

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2020

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke held its Organizational Meeting Monday, July 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with participation by Members of City Council by electronic communication as permitted and authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.0(A)(3), as amended, Ordinance No. 41703-032720; and Resolution No. 41704-032720; 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 Anita J. Price, Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Michelle L. Davis, and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-6.

ABSENT: Council Member Djuna L. Osborne-1.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

Mayor Lea advised that pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708 (A)(3), this Organizational Meeting of City Council is being conducted by electronic communication means. The COVID-19 pandemic disaster makes it impractical and unsafe for a quorum of City Council to physically assemble in one location during this disaster.

Each Member of Council has accessed through the Zoom meeting platform and can participate in this proceeding. The City has provided the public with information to allow the public access to observe this Organizational Meeting through live broadcast on RVTV, live streaming on Facebook and posted on YouTube. The City has provided notice of this agenda and process to the public on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

City staff, including the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and technical staff are present in the Council Chamber and are participating in this Organizational Meeting.

To facilitate the process today to ensure that all Council Members and the public can follow these proceedings, I ask that whenever a Member speaks, including making a motion, to first state the Member's name then make the motion or second.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

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 commencing July 1, 2020, and terminating December 31, 2020.

ESTABLISHING A MEETING SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL: Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council commencing July 1, 2020, and terminating December 31, 2020:

(#41772-070620) A RESOLUTION establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the first half of the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and terminating December 31, 2020.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 142.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41772-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.; and immediately reconvened the regular session of City Council.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session immediately following its Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with participation by Members of City Council by electronic communication as permitted and authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.0(A)(3), as amended, Ordinance No. 41703-032720; and Resolution No. 41704-032720; with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr. presiding, 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. 41772-070620 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 6, 2020.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Djuna L. Osborne-1.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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

Mayor Lea advised that pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708 (A)(3), this regular session of City Council is being conducted by electronic communication means. The COVID-19 pandemic disaster makes it impractical and unsafe for a quorum of City Council to physically assemble in one location during this disaster.

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City staff, including the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and technical staff are present in the Council Chamber and are participating in this regular session.

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PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

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.

Based upon Executive Order Number Fifty-One, issued by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020, Executive Order Number Fifty-Five, issued by Governor Northam on March 30, 2020, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413, Ordinance No. 41703-032720, and Resolution No. 41704-032720, City Council will be conducting this regular 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 12:00 p.m., on Monday, July 6.

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 regular session at this Agenda Item 3 and address City Council by electronic communication means. City staff will identify each citizen to speak and then that citizen may address City Council.

YOUTH ATHLETICS: Ed Sparrow, 2537 Weaver Road, S. W., urged the Council to rethink and reinstate Parks and Recreation funding to youth athletics.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL REMOVAL: Whitney Leeson, 212 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, addressed the Council in regards to National Trust for Historic Preservation recommendations for confederate memorial removal.

REMOVAL OF LEE MONUMENT: John Woolwine, 4825 Hickory Hill Drive, addressed the Council in opposition of removal of Lee Monument for at least six months to allow the public time to reflect on the issue.

REMOVAL OF LEE MONUMENT: Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbriar Avenue, S. W., addressed the Council in support of removal of the Lee Monument and renaming the plaza to honor peace.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the Members of City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There would be no separate discussion of the items. If discussion was desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS AND RECESSED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, May 18, 2020; recessed until Thursday, May 28, 2020; and on Monday, June 1, 2020, were before the body.

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

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne 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 by electric communication means 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 Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGRICULTURE PROJECT: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 20, 2020, 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 may determine, in his discretion, to consider a request of Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP), for tax exemption of real property located at 0 Salem Avenue, S. W., 1718 Salem Avenue, S. W., 0 Campbell Avenue, S. W., and 712 Patterson Avenue, S. W.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE: Annual Report of the City Treasurer's Office for Calendar Year 2019, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM REGIONAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION-VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE-BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council.

