

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

July 20, 2020

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 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.

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

ABSENT: None-0.

(Council Members William L. Bestpitch and Djuna L. Osborne were waiting by phone for approval to participate in the meeting via telephone conference.)

Mayor Lea announced he received requests from Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne to allow participation via telephone conference in the 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. meetings of Council.

Mayor Lea read a request from Council Member Bestpitch and asked for a motion to allow participation via telephone conference.

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

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Members Bestpitch and Osborne did not vote.)

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Mayor Lea read a request from Council Member Osborne and asked for a motion to allow participation via telephone conference.

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved that Council concur in the request of Council Member Osborne as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

(Council Member Osborne did not vote.)

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Lea called for a Moment of Silence in memory of the late Civil Rights Advocates Congressman John R. Lewis and the Reverend C.T. Vivian, who both passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020.

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 Lea.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

RECOGNITION OF NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE: The Mayor recognized the new School Superintendent Verletta White and School Board Trustee Natasha Saunders.

ROANOKE SISTER CITIES VISIT TO CITY OF PSKOV, RUSSIA: Dr. Patricia Sagasti Suppes, Ph.D., representing Roanoke Sister Cities appeared before Council to present information and memorabilia with regard to a trip to the City of Pskov, Russia and presented Mayor Lea with a gift.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

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 REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, June 15, 2020; and Monday, July 6, 2020, were before the body.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb 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 White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

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.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb 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 White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

RESIGNATION OF CINDY PASTERNAK: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Cindy Pasternak as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, effective immediately, was before the body.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb 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 White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION-HOTEL ROANOKE CONFERENCE CENTER COMMISSION-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION-ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD-BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN: Reports of qualification of the following individuals were before the Council.

Dr. Thomas Powers, Jr., as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a three-year term of office commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023;

Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as the City Employee representative of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for a term of office ending April 12, 2021;

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

Auraliz Quintana as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office ending June 30, 2023;

Marc B. Nelson as a City employee member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a two-year term of office ending June 30, 2022; and

Battalion Chief Clarence Turpin as the Public Safety representative of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a two-year term of office ending June 30, 2022.

(See Oath or Affirmation of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved that the report of qualification be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services towards the purchase of heart monitors and defibrillators.

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

Council Member Price offered the following resolution:

(#41802-072020) A RESOLUTION accepting the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant made to the City by the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 179.)

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Council Member Price moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41802-072020. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41803-072020) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) Grant, 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 180.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41803-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

2020 - 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the 2020 - 2021 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Funds.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following resolution:

(#41804-072020) A RESOLUTION accepting the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and authorizing the City Manager to execute Grant Agreements, Funding Approvals and other documents required by HUD, and such subgrant agreements, amendments and other documents as may be required pursuant to the Annual Update to the 2020 - 2021 HUD Action Plan ("Annual Update"), under certain conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 181.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41804-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41805-072020) 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), 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 183.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41805-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

COVE ROAD/DANSBURY DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Change Order No. 2 to the contract between the City of Roanoke and Aaron J. Conner in connection with the Cove Road/Dansbury Drive Drainage Improvement Project.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41806-072020) A RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance and execution of Change Order No. 2 by the City Manager to the City's Contract with Aaron J. Conner General Contractor, Inc. for additional work on the Cove Road/Dansbury Drive Drainage Improvement Project ("Project"); and authorizing the City Manager to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of such Change Order No. 2 to the above mentioned Contract, as well as the Contract itself.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 188.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41806-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

DOWNTOWN PARKING FACILITY AND HOTEL AT 116 AND 120 CHURCH AVENUE, S. E.: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending execution of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property for development of a downtown parking facility and hotel at 116 and 120 Church Avenue, S. E.

