann as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2022.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

#### REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Financial Empowerment Update  
Due to late arrival of the City Manager, the Update was presented prior to Comments by the City Manager. **(See Page 213)**

## ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

**BEAUTIFY ROANOKE INTERCHANGES THROUGH ENHANCEMENT:** The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of a donation of funds from American National Bank (formerly Hometown Bank) as part of the "Beautify Roanoke Interchanges Through Enhancement."

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41491-070119) A RESOLUTION accepting a donation of funds from American National Bank to the City as part of the Beautify Roanoke Interchanges Through Enhancement (BRITE) Program to assist with the maintenance of the landscaping for the northbound ramp of I-581/Route 220 and Franklin Road in the southeast quadrant of the intersection; authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents, provide any additional information, and to take any necessary actions in order to obtain, accept, receive, implement, use, and administer such donation; and expressing the City's appreciation for such donation.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 485.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41491-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41492-070119) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation Funds to the VDOT Comprehensive Roadside project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 - 2020 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 486.)



Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41492-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

**CITY'S FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE:** The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code in order to update and clarify the City's Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41493-070119) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 12-3, Technical prevention division generally, Section 12-4, Police powers of fire marshal and his assistants, of Article I, In General; adding a new Section 12-5, Police powers of fire marshal and his assistants, of Article I, In General; adding a new Section 12-6, Right of entry to investigate releases of hazardous materials, of Article I, In General; amending Section 12-16, Adoption of Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, of Article II, Fire Prevention Code; adding a new Section 12-17, Violations, of Article II, Fire Prevention Code; renumbering and amending Section 12-17, Definitions, Section 12-18, Amendments, Section 12-19, Enforcement, and Section 12-20, Recommendations as to amendments, of Article II, Fire Prevention Code; of Chapter 12, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, for the purpose of updating and clarifying the City's Fire Prevention and Protection ordinance; providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 487.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41493-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

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ADJUSTMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CHARGED FOR EXCESSIVE WEED AND TRASH ABATEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the city code and fee compendium in connection with adjustments to administrative fees charged for excessive weed and trash abatement on private property.

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

Council Member Osborne offered the following ordinance:

(#41494-070119) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 33-21 of Article II, Weed and Trash Abatement, of Chapter 33, Vegetation and Trash, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended to make certain adjustments to the administrative fees charged by the City for the abatement of excessive weeds and trash on private property; 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 494.)

Council Member Osborne moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41494-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

Following overview entailing adjustments to the administrative fees for abatement of excessive weeds and trash on private property, Ordinance No. 41494-070119 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41495-070119) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium by clarifying the fee charged by the City as the Cost of Abatement and Administrative Fee on Public Nuisances as set out below; and establishing an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 496.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41495-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

NAYS: None-0.

**ARTWORK FOR THE MELROSE LIBRARY:** The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of a donation of artwork from the Dorothy M. Gillespie Foundation.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following resolution:

(#41496-070119) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of a donation of artwork titled *Color Fall* by the Dorothy M. Gillespie Foundation to the City of Roanoke ("City") and authorizing execution of any and all necessary documents to accept the donation.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 498.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41496-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

At this point, the City Manager entered the meeting (3:00 p.m.)

**HUMM KOMBUCHA, LLC, COMMONWEALTH OPPORTUNITY FUND GRANT:** The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval of acquisition of real property and the de-appropriation of Humm Kombucha, LLC, Commonwealth Opportunity Fund Grant.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41497-070119) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute a Reconveyance Agreement to reconvey the Property that is the subject of the November 21, 2017 Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property (the "Contract") between the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), and Humm Kombucha, LLC ("Humm"), an Oregon limited liability company, concerning certain real property located at 1950 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., Roanoke, Virginia 24012, consisting of approximately 12.042 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, designated as Official Tax Map No. 7230103 (the "Property"), upon certain terms and conditions; authorizing the City to accept the payment provided by Humm as provided in the Reconveyance Agreement; authorizing the acquisition of the Property by the City; authorizing the release and termination of the Contract, the Promissory Note and the Deed of Trust, as provided in the Reconveyance Agreement; and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Release and Covenant Not to Sue from the City to Humm as provided in the Reconveyance Agreement; and authorizing the City Manager to execute such further documents and take such further actions as may be necessary to accomplish the above matters; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 80, page 499.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41497-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

Following an overview regarding purpose for reconveyance of the abovementioned property, Resolution No. 41497-070119 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41498-070119) AN ORDINANCE to de-appropriate funding for the Humm Kombucha Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Grant Performance Agreement project, and to appropriate funding for the Humm Kombucha payment provided in the Reconveyance Agreement amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 - 2020 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 501.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41498-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

BRIEFINGS:

**Financial Empowerment Update:**

The City Manager gave an update regarding the Financial Empowerment Center, highlighting the following items:

- Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund
- Financial Empowerment Center
- Planning Grant Application
- Advisory Committee
- RFP Process
- Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Funding
- Timeline

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

Following comments by the Council, the City Manager's remarks were received and filed.

