

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

June 7, 2021

9:00 a.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, 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. 41964-010421 adopted by the Council on Monday, January 4, 2021.

PRESENT: Council Members Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-7.

ABSENT: None-0.

The 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.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

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.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

PERSONNEL MATTER: A communication from Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the annual performances of the Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the Vice-Mayor as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ITEMS LISTED ON THE 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL DOCKET REQUIRING DISCUSSION/CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE 2:00 P.M. AGENDA: NONE.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: NONE.

BRIEFINGS:

FY22 Budget Study

The City Manager and Paul Workman, Budget Manager, briefed the Council on the following regarding the FY 2021 - 2022 Budget:

- Discussion Items
 - Cultural Endowment
 - Tree Planting
- Five Year Operating Plan
- Next Steps

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

The City Manager explained that at the budget public hearing on May 24 a number of comments were received with regard to tree planting and the Cultural Endowment funding was broached in the individual meetings with City Council members held thereafter. He noted that currently the budget allocated \$630,238.00 for urban forestry which included tree canopy and all it entails and an additional \$30,000 was allotted to tree planting in the FY 20 budget and because tipping fees were anticipated to be higher than actual costs, an additional \$30,000 will be allotted in the FY 22 budget for tree planting.

He further explained in terms of the Cultural Endowment funding, the City had been a partner of the endowment for many years with a total amount allocated at \$1,075,000.00 and reinstating the \$125,000.00 allotment in the base budget. He pointed out that with an additional one-time funding of \$50,000.00 from the capital project contingency, the endowment would receive \$175,000.00 in FY 22.

Council Member Bestpitch inquired of the total investment made with regard to urban forestry including the amount of trees purchased to plant and associated costs; whereupon, the City Manager advised that he would get that information to the Council.

Council Member Bestpitch also inquired if any year end funds could be added for the Cultural Endowment; and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd asked if there were grants available for tree planting; whereupon, the City Manager explained that tree planting funds for local governments was not common.

The Vice-Mayor further inquired if the additional funding for the Cultural Endowment must come from capital contingency. The City Manager replied in the affirmative, noting that it was the source for year-end funding to pay cash for capital projects.

Council Member Moon Reynolds expressed delight in the restoration of the funding for youth athletics at \$110,000.00.

Mr. Workman continued with the presentation by reviewing the Five-Year Operating Plan for FY 2022 – 2026, explaining that the Plan allowed for strategic continued recognition of priorities, but emphasized it was only an estimate based upon the current economy. He pointed out the anticipation of a \$6 million surplus for FY 2021 and looking beyond FY 2022, current assumptions included operating growth of predominantly two percent; real estate tax growth of four percent in FY 2023 – FY 2025 easing to three percent in FY 2026; personal property tax growth of four percent in FY 2023 dropping to three percent in FY 24 – FY 26.

He continued stating that the anticipation of unavoidable expenditure growth typically driven by inflation or market driven factors, every year, presented new challenges, which included market-based compensation and paying employees, what they deserved to be the best and do the best job. He noted that future planning was the best practice in order to respond to identified potential variances and thanked the Management and Budget staff for their hard work; and specifically acknowledged new Revenue Analyst Brett Gallian, who joined the team six months ago, and has done outstanding work.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd asked if Council would have opportunity to weigh in on any adjustments to be made to balance the budget along the way versus at the end of the process; whereupon, the City Manager advised that was the reason for the sharing the information with the Council and the current budget does not show cause for alarm, but if the gap were to grow, it would allow for the staff and the Council to formulate a plan.

Council Member Bestpitch commented that four percent growth in real state tax was an extremely conservative projection based on the current housing market and the fact that the Code of Virginia requires assessing real estate values at 100 percent fair market value.

Council Member Cobb inquired if there was a way to build in one-time funding each year and work more closely with the Cultural Endowment to spread the word of its importance and commented that it would be beneficial to get citizens engaged in the commemorative tree planting program, which would overall positively affect the tree canopy of the City of Roanoke.

The City Manager replied in the affirmative that the City of Roanoke was the lead donor and the funds were unrestrictive meaning it could be used for operations, marketing, etc., and within the last year community outreach was increased which included a radio commercial. He noted that there was actually no agreed commitment amount from the City and each year the amount varies; approximately three years ago the \$125,000.00 allotment was moved into the base budget from the one-time funding category to ensure that assumed amount would be allocated; and if the amount was to increase it would need discussion at the budget planning retreat for next year.