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

Council Member Price offered the following ordinance:

(#41807-072020) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property for the Development of a Downtown Parking Facility and Hotel, dated September 20, 2018 (the "Agreement") between the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), Market Holdings, LLC, ("MH") and Big Lick Hospitality, LLC ("Big Lick"), which proposed Agreement provided that the City, as the owner of certain real property of approximately 0.3607 acres, together with improvements thereon, situated at 120 Church Avenue, S. E., Roanoke, Virginia, designated as Official Tax Map No. 4011413 ("City Parcel"); MH, as the owner of certain real property of approximately 0.5755 acres, together with improvements thereon, situated at 116 Church Avenue, S. E., Roanoke, Virginia, designated as Official Tax Map No. 4011412 ("MH Parcel"); and Big Lick, agreed that the City would (i) acquire the MH Parcel; (ii) consolidate the MH Parcel with the City Parcel (collectively, the "Property"); (iii) construct on the Property and own a Parking Facility, in fee simple, and (iv) convey to Big Lick condominium units, certain air rights, and appropriate

nonexclusive easement rights within the Parking Facility for the construction and operation of a Hotel Facility to accommodate the operation of a Hotel on portions of the Property, to amend certain terms of the Agreement to extend the Inspection Period, as defined in the Agreement; reordaining Ordinance No. 41267-091718, adopted on September 17, 2018, Ordinance No. 41450-052019, adopted on May 20, 2019, Ordinance No. 41514-071519, adopted July 15, 2019, Ordinance No. 41595-102119 adopted October 21, 2019, Ordinance No. 41654-012120, adopted January 21, 2020, and Ordinance No. 41963- 031620, adopted March 16, 2020, only to the extent not inconsistent with this Ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to perform, effectuate, administer, and enforce the proposed Amendment No. 6, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 1, and the Agreement; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 189.)

Council Member Price moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41807-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager offered the following comments:

Budget Document Available

- Management and Budget staff will be providing a link to the FY21 Adopted Budget document to City Council members following the afternoon Council session.
- The document will also be posted on the City's website, on the Management and Budget webpage, and hard copies will be made available at the City Clerk's Office and at the Main Library.

Pedestrian Safety Campaign

- Last week, the City launched a new pedestrian safety campaign, with the slogan "Every Corner is a Crosswalk."
- The message is simple: In Virginia, every corner is a crosswalk, whether it's painted or not.
- This campaign will reinforce that drivers need to stop if pedestrians are present at corners or crosswalks, and that pedestrians need be predictable by crossing at the corner or a designated crosswalk.

- The campaign launched last Monday, and kicked off on Friday with a Facebook Live virtual event hosted by Ride Solutions.

811/911 Center Dedication

- The city will hold a dedication ceremony for the new 811/911 Communication Center on Thursday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m. at its location on Blue Hills Circle.
- Also at this event we will recognize the installation of new public art, "Guidance Tower," which was commissioned for the Center to recognize the important work of our E-911 staff that occurs in the facility and the partnership with Virginia 811.

CITY ATTORNEY:

ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY: The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending approval of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#41808-072020) A RESOLUTION approving the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 191.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41808-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

CITY CODE: The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending amendment of the City Code, Chapter 14.1, Solid Waste, to align with state regulations and clarify aspects of the code.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following ordinance:

(#41809-072020) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 14.1-1, Definitions, Article I, In General; Section 14.1-25, Collection of sharps, Division 1, Generally, Article II, Collection by an Authorized Person; Section 14.1-42, Application for license, Division 2, Private Collection of Bulk Containers, Article II Collection by an Authorized Person; and Section 14.1-45 - Placement and maintenance of bulk containers, Division 2, Private Collection of Bulk Containers, Article II Collection by an Authorized Person; of Chapter 14.1, Solid Waste Management, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, to comply with Virginia State Code; 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. 81, page 199.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41809-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending extension of the term of Ordinance No. 41703-032720, as supplemented by Ordinance No. 41709, as reinstated, reordained and reaffirmed by Ordinance No. 41797-070620.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41810-072020) AN ORDINANCE extending the term of Ordinance No. 41703-032720, as supplemented by Ordinance No. 41709-040620, and as reinstated, reordained, and reaffirmed by Ordinance No. 41797-070620; 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 203.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41810-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

Council Member Bestpitch inquired if the Council meetings can be conducted by electronic communication means; whereby, the City Attorney responded in the affirmative based upon the emergencies; however, it raises questions and concerns with regard to the public coming to the Chamber and the Council not in attendance and noted that Council was advised to attend in-person to hear the public hearing in reference to the adoption of bonds for fiscal year 2021.