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

Stephen D. Poff as a City representative (Chief Magistrate) of the Court Community Corrections Program Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023;

Meighan Sharp as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023;

Annette Lewis as a City representative of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021;

Robert Ledger as a City representative of the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority for a term of office ending June 30, 2022; and

Christopher Vail as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term of office commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM GRANT: The Commonwealth's Attorney submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Victim/Witness Program Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services in accordance with the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act; and the City Manager submitted a written communication concurring in the recommendation.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41773-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of a Victim/Witness Assistance Program grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 144.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41773-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41774-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Victim Witness Program Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 -2020 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 145.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41774-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

REIMBURSEMENT AS A LICENSED AGENCY OF DMV: Evelyn W. Powers, City Treasurer, submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the reimbursement as a Licensed Agency of DMV ("DMV Select"); and the City Manager submitted a written communication concurring in the recommendation.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41775-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to be a License Agent called a DMV Select Office, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 General Fund and Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 146.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41775-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

FUNDING FOR FY 2021 BUDGET: Tatiana Durant appeared before the Council with regard to concerns and ideas for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, specifically funding to the Police Department Budget in efforts to combat systemic racism.

Council Member Davis thanked Tatiana Durant for her willingness to share resources and for representing the No Justice, No Peace Roanoke organization and participating in recent peaceful protests.

Vice-Mayor Cobb thanked Tatiana Durant for presenting ideas of how to address systemic racism and agreed the continuation of longstanding programs should require periodic review to explore the equitability of the programs.

Mayor Lea thanked Tatiana Durant for the information and indicated the remarks would be received and filed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

Bus Transit Facility Briefing

Jackie Mayrosh, Principal/Project Manager and Nathan Harper, Principal/Director of Design, Spectrum Design Architectural Engineers, appeared before the Council and shared the following information with regard to the Greater Roanoke Transit Company's new transit facility project and highlighted the following information:

- Existing Site Plan
- Context Materials
- Proposed Site Layout With Zoning Information
- Aerial View Looking Southwest
- Aerial View Looking Northeast
- Concept
- Greyhound Building Elevations
- Aerial View Looking Northwest
- Eye Level Perspective View From Salem Avenue Looking West
- Eye Level Perspective View From Salem Avenue Looking East
- Eye Level Perspective View From Salem Avenue Looking South
- Phasing Strategy

Ms. Mayrosh stated work have been done to develop the site to allow eighteen (18) buses for Valley Metro along with Greyhound buses to be used near the transit hub. Mr. Harper reported nearly 50 percent of the design have been completed and Spectrum Design has performed a public input session garnering feedback from citizens and is preparing to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals in late July.

Following the presentation, Council Member White-Boyd inquired about funding for accommodating electric or hybrid buses; whereby, the Assistant City Manager for Operations replied that the design of the facility to accommodate electric buses would be part of the construction and noted that the General Manager of Valley Metro and his team have had conversations regarding conversion to electric buses in the future.

At 3:20 p.m., Mayor Lea relinquished the chair to the Vice-Mayor and left the meeting.

Council Member Price inquired about employee parking at the site; wherein, Ms. Mayrosh advised that there would be approximately six spaces and dedicated handicap spaces.

Following additional inquiries by Council Members Davis, Bestpitch, and Vice-Mayor Cobb with regard to the project, Vice-Mayor Cobb thanked Ms. Mayrosh and Mr. Harper for the presentation and received and filed the briefing.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT COALITION GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services to maintain existing services to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families population.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following resolution:

(#41776-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of an Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Participants grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS); authorizing the City of Roanoke to serve as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of such funds to the provider agencies for services provided to the local departments of social services (DSS) in Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Franklin County, Botetourt County, and Craig County; and authorizing execution of any and all necessary documents to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 147.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41776-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Davis offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41777-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Federal Government through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services for the Southwest Virginia Regional Employment Coalition Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 148.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41777-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

FISCAL YEAR 2020 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE II GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Creative Opportunities for Restorative Education (CORE) Project.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41778-070620) A RESOLUTION accepting the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II grant made to the City from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 149.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41778-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41779-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II grant for the Creative Opportunities for Restorative Education (CORE) Project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Grant Fund - Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 150.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41779-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

FISCAL YEAR 2021 VIRGINIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM FUND GRANT:
The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021 Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following resolution:

(#41780-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of the FY 21 Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund grant made to the City of Roanoke by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 151.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41780-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Davis offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41781-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Grant Fund - Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 152.)