Mayor Lea added that the Council fully supported funding for the Cultural Endowment for the Arts.

Lastly, Council Member Bestpitch inquired as to how the funding from the American Rescue Act would affect the budget; whereupon, the City Manager advised that \$64.5 million from the American Rescue Act was allocated to the City with a portion of that to replace lost revenue and anything COVID-19 related can be funded.

Following additional discussion with regard to the American Rescue Act funding, the City Manager presented the next steps and stated that the budget was scheduled to be adopted on June 21, at 2:00 p.m., and on June 30, the adopted budget document would be available to the public.

Mayor Lea thanked the City Manager and Mr. Workman for the presentation and received and filed the briefing.

At 9:46 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess for a Closed Meeting in the Council's Conference Room, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building; and thereafter to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 2:00 p.m., the Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Vivian Sanchez-Jones, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds, and Vice-Mayor Patricia White-Boyd-6.

ABSENT: Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-1.

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 Jon Landis, Lead Minister, Growing Families Ministry, Roanoke Valley Church (participated by electronic means).

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Council Member Bestpitch called for a Moment of Silence in memory of Calvin Powers, prominent businessman in Roanoke, founder of Powers Fence Company, Guard Rail, The Carpet Shops and Atlantic Fasteners, who passed away on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

INTRODUCTION OF CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF: The City Attorney introduced Jennifer Crook, new Attorney Assistant City Attorney, for the Department of Social Services; and recognized David Collins and Laura Carini as newly appointed Senior Assistant City Attorneys.

INTRODUCTION OF CITY CLERK'S OFFICE STAFF: The City Clerk introduced Nicole Wright-Bailey, new Administrative Assistant, III, in the City Clerk's Office.

MEMORIALIZING THE LATE DR. ROBERT F. ROTH: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution memorializing the late Dr. Robert F. Roth, former President, Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, Inc.:

(#42064-060721) A RESOLUTION memorializing the late Dr. Robert F. Roth, a former Methodist missionary, surgeon, co-founder of Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, Inc., and long time resident of the Roanoke Valley.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 683.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42064-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

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 MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Monday, May 3, 2021; and Monday, May 17, 2021, recessed until May 24, 2021, was 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 Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

RESIGNATION – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Antwyne Calloway as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective May 31, 2021, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM
REGIONAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD-HOTEL
ROANOKE CONFERENCE CENTER COMMISSION-PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Reports of qualification of the
following individuals:

The Honorable Charles N. Dorsey as the 23rd Judicial Circuit City
representative of the Court Community Corrections Program
Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term
of office commencing July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2024;

Robert S. Cowell, Jr., as the City Employee representative of the
Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for a four-year term
of office commencing April 13, 2021 and ending April 12, 2025; and

Jerome Stephens as a member of the Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board for a three-year term of office commencing April 1,
2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

(See Oath or Affirmation 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 Sanchez-Jones and
adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon
Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

CITY MANAGER:

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for acquisition of properties in connection with the City of Roanoke Floodplain Mitigation Project.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#42065-060721) A RESOLUTION accepting the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program grants made to the City from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management upon certain terms and conditions, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any required documentation on behalf of the City in order to accept the grants.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 685.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42065-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42066-060721) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for the City of Roanoke Floodplain Mitigation Project to acquire and demolish the former Cee Breeze Nursing Home Property, which is prone to flooding, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2021 - 2022 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 686.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42066-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

MELROSE AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of funds from the Western Virginia Water Authority for utility work in connection with the Melrose Avenue Streetscape improvements.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42067-060721) A RESOLUTION accepting the Western Virginia Water Authority's payment for work completed by the City Contractor on the Melrose Avenue Streetscape project in the total amount of \$795,643 for water and sanitary sewer replacements; and authorizing the City Manager to take certain other actions in connection with the above matters and project.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 687.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42067-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42068-060721) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Western Virginia Water Authority to perform the water and sanitary sewer replacements within the City contract, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2021 - 2022 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 687.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42068-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

2021 FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARD: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance of the 2021 Financial Empowerment Center Implementation Grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., in connection with the operation of the City's Financial Empowerment Center.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#42069-060721) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of the 2021 Financial Empowerment Center Implementation Grant to the City of Roanoke ("City") from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc. ("CFE Fund"); authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to receive such grant, in order for the City to improve the financial stability of low and moderate income households by embedding financial empowerment strategies into local government infrastructure; and authorizing the City Manager to take such further actions and execute such other documents as may be necessary to obtain, accept, implement, administer, and use such grant funds.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 688.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42069-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