Council Member Bestpitch asked that under the Governor's Emergency Orders and the State Code, would it have been an option for Council to conduct the meeting with members of the Council present in the Chamber and members of Council participating through the Zoom platform and at what point would it be appropriate to have more staff work remotely, due to the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to worsen. He expressed concern that the City of Roanoke has more cases than the entire region and urged City administration to take the situation more seriously for future plans.

The City Manager advised that from the beginning the City has used the guidance from the Governor's Office, moving from phase to phase and shared that administration actually held back operations beyond what was required in phase four; for example the limited number of citizens allowed in the Municipal Building and offices open by appointment only.

Following extensive dialogue from the City Manager, Ordinance No. 41810-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

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.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41811-072020) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Commonwealth and private grant for various educational programs, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 School 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 204.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41811-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

STAR CITY STRONG RECOVERY FUND TASK FORCE: Presentation with regard to findings and recommendations of the Star City Strong Recovery Fund Task Force.

Mayor Lea, Vice-Mayor Cobb and the City Manager provided an overview of the task force activities and shared the findings of the Star City Strong Recovery Fund Task Force.

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

Mayor Lea and Vice-Mayor Cobb commented advising that in June, the Council formed the Star City Recovery Fund Task Force to evaluate the post COVID-19 situation and make recommendations about how best to financially support the community's recovery and noted that the dynamic group of thirty-six appointed community representatives immediately went to work and have delivered a set of recommendations that support the community's recovery and in a way that makes the City stronger and more resilient.

Brenda Hale, Member, Star City Recovery Fund Task Force, representing the Roanoke Chapter NAACP, thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and expressed pleasure in the immense diversity of the Task Force, even to include youth members who brought great introspective comments to the Task Force.

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

Chris Bryant, Member, Star City Recovery Fund Task Force, representing outdoor recreation, thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and pointed out the great focus, attendance and organization of each meeting which allowed for productive brainstorming and ultimately strategically sound recommendations.

The City Manager noted that the Task Force recommended that the City Council support the community's recovery by emphasizing four specific areas believed essential if recovery was to be sustainable and equitable: Community Health, Economy, Safety Net, Youth and Education; and stated that the Task Force strongly believes that the greatest benefits will come from supporting the local economy, particularly small businesses as they grapple with the impact of COVID-19 and in ensuring the most vulnerable portions of the population were provided the support they need to not only survive through the Response Stage and be prepared to fully join in the community's post COVID economic recovery.

He concluded reviewing the next steps noting that following the Council's final determination on the Task Force recommendations, staff will initiate the development and implementation of the actual initiatives and projects called for in the approval using existing providers and networks to maximize efficiency in delivery of much needed funds and associated services, new initiatives will be needed as well as perhaps new collaborations, with an objective of rapid deployment of needed resources with as minimal bureaucracy as necessary.

Council Member Davis inquired who businesses and individuals could contact to access or provide services in connection with the recovery funds; whereupon, the City Manager advised that it depended on the circumstance, grant applications would be completed soon and some non-profits and businesses may be contacted directly for services.

Following additional comments from Council Members, the City Manager advised that if Council concurred in the recommendations as presented, the implementation would begin immediately; whereupon, the Council concurred and Mayor Lea thanked Ms. Hale, Ms. Bryant and the City Manager for an informative presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance resolution to amend the City Code in connection with the newly created Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board:

(#41812-072020) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 2-305, Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board, Division 2, Permanent Committees, Article XIV, Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees Generally, Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; 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 205.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41812-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

MOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

TASK FORCE TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE STUDY COMMITTEE: Vice-Mayor Cobb presented an update from the Task Force to Reduce Gun Violence Study Committee and shared that the Committee met virtually on Friday, July 17. He reported that the Committee received funding from the City of Roanoke in the amount of \$75,000.00 and an additional \$75,000.00 grant for work of the Study Committee, hiring of a Coordinator and formation of a reset volunteer team. The rapid engagement support team will offer assistance and resources to residents following a homicide or other traumatic event. He noted that the Human Resources Department currently narrowed the number of applicants and scheduling interviews over the next few weeks. He reviewed the work of the Gun Violence Task Force and noted that the Committee was extremely concerned about the urgency and need to remedy violence in the city and understood it must be a community response effort to deter these acts of violence.

APPRECIATION: Mayor Lea made a brief statement with regard to a solution and thanked Vice-Mayor Cobb for his work on the Gun Violence Task Force Committee.