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Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41781-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Virginia Department of Social Services Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program Grant.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41782-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program Grant to the City of Roanoke ("City") by the Virginia Department of Social Services ("VDSS") in the amount of \$50,000; and authorizing the City Manager to execute any documentation required to accept such grant on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 153.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41782-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41783-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services for the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 154.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41783-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

FISCAL YEAR 2020 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT – CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to state and local governments based on population proportions.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41784-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of the FY20 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding by the City of Roanoke from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which provides financial aid to families and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and authorizing the acceptance, execution, and filing of appropriate documents to obtain such funds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 155.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41784-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41785-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Treasury for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) – Coronavirus Relief Fund, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 - 2020 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 156.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41785-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

FISCAL YEAR 2020 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT – CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – Provider Relief Funds allocated for eligible providers who bill for Medicare fee-for-service.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41786-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of the FY20 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding in the amount of \$146,406.60 by the City of Roanoke from the United States Department of Health and Human Services as part of the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, which provides reimbursement of fees to eligible providers who bill for Medicare fee-for-service in connection with the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and authorizing the acceptance, execution, and filing of appropriate documents to obtain such funds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 157.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41786-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41787-070620) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Treasury for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) - Provider Relief Fund, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2019 - 2020 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 158.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41787-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval of Human Services Advisory Board allocation of funding to various non-profit agencies for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021; and execution of a Contract with the Council of Community Services to conduct performance audits.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41788-070620) A RESOLUTION approving the recommendations of the Human Services Advisory Board ("Board") for allocation of City funds to various qualified agencies to assist such agencies in the performance of their programs for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with the Council of Community Services to perform the necessary performance audits to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of all the funded programs by such agencies.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 159.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41788-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41789-070620) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding to specific Human Services Committee agencies, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 160.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41789-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval of Roanoke Arts Commission allocation of funding to specific arts and culture agencies for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41790-070620) A RESOLUTION concurring with and approving the recommendations of the Roanoke Arts Commission's ("Arts Commission") allocation of City funds to various nonprofit agencies for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 161.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41790-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Price offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41791-070620) AN ORDINANCE to transfer funding to specific Art Commission agencies, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 General Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 162.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41791-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

WASENA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acquisition of real property rights in connection with the Wasena Bridge Replacement Project.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41792-070620) AN ORDINANCE providing for the acquisition of real property rights needed by the City in connection with the Wasena Bridge Replacement 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. 81, page 164)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41792-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

CITY'S E-911 OPERATIONS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Amendment No. 7 to the contract between the City of Roanoke and Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation f/k/a West Safety Solutions Corporation to provide services in connection with the City's E-911 operations.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41793-070620) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance and execution of an Amendment to the City's Contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp. f/k/a West Safety Solutions Corp. ("Intrado") to add an additional nine dispatch stations at the new VA811/E911 Communications Center; and authorizing the City Manager to take certain other actions in connection with such Amendment.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 165.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41793-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

REMOVAL OF THE LEE MONUMENT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending adoption of a resolution expressing intent to remove the Lee Monument; and authorization to schedule a public hearing on August 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., to hear the views of citizens.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#41794-070620) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of City Council to remove the Lee Monument from Lee Plaza, in accordance with State Code Sections 15.2-1812 (A) and 15.2-1812 (B); directing the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to publish notice of City Council's intent to remove the Lee Monument from Lee Plaza, and publish notice of a public hearing at which public hearing interested individuals may express their views on the removal of the Lee Monument from Lee Plaza to be held on August 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, or at such later date and time as determined by the City Manager; and establishing an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 166.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved to amend the proposed resolution to reflect the date of Monday, August 17. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of the amended Resolution No. 41794-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

JOINT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending authorization to enter into an Amended and Restated Joint Intergovernmental Agreement with the Counties of Roanoke, Franklin, Botetourt and the Cities of Roanoke and Salem for the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Commission.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41795-070620) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Service Agreement of the Roanoke Valley Detention Commission (Commission) and other necessary documents, among the Commission, and the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Counties of Franklin, Roanoke and Botetourt, which are the member localities that comprise the Commission, upon certain terms and conditions; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 168.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41795-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

Re-opening of City Facilities

- Today the City continued its limited, phased re-opening of municipal facilities to the general public. The Municipal Building is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Citizens who need to visit offices in person—other than the Treasurer's Office and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office—are strongly encouraged to contact the office in advance and make an appointment, to minimize delays and frustrations.
- Citizens will be required to social distance and wear a face covering while inside the building.

