

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

July 18, 2022

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2022 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, with Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, 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. 42245-010322 adopted by the Council on Monday, January 3, 2022.

PRESENT: Council Members Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Anita J. Price, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Joseph L. Cobb, and Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd-5.

ABSENT: Council Member William D. Bestpitch and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-2.

The Vice-Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Elizabeth Link, Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church.

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

PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

SUMMER LEARNING WEEK: Vice-Mayor White-Boyd read and presented the proclamation to Sheila Umberger, Director of Libraries and Library staff in attendance.

(See ceremonial copy of proclamation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: The Vice-Mayor advised that City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as she may deem appropriate.

Irene Malachowsky, 2208 Jefferson Street, S. W., Unit 304, appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to community and pedestrian safety in the Crystal Spring area in connection with the proposed hotel.

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to infrastructure needs in connection with the proposed hotel in the Crystal Spring area.

Thomas Butler, 2125 Yellow Mountain Road, S. W., appeared before the Council and expressed concern with regard to the proposed rezoning on Crystal Spring Avenue and parking complications.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Vice-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 REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, June 6, 2022, were before the body.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD, ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION, AND ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council:

Joyce W. Watkins and Mary F. Apel as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025;

John Cornthwait, Jr., to replace Jeremey Butterfield, and Donna Davis as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for three-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025; and

Cyndi Jones as a Roanoke Public Library Board to replace Benjamin Bazak for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

Annual Public Safety Update (Fire) - 2021

Fire Chief David Hoback presented the Fire-EMS 2021 Year in Review:

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

Chief Hoback highlighted the following information:

- Video
- Roanoke Fire-EMS
- Department's Community Engagement
- Demand for Service – 30,573 Incidents
- Fire Performance Structure Fires: Travel Time
- Significant Fires
- Fire Causes
- Arson History
- Fire Loss History
- Fire Marshal's Office 2021
- EMS Performance
 - Critical Advanced Life Support: Travel Time
 - Advanced Life Support (ALS): Travel Time
 - Basic Life Support (BLS): Travel Time
 - Volume by Priority Dispatched
- EMS Demand for Service Trend
- EMS Call Volume 2020/2021
- EMS Call Volume - 5 year Trend by Area - 2017 vs. 2021
- EMS Demand for Service by Time of Day
- EMS Transport – 16,224 for 2021
- EMS Performance – Change June 2022 with New Emergency Medical Dispatch Format
- Factors Driving EMS Demand
- Department Needs
- Recruitment and Diversity
- Plan for 2022
- Questions?

Chief Hoback also advised 2021 was the most active year on record with more than 30,000 calls, but that 2022 is expected to top that based on current call volume.

Chief Hoback reported that the EMS call volume surged 4.35 percent in 2021 over 2020, and appeared to be rising at a 9 percent rate this year. He also reported, the department exceeded a goal to reach 90 percent of fire calls within four minutes by nearly seven percentage points, posting a rate of 96.8 percent in 2021.

With regard to EMS Performance, the Chief said department strives to reach 90 percent of calls for critical advanced life support, the most urgent type, within five minutes of travel time, but met that mark 89 percent of the time and advised the team missed the mark on only one call.

With regard to department needs, Chief Hoback said the biggest challenge the department faced during this time is staffing issues with 11 percent of the workforce out for various reasons and 25 vacancies across the city. He advised every day the department has anywhere from three to five overtimes within 24-hour shifts, which means people less experienced deal with more severe department tasks every day with regard to structure fires and critical calls, and the department had to be sure staff were prepared educationally.

Chief Hoback concluded stating that despite the staffing setbacks and other challenges, the department's response numbers were solid; crews reached 90 percent of calls for advanced life support in eight minutes or less — in line with its standard — and 93.1 percent of calls for basic life support in 12 minutes, also in line with the objective, for an overall successful year in review.

Following extensive remarks and inquiries by Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Moon Reynolds, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd expressed appreciation to Chief Hoback and the entire Fire-EMS department for their efforts and advised the update would be received and filed.

SMART SCALE 2024 Projects and Applications

Dwayne D'Ardenne, Manager of Transportation, presented information on the Williamson Road Safety Improvements Project and VDOT Smart Scale 2024 Application. Mr. D'Ardenne introduced Michael Gray, Salem District Planning Manager who summarized the Smart Scale Pipeline process that helps Virginia meet its most critical transportation needs using limited tax dollars. It evaluates potential transportation projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment.