NEWLY RENOVATED FIRE STATION #7: Council Member Osborne said she recently drove by the newly renovated Fire Station #7 and was amazed at the new construction and hoped Fire/EMS Chief Hoback and firefighters were also pleased with the work that has been done; she recently visited the "End Racism" mural painted on Campbell Avenue and commended the artist for their exemplary work and amazing display of creativity; and expressed concern with regard to her participation at Council meetings in the Council Chamber due to the continued rise in COVID-19 cases in the region and would like to explore other alternatives for future Council meetings.

At 4:42 p.m., Mayor Lea declared the Council Meeting in recess until 7:00 p.m., for a Closed Meeting.

At 7:00 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding.

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

ABSENT: NONE-0.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Lea called for a Moment of Silence in memory of the late Civil Rights Advocates Congressman John R. Lewis and the Reverend C.T. Vivian, who both passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020.

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

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Dana Hensley, Pastor, First Church of the Brethren.

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

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 Davis and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

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

ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE: The Mayor called attention to expiration of the three-year term of office of Robert Lewis Leftwich as a member of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee for a three-year term of office ended June 30, 2020; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the name of Jane Missel.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Missel was appointed to replace Robert Lewis Leftwich as a member of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023; by the following vote:

FOR MS. MISSEL: White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved that the Council waive the City residency requirement for Ms. Missel as a member of the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee, in this instance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Vice-Mayor Cobb moved to waive the City residency requirement, in this instance, for Husain B. Alam appointed as a member of the Architectural Review Board at the July 6, 2020, Council Meeting. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY OF ROANOKE PENSION PLAN: Inasmuch as Carolyn Glover was reappointed at the March 2, 2020 Council Meeting, as the City retiree representative of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan for a two-year term of office, she failed to qualify within a two-week period after reappointment. It was requested that Council ratify the reappointment.

Council ratified the reappointment of Carolyn Glover for a term of two-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022; by the following vote:

FOR MS. GLOVER: White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT ADVISORY BOARD: The Mayor called attention to the Elected Official vacancies on the newly created Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board; whereupon, he opened the floor the nominations.

Vice-Mayor Cobb placed in nomination the names of Council Members Bestpitch and White-Boyd.

There being no further nominations, Council Members Bestpitch and White-Boyd were appointed as Elected Official representatives of the Equity and Empowerment Advisory Board; by the following vote:

FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS BESTPITCH AND WHITE-BOYD: White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Davis, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-7.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Glade Creek Development, LLC, to rezone and repeal the single condition proffered as part of a previous rezoning adopted through the enactment of Ordinance No. 40007-072114 for multiple properties located on Savannah Drive and Georgia Court from MXPUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development, to R-5, Residential Single-Family District, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending the approval of the rezoning request, finding that the Amended Application No. 1 is consistent with the City's goals of appropriate residential development outlined in both the Comprehensive Plan and *Hollins/Wildwood Area Plan*.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41813-072020) AN ORDINANCE rezoning certain properties, owned by Glade Creek Development, LLC, and located at 402 through 583 Savannah Drive, N. E.; 125 Brenda Way, N. E.; and 202 through, 246 Georgia Court, N. E., and as more specifically described in this Ordinance, from MXPUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development District, with conditions, to R-5, Residential Single-Family District, without conditions, repealing Ordinance No. 40007-072114, adopted July 21, 2014, to the extent that it placed certain conditions on the subject properties; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 207.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41813-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; whereupon, the following individual appeared before the Council:

Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., appeared in support of rezoning request of Glade Creek Development, LLC.