Council Member Cobb offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42070-060721) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the Financial Empowerment Fund for financial counseling of low and moderate income individuals, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2021 - 2022 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 689.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42070-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

CITY CODE-STORMWATER UTILITY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code Stormwater Utility section with regard to fees for collection.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#42071-060721) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 11.5-8(a), Billing, penalties, and interest, of Chapter 11.5, Stormwater Utility, and Section 14.1-5, Fees for collection, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 14.1(d), Solid Waste Management, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, to provide for a graduated penalty in the event of late payments based on how soon such taxes are paid after the original date due; 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 691.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42071-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

CITY CODE—TAX ON REAL ESTATE AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the City Code in connection with tax on real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#42072-060721) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Section 32-124(b), When due and payable, Article IV, Tax on Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property of Public Service Corporations, Chapter 32, Taxation, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, to change the due date of the first installment of taxes due upon the real estate and real estate improvements of public service corporations from October 5 to December 5; providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 693.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42072-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

BUS SHELTER ENCROACHMENT-MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending approval and authorization of an encroachment permit for Mountain View Neighborhood Association for a bus shelter located at 208 18th Street, S. W., at the intersection of Salem Avenue and 18th Street, S. W.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#42073-060721) AN ORDINANCE allowing a bus shelter encroachment requested by the Greater Roanoke Transit Company d/b/a Valley Metro ("GRTC"), into the public right-of-way located at the intersection of Salem Avenue, S. W., and 18th Street, S. W., adjacent to property located at 208 18th Street, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 1211601, and which bus shelter will be located within the City Right-of-Way 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 694.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42073-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager offered the following comments:

City Pools Are Open for the Summer

- After a one-year hiatus, the pools at Washington Park and Fallon Park will be open this summer beginning today, June 4.
- Reopening the pools was made possible thanks to a fundraiser started by Roanoke attorney John Fishwick. Upon hearing the pools weren't going to open in 2020, he and other community members raised \$53,000 for the cause.
- The money raised was given to the City and is being used for pool staff wages.
- While there are still some safety restrictions in place, the pools will be in operation and open to the public.
- Information about daily hours of operation and pool rates can be found at www.PlayRoanoke.com.

This summer Roanoke will roll out a traffic speed awareness campaign

- The campaign is Phase 2 of the Pedestrian Safety Campaign conducted by the Transportation Division in 2020, through a grant with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Last year's emphasis was on crosswalk safety – "Every Corner is a Crosswalk."
- This year, the focus is on increasing awareness of speeding as a pedestrian safety issue, especially on priority minor arterials, neighborhood collectors, and residential streets in the City.
- Plans include special events, neighborhood walks, contests, and other activities to engage and educate the community.
- More information will be shared in the near future; the campaign will kickoff on June 22.

CITY ATTORNEY:

ENCROACHMENT-2417 GUILFORD ROAD: The City Attorney submitted a written communication recommending approval to amend and reordain Ordinance No. 40998-110617 to lower the insurance required of the property owner to maintain an encroachment from \$2,000,000.00 in general liability insurance coverage to \$300,000.00 in personal liability insurance coverage for a structure located at 2417 Guilford Road, S. W., into the right of way.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#42074-060721) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Ordinance No. 40998-110617, adopted by City Council on November 6, 2017, which authorized an existing encroachment pursuant to Section 15.2-2011, Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, caused by the property located at 2417 Guilford Road, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, designated as Official Tax Map No. 1550219, extending into a portion of the City's right-of-way of an adjacent alley, by lowering the amount of general liability insurance coverage required to be obtained by the property owner to maintain the encroachment, 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 696.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42074-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

INTEGRATED TAX REVENUE SYSTEM: The City Attorney submitted a written communication recommending amendment of Ordinance Nos. 41930, 41931, 41932, 41933, 41934, and 41935-122120 to provide for an effective date upon the date the integrated tax revenue system is successfully implemented, or January 3, 2022, whichever date comes earlier, for implementation has been delayed and is now expected to occur on October 19, 2021.