- While some employees will continue to telework, during the next few weeks we will use a measured approach to gradually bring more of them back into the workplace.
- It is important to note – some City offices and facilities are still not accessible to the public in person.
 - The Permit Center is not open to walk-in customers. Staff will continue to perform the majority of customer interactions remotely.
 - Library branches now offer curbside pickup. Citizens may also return books at any of the branches via the drop boxes.
 - Citizens are encouraged to continue to access Social Services by phone, email and online. However, Social Services offices have re-opened to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- More detailed information is available on our website at roanokeva.gov/starcitystrong.
- I want to thank citizens for their patience with the implementation of temporary changes to our operations and services.

Star City Strong Recovery Fund Task Force

- The Task Force began meeting on Sunday, June 26 to review the funding resources made available by Council to support the recovery efforts, and the various guidelines and restrictions that accompany those resources, and align them with priorities for recovery.
- Following a set of discussions and series of meetings, the Task Force will identify recommendations to Council on the types of programs and initiatives for which the funds should be used.
- The Task Force will meet weekly in July, with its recommendations provided to Council at their meeting on Monday, July 20.
- There will be opportunities for the community to become further engaged in this effort later in July.

Changing of the Guard

- With the departure of Public Works Director Bob Bengston on Tuesday, June 30, staff in the department have taken on new roles effective Wednesday, July 1:
 - Mark Jamison was selected as Roanoke's new Public Works Director.
 - Dwayne D'ardenne has been chosen to fill Mark's position as Transportation Manager.
 - With Dwayne's departure as Stormwater Manager, each of the four section heads within the Stormwater Division has graciously agreed to assume additional leadership responsibilities by serving in an acting role within that division for two months at a time, until the position can be filled.

- Marcus Aguilar, Senior Stormwater Research Engineer, will assume the role initially, effective today (Monday, July 6). Marcus will be followed by Joseph Arthur, CIP Program Manager; Michael Venable, Stormwater Field Operations Manager; and Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld, Water Quality Administrator.
- Roanoke is so fortunate to have outstanding City employees who know their jobs well, and can step into new roles as appropriate.

CITY ATTORNEY:

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 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41796-070620) 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. 81, page 169.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41796-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending approval to reinstate, reordain and reaffirm Ordinance No. 41703-032720, as supplemented by Ordinance No.41709-040620.

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

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Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41797-070620) AN ORDINANCE reinstating, reordaining, and reaffirming Ordinance No. 41703-032720, as supplemented by Ordinance No. 41709-040620; establishing an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 170.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41797-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY: Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance ratifying the declaration of June 19, 2020 as a City holiday in celebration of Juneteenth.

(#41798-070620) AN ORDINANCE ratifying the decision of the City Manager to declare June 19, 2020 a City holiday; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 172.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41798-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

Council Member White-Boyd shared comments regarding the celebration of Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States and commemorates Union army general Gordon Granger from Galveston, Texas, announcing federal orders proclaiming that all slaves in Texas were free. This holiday is now celebrated annually on June 19 throughout the United States.

Council Member Price commended City Manager Bob Cowell for moving quickly to acknowledge the Governor's orders by closing municipal offices on Friday, June 19.

Council Member Bestpitch recognized Jeff Artis, Roanoke's Juneteenth event organizer, for his service and contributions to this annual celebration for many years.

There being no additional questions and/or comments by the Council Members, Resolution No. 41798-070620 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance creating the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board:

(#41799-070620) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 2-282 Mayor as ex officio member of committees, Division 1 Generally, Article XIV Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; amending and reordaining the title of Division 2, Permanent Committees, Article XIV Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and Section 2-297 of Division 2, Permanent Committees, Article XIV Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; amending and reordaining Division 2, Permanent Committees, Article XIV Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, to add Section 2-305; establishing an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 173.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41799-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

Council Member Bestpitch shared justification to ensure that interwoven equity was more than a concept with regard to the formation of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board.

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

There being no additional questions and/or comments by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41799-070620 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

STAR CITY STRONG RECOVERY FUND TASK FORCE: Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution appointing Dr. Brenda L. Hale as a member of the Star City Strong Recovery Fund task force:

(#41800-070620) A RESOLUTION affirming the appointment of Dr. Brenda L. Hale as a member of the Star City Strong Recovery Fund Task Force.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 177.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41800-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the City residency requirement for Dr. Brenda L. Hale be waived in this instance. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Council Member Price offered the following resolution appointing Cecelia T. Webb as Deputy City Clerk:

(#41801-070620) A RESOLUTION consenting to the appointment Cecelia T. Webb as the Deputy City Clerk effective June 30, 2020.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 178.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of the Resolution No. 41801-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

The City Attorney clarified the Council would be consenting to the appointment of Cecelia T. Webb, as the Deputy City Clerk, and advised a motion to amend the resolution would be in order.