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

Mr. D'Ardenne highlighted the following Williamson Road data:

- Williamson Road
 - Average Daily Traffic – 15,000 – 17,000 vehicles
 - Average crashes per year (2017 -2021) – 100
 - Pedestrian crashes (2017-2021) – 12
 - 2003 Median and Center Turn Lane project – Angell Avenue to Hershberger Road
- Brandon Avenue – 2021 Safety Improvements Project
 - Average Crashes per Year (2017 – 2021) – 60
 - Pedestrian Crashes (2017 – 2021) – 3
 - Safety Improvements Project (No Roundabouts, No Medians)
 - Completed Safety Improvements Project
- Williamson Road – VDOT Smart Scale 2024 Application
- Safety Benefits
- FHWA and VDOT Research

In conclusion, Mr. D'Ardenne explained that a request for Council's support and approval of four (4) applications was needed to proceed: Orange Avenue (Route 460) Improvements between 11th Street; NE and Gus Nicks Boulevard, Orange Avenue (Route 460) Improvements at the Kimball Avenue and Plantation Road intersection; Williamson Road (Route 11) safety improvements from Hershberger Road to Wells Avenue; and Orange Avenue and Williamson Road intersection improvements. He advised these requests for action would be forthcoming at the next City Council meeting scheduled on August 1, 2022.

Remarks and inquiries were heard from Council Members Price, Moon Reynolds, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd. Following comments, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd advised the presentation would be received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

2022 HUD ANNUAL PLAN: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approving the 2022 HUD Annual Plan.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#42396-071822) A RESOLUTION approving the City of Roanoke's (City) 2022 HUD Annual Plan to the City's 2020 - 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan; authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to submit the 2022 Annual Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for final review and approval; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents pertaining to the 2022 Annual Plan.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 82, page 485.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42396-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, CDBG-CV AND HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the 2022 - 2023 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, CDBG-CV and Home-American Rescue Plan Funds for HUD funded activities.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42397-071822) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of certain grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for entitlement funding for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year consisting of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), the CARES Act (CDBG-CV) and American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funds for such grants to be used in connection with the 2022 - 2023 HUD Annual Action Plan previously approved by City Council; upon certain terms and conditions, and authorizing the execution of the necessary grant documents required to accept such funding.

(For full text of the resolution, see Resolution Book No. 82, page 486.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42397-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42398-071822) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), CDBG-CV CARES Act Program, and HOME-ARP Program, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2022 - 2023 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of budget ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 82, page 487.)

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Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42398-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending appropriation of Federal Asset Forfeiture funds for use by the Roanoke City Police Department.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42399-071822) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Department of Justice Federal Asset Sharing Program and the Department of Treasury Federal Asset Sharing Program for enhancing law enforcement operations, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2022 - 2023 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of budget ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 82, page 491.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42399-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of a Revocable License Agreement between the City of Roanoke and Downtown Roanoke, Inc., for space at the Center in the Square Garage.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#42400-071822) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute on behalf of the City a Revocable License Agreement with Downtown Roanoke Inc, for the use of office space on the ground floor at the Center in the Square Parking Garage, located at 11 Campbell Avenue, S. E., Roanoke, Virginia, which would house the Block by Block Program and be shared space with PARK Roanoke Offices; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to implement, administer, and enforce such Revocable License Agreement; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 82, page 492.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42400-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER: NONE.

CITY ATTORNEY:

AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE DISCHARGE OF AIR GUN, GRAVEL SHOOTER, PNEUMATIC GUN, ETC. AND PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS ON CITY PROPERTY: The City Attorney submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code to update Section 21-37, Discharge of Air Gun, Gravel Shooter, Pneumatic Gun, etc.; and Section 24-2.1, Prohibition of Firearms on City Property.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following ordinance:

(#42401-071822) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 21-37 Discharge of air gun, gravel shooter, pneumatic gun, etc. to Chapter 21, Offenses - Miscellaneous, of 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. 82, page 493.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42401-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following ordinance:

(#42402-071822) AN ORDINANCE amending Section 24-2.1 Prohibition of Firearms on City Property to Chapter 24 Public Buildings and Property Generally to exempting wildlife officials from the restrictions imposed thereunder; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 82, page 495.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42402-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: The Roanoke City School Board submitted a written report requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and the City Manager submitted a written report recommending that Council concur in the request.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42403-071822) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth, federal and private grant for various educational programs, amending and re-ordinating certain sections of the 2022 - 2023 School Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of budget ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 82, page 496.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42403-071822. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

REPORTS OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS IN WHICH CITY COUNCIL SERVE AS LIAISONS OR APPOINTEES:

Council Member Cobb provided an update on the Greater Roanoke Transit Company noting that officers were elected, VMGO transit mobile application now available for viewing of the Valley Metro bus routes, Phase I of the new transit facility project would be complete fall 2022, electric bus delivery will be 21 months out and charging stations will be installed upon arrival of new buses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

The Vice-Mayor advised that Angie O'Brien, Chief Strategy Officer, was invited to the City of Staunton, Virginia for a diversity and inclusion work session. Ms. O'Brien shared information about the City of Roanoke's Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board and their work to ensure equity in policies as they relate to race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation; as well as the formation of assigned sub-groups.

VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL: NONE.

At 4:30 p.m., the Vice-Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess; and thereafter to reconvene at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 7:00 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Vice-Mayor White-Boyd presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Joseph L. Cobb, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Anita J. Price, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, and Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd-5.

ABSENT: Council Member William D. Bestpitch and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-2.

The Vice-Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Timothy R. Spencer, City Attorney; and Cecelia F. McCoy, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Anita J. Price.

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

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 Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

YEAR OF THE ARTIST: Vice-Mayor White-Boyd read and presented the proclamation to Doug Jackson, Arts and Culture Coordinator and Meighan Sharp, Member, Roanoke Arts Commission.

(See ceremonial copy of proclamation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

WE ARE ART: Meighan Sharp, Member, Roanoke Arts Commission presented **WE ARE ART- The Roanoke Self-Portrait Project.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

PETITION FOR APPEAL FILED BY ELAINE FLECK AND RICHARD NORMAND: A Petition for Appeal filed by Elaine Fleck and Richard Normand appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying a request to install solar panels on the south facing side of the home at 535 Mountain Avenue, S. W., was before the Council.

(See Petition for Appeal on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Richard Normand, homeowner, advised that the approval process of the Architectural Review Board to install solar panels in the old southwest district was arbitrary and solar panels were not permanent fixtures resulting in no alterations to the roofline or historic features of the home. He pointed out that he submitted a petition to the ARB with approximately 70 signatures in support of the installation of the solar panels on his home and presented his proposal to the Old Southwest Neighborhood group only to be met with support and positivity with regard to the project.

Council Member Price inquired if the suggestions made by the ARB were viable for Mr. Normand's property; whereupon, Mr. Normand replied no and explained that a new Virginia policy stated that solar panels could not be denied in a homeowner's association if they reduced the efficiency of the panels by ten percent or they increase the costs by five percent. He further noted at his home both would be satisfied.

Bill Mason, Chairman, Architectural Review Board, advised that the trees blocking the property at 535 Mountain Avenue, S. W., would not be there forever and if allowed other residents would begin to request solar panels on the front of their homes as well, so the Board felt it was best to deny the request. He further mentioned that the guidelines last updated in 2011 needed review for potential updates especially on the matters that the ARB struggled with such as roofing, gutters, windows and solar panels in an effort to accept more alternatives and not appear so elitist.

Council Member Cobb inquired as to how many homes in the City of Roanoke had solar panels and the placement of the panels on the home; whereupon, the City Manager advised that he would look into the matter and report findings.

Following additional discussion of the matter, the following individuals spoke in support of the request of Mr. Normand to install solar panels on the south facing side of the home at 535 Mountain Avenue, S. W.

Luke Priddy, 430 Mountain Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and suggested that the matter of solar panels be looked into at the State level such as through Virginia Municipal League, VaCo and the preservation organizations for a consensus on preserving historical integrity, but move forward with renewable energy.

Kevin Earl, Member, Architectural Review Board and resident of old southwest neighborhood, appeared before the Council and advised that based upon his research historical preservation and solar panels can co-exist perhaps through creativity with contractors.

Council Member Cobb moved to reverse the decision of the City of Roanoke Architectural Review Board and grant the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar panels on the south facing side of property located at 535 Mountain Avenue, S. W. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moon Reynolds, Price, Sanchez-Jones, Cobb, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Bestpitch and Mayor Lea were absent.)

Without objection by the Council, Council Member Moon Reynolds instructed the Architectural Review Board to continue work on updating the H-2 Guidelines for six months and report back to Council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: The Vice-Mayor advised that City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as she may deem appropriate.

Lauren Lawson, 621 Walnut Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to affirm abortion rights in the Commonwealth.

Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., appeared before the Council and advised of Wildwood Civic League issues and the closing the of the Sheetz store located at Orange Avenue and Williamson Road, N. W.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:

Cecelia F. McCoy

Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk

Patricia White-Boyd

Patricia White-Boyd
Vice-Mayor