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

Council Member Cobb offered the following ordinance:

(#42075-060721) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Ordinance Nos. 41930-122120, 41931-122120, 41932-122120, 41933-122120, 41934-122120, and 41935-122120, all adopted by City Council on December 21, 2020, by changing the effective date of such Ordinances from July 1, 2021, until the date the City of Roanoke's integrated tax revenue system is successfully implemented, or January 3, 2022, whichever date comes earlier, 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 698.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42075-060721. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Council Member Cobb expressed thanks to Humble Hustle, Inc., and Executive Director Xavier Duckett, for hosting 'Chalk It Up' events across the city on Saturday, June 5, that expressed love and put smiles on faces; he also praised the Carilion Clinic IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge event held on Sunday, June 6, which event brought approximately 2,500 competitors to the area who completed in a 1.2-mile swim through Carvins Cove, a 56-mile bike ride along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and a 13.1-mile run on the Roanoke Greenway; and thanked the organizer of the events, which celebrated furiousness of all athletes.

RECOGNITION-FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER: Vice-Mayor White-Boyd recognized and thanked former Council Member Michelle Davis for her impact and influence for the City of Roanoke to host the IRONMAN event; and Council Member Bestpitch thanked the hundreds of volunteers who made the event a success.

ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-Council Member Moon Reynolds inquired about the removal of Resource Officers from Roanoke City Public Schools; wherein, the City Manager advised that the School Superintendent had addressed the matter and Resource Officers would be returning to the Schools this fall.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Cobb moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by City Council. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BOARD: The Vice-Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Sherman Stovall as Ex-officio member of the Defined Contribution Board; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Clarence Grier, Deputy City Manager.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Grier was appointed, by position, as Ex-officio member of the Defined Contribution Board to replace Sherman Stovall, by the following vote:

FOR MR. GRIER: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the expiration of the term of office of Amar Bhattarai as a member of the Fair Housing Advisory Board for a term that ended March 31, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Alyshia Merchant.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Merchant was appointed to replace Amar Bhattarai, as a member of the Fair Housing Advisory Board for a term ending March 31, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MS. MERCHANT: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

MARKET BUILDING FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Vice-Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Sherman Stovall as a member of the Market Building Foundation Board of Directors; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Brent Robertson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Robertson was appointed, by position, to replace Sherman Stovall as a member of the Market Building Foundation Board of Directors, by the following vote:

FOR MR. ROBERTSON: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of J. Matthew Bullington, as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Terry McGuire.

There being no further nominations, Mr. McGuire was appointed to replace J. Matthew Bullington as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. MCGUIRE: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION: The Vice-Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Richard R. Morrison as a Citizen-at-Large member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Lori Baker-Lloyd.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Baker-Lloyd was appointed as a Citizen-at-Large member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Richard R. Morrison (Citizen-at-Large) ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MS. BAKER-LLOYD: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Macklyn Mosley as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Victoria McNiff.

There being no further nominations, Ms. McNiff was appointed as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission to replace Macklyn Mosley for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MS. MCNIFF: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the three-year term of office of Council Member William D. Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Council Member Joseph L. Cobb.

There being no further nominations, Council Member Joseph L. Cobb was appointed to replace Council Member William D. Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MR. COBB: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-5.

(Mayor Lea was absent. Council Member Cobb abstained from the vote.)

ROANOKE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION: The Vice-Mayor called attention to a vacancy created by the resignation of Sherman Stovall as an Alternate member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Loren Fennell, Budget Business Analyst.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Fennell, Budget Business Analyst was appointed as an Alternate member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of Sherman Stovall ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR MS. FENNELL: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the one-year term of office of Meg Carter as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Stephen W. Lemon.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Lemon was appointed to replace Meg Carter as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Board of Directors for a one-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR MR. LEMON: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: The Vice-Mayor called attention to the upcoming expiration of the term of office of Douglas Pitzer as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board ending June 30, 2021; whereupon, she opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Cobb placed in nomination the name of Douglas Pitzer.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Pitzer was appointed as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, by the following vote:

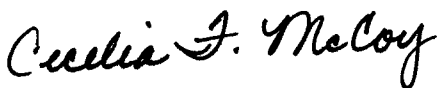
FOR MR. PITZER: Council Members Sanchez-Jones, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds and Vice-Mayor White-Boyd-6.

(Mayor Lea was absent.)

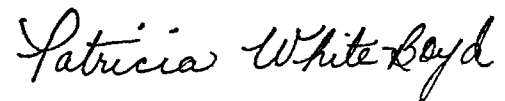
There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice-Mayor White-Boyd declared the regular meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk



Patricia White-Boyd
Vice-Mayor