Council Member White-Boyd moved to amend Resolution No. 41801-070620. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Davis, and Vice-Mayor Cobb-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was not present when vote was recorded; Council Member Osborne was absent.)

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

ROANOKE VALLEY SISTER CITY PRESIDENT AND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP: Council Member Bestpitch advised that Mayor Lea and Roanoke Valley Sister City President Mary Jo Fassiè drafted a letter of congratulations to Emmanuelle Lejeune who was elected the first female mayor of the city of Saint-Lô, France. He also announced that July 30 is the International Day of Friendship celebrated annually in hopes to foster friendship amongst people, cultures and countries and inspire peace throughout the world; and asked citizens to reach others who live abroad to share the value of their friendship.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: Council Member Price proclaimed that the City would continue fight the battle against the Coronavirus pandemic; encouraged all to wear masks and follow the CDC and VDH safety precautions and guidelines and to be mindful of the health of all citizens.

PASSING OF MS. EVELYN BETHEL: Council Member White-Boyd expressed condolences to the family of Ms. Evelyn Bethel and acknowledged her as an icon and advocate who worked very hard to preserve the history of the Gainsboro neighborhood and championed several causes in the community.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB 4TH OF JULY VIRTUAL RACE: Council Member Davis expressed gratitude to all who participated in the Boys and Girls Club 4th of July virtual race. The running and walking, event usually held in downtown Roanoke, was held in a virtual format; sign ups exceeded all expectations.

ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PASSING OF LOUIS TUDOR AND 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DOROTHY GILLESPIE: Vice-Mayor Cobb encouraged parents and/or guardians in the Roanoke City Schools district to complete the online survey requested by the Transition and Restoration Task Force, charged to provide plans and policy recommendations to guide Roanoke City Public Schools through transition for the 2020 - 2021 school year; encouraged parents to participate in the walking tour to meet the newly appointed Superintendent Verletta White (schedule is posted on the website); extended condolences to the family of Louis Tudor, a community icon and owner of the former Tudor Biscuits in downtown Roanoke; and announced the 100th birthday of the beloved artist Dorothy Gillespie, a Roanoke native, and encouraged the community to visit her exhibitions at the Taubman Museum of Art.

At 5:34 p.m., Vice-Mayor Cobb declared the Council Meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting through electronic communication means.

At 5:43 p.m., Mayor Lea entered the Closed Meeting.

At 6:15 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Council Member Osborne.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Price 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 Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

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

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the four-year term of offices of Drew Kepley and John Fulton (Architect) as members of the Architectural Review Board ending October 1, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Drew Kepley and Husain B. Alam.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Kepley was reappointed and Mr. Alam was appointed to replace John Fulton (Architect) as members of the Architectural Review Board for four-year terms of office, each, commencing October 2, 2020 and ending October 1, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. KEPLEY AND ALAM: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN: The Mayor called attention to vacancies created by the resignations of R. B. Lawhorn and Alan Hullette as members of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan ending June 30, 2022; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of Marc Nelson (City employee) and David Jeavons (Roanoke Regional Airport Commission representative).

There being no further nominations, Marc Nelson (City employee) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of R. B. Lawhorn and David Jeavons (Roanoke Regional Airport Commission representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Alan Hullette, as members of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. NELSON AND JEAUVONS: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the three-year term of office of Dan Brokaw (Builder) as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of India Miller.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Miller was appointed to replace Dan Brokaw (Builder) as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MS. MILLER: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the three-year term of office of Jeffrey Todd as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Jeffrey Todd.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Todd was reappointed as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2023, by the following vote:

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

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the three-year term of office of Auraliz Quintana as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Auraliz Quintana.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Quintana was reappointed as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2023, by the following vote:

FOR MS. QUINTANA: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

VIRGINIA'S FIRST REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY: The Mayor called attention to the expiration of the four-year term of office of Council Member William D. Bestpitch as an Elected Official representative of the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Council Member Djuna L. Osborne.

There being no further nominations, Council Member Osborne was appointed to replace Council Member Bestpitch as a member of the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority for a four-year term of office ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER OSBORNE: Council Members Price, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, and Mayor Lea-6.

(Council Member Osborne was absent.)

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There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Cecelia F. McCoy

Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk

Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