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## COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager offered the following comments:

### **“Fireworks on the Fourth”**

- Just a reminder – come out and enjoy the fireworks and fun at River’s Edge Sports Complex South on July 4. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m., fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.
- If it rains, the fireworks will be rescheduled for the following day, July 5, at the same time.
- Street closings and other details are available at [roanokeplay.com](http://roanokeplay.com).

### **Solid Waste Collection**

- City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.
- This closing will not affect route collections for Monday through Wednesday.
- However, Thursday’s routes for trash, recycling, and bulk will be collected on Friday.
- For more information, call 853-2000, option 1

## CITY ATTORNEY:

**READOPTION AND REENACTMENT OF CITY CODE:** The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending readoption and reenactment of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#41499-070119) AN ORDINANCE to readopt and reenact the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 80, page 502.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41499-070119. The motion seconded by Council Member Osborne and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM BUDGET ACTIVITIES: Council Member Osborne offered the following budget ordinance amending budget ordinance No. 41484-061719, adopted on June 17, 2019, transferring Enterprise Zone Program Budget Activities from Capital Projects to Special Revenue Funds:

(#41500-070119) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding from the Enterprise Zone loan program, 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 503.)

Council Member Osborne moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41500-070119. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)

## MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

**CO-OP PRODUCE STORE:** Council Member Osborne announced the Co-op produce store in downtown Roanoke and Grandin Village accepts SNAP benefits, offering a \$10.00/double match.

**2019 AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK'S FOUR ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>:** Council Member Davis called attention to the 2019 American National Bank's Four on the 4<sup>th</sup> that takes place at 8:00 a.m. on July 4, near the Wells Fargo Plaza in Downtown Roanoke. The Four on the 4th Kids Fun Run is a FREE event for kids that begins at 9:00 a.m., following the 4-miler.

**"ROANOKE REMEMBERS: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY":** Vice-Mayor Cobb announced a vigil on July 14, "Roanoke Remembers: Healing the Wounds of Gun Violence in our Community" at 5:00 p.m., in the William Fleming High School Auditorium. Event is open to the public.

At 2:59 p.m., the Council Meeting was declared in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council's Conference Room, Room 451, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.

At 5:06 p.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 Bestpitch and Osborne. Council Member Osborne left following the Closed Meeting.

**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 Price and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

**NAYS:** None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch was absent.)(Council Member Osborne was not present when vote was recorded.)



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

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year terms of office of Antwyne Calloway and Walton Rutherford as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, ending December 31, 2019; and a vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Clement for a term ending December 31, 2021; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the names of Amanda McGee, Antwyne Calloway and Walton Rutherford.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Calloway and Rutherford were reappointed for terms of three-years, each, ending December 31, 2022; and Ms. McGee was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Robert Clement ending December 31, 2021, as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, by the following vote:

**FOR MESSRS. CALLOWAY AND RUTHERFOORD AND MS. MCGEE:** Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

**BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:** The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the three-year term of office of Corbin Prydwen (Citizen-at-large) as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals ended June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the name of Corbin Prydwen.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Prydwen 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. PRYDWEN:** Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:** The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the lack of attendance of Barron Wilson as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board for a term of office ending November 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the name of Aaron Washington.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Washington was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Barron Wilson ending November 30, 2020, as a member of the Human Services Advisory Board, by the following vote:

FOR MR. WASHINGTON: Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION: The Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Ssunny Shah as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a term of office ending September 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the name of Christopher Carver.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Carver was appointed as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of Ssunny Shah ending September 30, 2020, by the following vote:

FOR MR. CARVER: Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of office of Daniel E. Karnes as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority ending August 31, 2019. Inasmuch as Mr. Karnes has served three consecutive terms of office, he is not eligible for reappointment; whereupon, Mayor Lea opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the name of Karen Walker.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Walker was appointed to replace Daniel E. Karnes as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four-year term of office, commencing September 1, 2019, and ending August 31, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MS. WALKER: Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the one-year terms of office of Bart Wilner, Shaleen Powell, Meg Carter and Renee "Butch" Craft as City representatives of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Board of Directors ended June 30, 2019; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the names of Ssunny Shah, Shaleen Powell, Meg Carter and Renee "Butch" Craft.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Shah was appointed to replace Bart Wilner; and Ms. Powell, Ms. Carter and Ms. Craft were reappointed as City representatives of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Board of Directors for one-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2020, by the following vote:

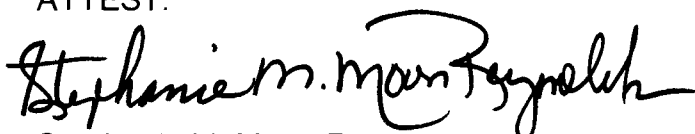
FOR MR. SHAH, MS. POWELL, MS. CARTER AND MS. CRAFT: Council Members Cobb, Davis, Price, White-Boyd and Mayor Lea-5.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne were absent.)

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC  
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.  
Mayor

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