There being no further speakers, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41813-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Northbridge Properties, LLC, to rezone and repeal all conditions previously proffered as part of a previous rezoning for properties located at 2006 Peters Creek Road, N. W., 4425 Northwood Drive, N. W., 4431 Northwood Drive, N. W., and a portion of 2032 Peters Creek Road, N. W., bearing Official Tax Map Nos. 6140612, 6140610, 6140609, and 6141403, from CG, Commercial-General District; R-7, Residential Single-Family District; and CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions, to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, with conditions; all conditions previously adopted through enactment of Ordinance No. 28339-092586 are proposed for repeal on a portion of property located at 2032 Peters Creek Road, N. W., all conditions previously adopted through enactment of Ordinance No. 35253-040201 are proposed for repeal on property located at 4431 Northwood Drive, N. W., and 4425 Northwood Drive, N. W., the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending the approval of the rezoning request, finding that the Amended Application No. 1 is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, *Peters Creek North Neighborhood Plan*, and Zoning Ordinance as the subject property will be developed and used in a manner appropriate to the surrounding area.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#41814-072020) AN ORDINANCE rezoning certain property located at 2006 Peters Creek Road, N. W., from CG, Commercial-General District, to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, with conditions; rezoning certain properties located at 4425 Northwood Drive, N. W., and 4431 Northwood Drive, N. W., from CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions; to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, with conditions; rezoning a portion of certain property located at 2032 Peters Creek Road, N. W., from R-7, Residential Single-Family District, and CG, Commercial-General District, with conditions, to CLS, Commercial-Large Site District, with conditions; repealing Ordinance Nos. 28339, adopted September 25, 1986, and 35253-040201, adopted April 2, 2001, to the extent that they placed certain conditions on the subject properties; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 209.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41814-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41814-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Grandin Court Baptist Church to rezone property located at 2600 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., and 0 Spring Road, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map Nos. 1561301 and 1561315, from IN, Institutional District, to R-7, Residential Single-Family District, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

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The City Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending the approval of the rezoning request, finding that the Original Application to rezone the subject property to R-7, Residential Single-family District, is consistent with the City's goals to appropriate residential development outlined in both the Comprehensive Plan and *Grandin Court Neighborhood Plan*.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41815-072020) AN ORDINANCE rezoning certain properties located at 2600 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., and 0 (zero) Spring Road, S. W., from IN, Institutional District, to R-7, Residential Single-Family District, and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 211.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41815-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41815-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of the City of Roanoke to amend Chapter 31.1, Subdivisions, Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended, for clarification and to make the ordinance more user friendly, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending the approval of the proposed amendments to ensure the ordinance remains a relevant tool for implementing the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following ordinance:

(#41816-072020) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 31.1-203, Subdivision application, review, and approval; Section 31.1-400, Standards for streets; and Appendix B, B-4, Requirements for final subdivision site plan; of Chapter 31.1, Subdivisions, 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. 81, page 213.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41816-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41816-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of the City of Roanoke to amend Chapter 36.2, Zoning, Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended, for clarification and consistency with State law, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending the approval of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

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

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#41817-072020) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 36.2-205, Dimensional regulations; Section 36.2-311, Use table for residential districts; Section 36.2-322, Use table for industrial districts; Section 36.2-327, Use table for planned unit development districts; establishing Section 36.2-410.1, Fill or Borrow Sites; Section 36.2-407.2, Composting Facilities; amending and reordaining Section 36.2-423, Outdoor storage; Section. 36.2-429, Temporary uses; Section 36.2-552, Basic development plans; Section 36.2-553, Comprehensive development plans; Section 36.2-630, General development standards; Section 36.2-642, General landscaping and screening standards; Section 36.2-643, Preservation of existing landscape features; Section 36.2-648, Parking area landscaping; Section 36.2-652, Minimum parking; Section 36.2-661, Applicability; Section 36.2-662, Definitions; Section 36.2-663, Prohibited signs; Section 36.2-664, Zoning permits for signs; Section 36.2-673, Temporary on-premises signs; Appendix A, Definitions; and Appendix B, B-1, Basic Development Plan; of Chapter 36.2, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; for the purposes of amending and reordaining, combining and renumbering, adding or repealing, the following code sections to update, clarify and make the City's zoning ordinance easier to use for its citizens and consistent with state law; amending and reordaining Section 36.2-315, Use table for multiple purpose districts, to correct a scrivener's error; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 219.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41817-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; whereupon, the following individual appeared before the Council:

Davey Stewarts, Harvest Collectives, 333 Tinker Creek Lane, N. E., spoke with regard to composting materials, waste diversion, and support of a construction of a facility.

There being no further speakers, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41817-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE PROJECT (LEAP): Pursuant to instructions by the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July, 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Local Environment Agriculture Project (LEAP) for designation of its real property, located at 1718 Salem Avenue, S. W., as exempt from taxation, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending exemption of Local Environment Agriculture Project (LEAP) from real property taxation, pursuant to Article X, Section 6 (a) 6 of the Constitution of Virginia, effective January 1, 2021.

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

Council Member Davis offered the following ordinance:

(#41818-072020) AN ORDINANCE exempting from real estate property taxation certain real property, located in the City of Roanoke owned by Local Environmental Agriculture Project, Incorporated, ("Applicant") a Virginia non-stock, non-profit corporation, devoted exclusively to charitable or benevolent purposes on a non-profit basis; 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. 81, page 276.)

Council Member Davis moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41818-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

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There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 41818-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS: Pursuant to instructions by the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July, 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a proposal of the City of Roanoke for authorization of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$29,320,000 and appropriation of funds for capital projects, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Monday, July 6, 2020 and Monday, July 13, 2020.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization of the issuance of bonds/BAN up to \$29,320,000, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#41819-072020) A RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed twenty-nine million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$29,320,000) aggregate principal amount of general obligations of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, in the form of general obligation public improvement bonds of the city, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement and equipping of various public improvement projects of and for the city (including related design and architectural and engineering services); fixing the form, denomination and certain other details of such bonds; and otherwise providing with respect to the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds; and authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of a like principal amount of general obligation public improvement bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 279.)

Council Member White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41819-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no comments and/or questions by the Council Members, Resolution No. 41819-072020 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#41820-072020) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding to be provided by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to the Stormwater Improvements, Civic Center, City-wide Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk, Street Improvements, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Fleet Capital Replacements, Digital Radio Conversion, Bridge Renovations, Campbell Court, Transit Facility, Patrick Henry High School Stadium, Fishburn Park, Preston Park and Grandin Court Playgrounds, as well as various school maintenance upgrade projects, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Stormwater Utility, Civic Center, Capital Projects, and School Capital Projects Funds, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 296.)

Vice-Mayor Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 41820-072020. The motion seconded by Council Member Price and was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PETITION FOR APPEAL FILED BY ROBERT EANES AND ROBERT SCRIMSHAW: A Petition for Appeal filed by Robert Eanes and Robert Scrimshaw on behalf of Calico Enterprises, LLC, appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying a request to install OG gutters at 638 Marshall Avenue, S. W.; was before the Council.

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

The Architectural Review Board submitted a written report advising that the application was inconsistent with the H-2 Architectural Design Guidelines; and therefore was recommending that City Council affirm its decision to deny the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install 6" K-style seamless gutters (OG gutters).

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

Mr. Scrimshaw opined that the decision of the Architectural Review Board was inequitable noting that approximately 80 percent of other homeowners in the neighborhood the Board had been allowed to install OG gutters and pointed out that the OG gutters mimicked the appearance of hidden gutters and were consistent with the architectural period of the homes construction.

Wayne Leftwich, Senior City Planner commented the Architectural Review Board had previously approved OG gutters on homes; however, in the case of a remodeled home the gutters had not been approved.

Based upon the evidence (testimony and documents) presented to the Council, Council Member Bestpitch moved to affirm the decision of the Architectural Review Board to deny the request to install OG gutters at the property. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Council Member White-Boyd moved that based upon the evidence (testimony and documents) presented to the Council, the decision of the Architectural Review Board on February 13, 2020, be reversed and that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued to allow the installation of OG gutters at 638 Marshall Avenue, S. W., on grounds that the proposed installation and location were architecturally compatible with the structures or historic landmarks in the H-2 District. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Council Member Bestpitch-1.

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.

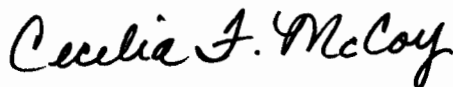
PEACEFUL PROTEST: Freeda Cathcart, 2516 Sweetbrier Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council and spoke with regard to the peaceful protest on May 30, 2020 and demanded that the Police Department not use pepper spray in the future.

HONOR FOR MS. EVELYN BETHEL AND MS. HELEN DAVIS: Jordan Bell, 5208 Lancerlot Lane, N. W., appeared before the Council to request that Council honor Ms. Evelyn Bethel and Ms. Helen Davis for their strong and loyal neighborhood advocacy.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
