

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION

June 21, 2021

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with 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 Patricia White-Boyd, William D. Bestpitch, Joseph L. Cobb, Robert L. Jeffrey, Jr., Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, 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.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Anthony Holmes, Pastor, Loudon Avenue Christian Church (participated by electronic means).

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

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Lea declared Sunday, June 20, 2021 as World Refugee Day. Council Member Sanchez-Jones presented the proclamation to Jay Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Catholic Charities (participated by electronic means).

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

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Lea declared Monday, June 21, 2021 as Wayne G. Strickland Day to celebrate his upcoming retirement as Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. Council Member Bestpitch presented the proclamation to Mr. Strickland.

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

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Lea declared the month of June 2021 as Pride Month. Council Member Cobb read and acknowledged the proclamation declaring Pride Month.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. If deemed appropriate, matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to the Council.

Due to the recent increase and severity in COVID-19 cases in the City of Roanoke, out of an abundance of caution, the Roanoke City Council has determined that temporary changes are necessary. Roanoke City Council Members will continue to meet in person in City Council Chamber, observing all recommended safety protocols while members of the community wishing to address the City Council during Hearing of Citizens Upon Public Matters are required to participate virtually or via email by contacting the City Clerk's Office at clerk@roanokeva.gov and (540) 853-2541, by 12:00 p.m., on June 21. The Council Chamber will not be accessible to the general public during the meeting. The meeting will continue to be broadcast via RVTv-3 and on the City's Facebook account.

MISCELLANEOUS: Stephen Niamke, 1711 Franwill Avenue, N. W., invited the Members of Council to participate in the Shanti Sena Summit, highlighting the principles of Kingian Nonviolence on June 25 - 27, 2021; and expressed opinion on the prohibition of open gun carry.

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 meeting of City Council held on Monday, June 7, 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 White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCES OF THE COUNCIL-APPOINTED OFFICERS: 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, was before the body.

(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 Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a special meeting and public hearing to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager shall determine, in his discretion, to receive public comment with regard to the appropriation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and lost public sector revenue in FY 2021, was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

PUBLIC HEARING-GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, or such later date and time as the City Manager may determine, on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$33.555 million for qualifying capital improvement projects and bond issuance costs, was before the body.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved that Council concur in the request of the City Manager as abovementioned. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, was before the Council.

(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 White-Boyd, Bestpitch, Cobb, Jeffrey, Moon Reynolds, Sanchez-Jones, and Mayor Lea-7.

NAYS: None-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE VALLEY GREENWAY COMMISSION-BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS-ROANOKE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION: Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

James Revercomb, III, as a City representative of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a three-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024;

Charles Waters as a member (Citizen-at-large) of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024; and

Loren Fennell 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, were before the Council.

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

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

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

DEPACO FAMILY DONATION OF POLICE CANINES: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending the acceptance of the donation of two dual-purpose police canines to the Roanoke Police Department from the DePaco family and their company Summit Nutritionals International, Inc.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#42076-062121) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of a donation from the DePaco Family and their company, Summit Nutritionals International, Inc., to the Roanoke City Police Department for two dual-purpose Police Service Dogs (Canines), and authorizing execution of any and all necessary documents to accept the donation.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 699.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42076-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

BONDS FOR TRANSIT STATION: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending the appropriation of third party funds and de-appropriation of advanced appropriated bonds in connection with the new transit station.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42077-062121) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from Hist:Re Partners and to deappropriate bond funds not issued relating to the Transit Station project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Capital Project Fund, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 700.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42077-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb.

Mayor Lea asked for an overview of the matter for clarification; whereupon, The City Manager advised that \$500,000.00 from a private partner must be appropriated in order to relocate the transit operations from the current facility to a temporary facility and allows the developer to proceed in the redevelopment of the current site; and noted that since an allocation was received from the Federal Transit Authority, the funds set-aside in the CIP for the project could be released and used for other CIP purposes.

There being no additional questions and/or comments by the Members of Council, Budget Ordinance No. 42077-062121 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

FLEET INSURANCE RECOVERY FUNDS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending the appropriation of fleet insurance recovery funds, which recoveries help to offset the needed repair or replacement of City vehicles involved in an accident.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42078-062121) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from liable parties relating to fleet insurance recovery, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020 - 2021 Capital Project Fund and 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 701.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42078-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER: NONE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A REPORT OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS IN WHICH CITY COUNCIL SERVE AS LIAISONS OR APPOINTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY CITY MANAGER: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution commending the services rendered to the City of Roanoke by Sherman M. Stovall as Deputy City Manager, on the occasion of his retirement:

(#42079-062121) A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the services rendered to this City by Sherman M. Stovall as its Deputy City Manager, and expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the City and its people for his service.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 701.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42079-062121. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd.

Each Council Member expressed and offered well wishes to Mr. Stovall upon his retirement and the City Manager commented that Mr. Stovall truly represented what a public servant should be always exhibiting the value of public over self and acknowledged his unwavering dedication to his family, church and God.

There being no additional questions and/or comments by the Members of City Council, Resolution No. 42079-062121 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

MOTION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: NONE.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Lea announced that the following items was to be considered by the Council in connection with the City's Recommended FY 2021 – 2022 Budget and other related items, effective July 1, 2021:

BUDGET: The Director of Finance submitted a written communication to certify funding in accordance with paragraph (a) of Section 25.1 of the Charter of the City of Roanoke, as amended, and Sections 2-235 (e) and (f) Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, do hereby certify that funds required for the 2021 – 2022 General Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, Civic Facilities Fund, Parking Fund, Risk Management Fund, School Fund, School Food Fund, Grant Fund and State Asset Sharing program budgets will be available for appropriation, subject to the adoption of the revenue measures proposed by the City Manager in the June 21, 2021 City Council Agenda.

(See Certification of Funding on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Without objection, the Mayor advised that the Certification of Funding would be received and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX RATE: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending reaffirmation of Real Estate Tax Rate.

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

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42080-062121) AN ORDINANCE adopting and reaffirming the real property tax rate as set forth in Article II of Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Roanoke and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 704.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42080-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

AMENDMENT OF FY 2022 FEE COMPENDIUM: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending amendment of the FY 2022 Fee Compendium for Fire-EMS, Solid Waste Management and Stormwater Utility fee adjustments.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#42081-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to include fees for solid waste collection as set out below; and establishing an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 705.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42081-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Cobb and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42082-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to amend fees for Downtown Compactors in the Central Business District, as set out below; and establishing an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 707.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42082-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Jeffrey and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42083-062121) A RESOLUTION amending certain fees and charges with regard to fire prevention reinspections, amending the Fee Compendium, and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 708.)

Council Member Cobb moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42083-062121. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#42084-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Roanoke Fire-EMS Fire Prevention Code Permit Fees to be charged by the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department; providing for an effective date; and directing amendment of the Fee Compendium.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 709.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42084-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Moon Reynolds and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Cobb offered the following resolution:

(#42085-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to include certain fees and charges with regard to fire protection system inspections conducted by the Roanoke Fire Marshal's Office under the authority of the Building Commissioner, and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 710.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42085-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Moon Reynolds offered the following resolution:

(#42086-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to include certain fees and charges with regard to residential target hazard inspections conducted by the Roanoke Fire Marshal's Office, and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 711.)

Council Member Moon Reynolds moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42086-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#42087-062121) A RESOLUTION amending the Fee Compendium to include certain fees and charges with regard to commercial target hazard inspections conducted by the Roanoke Fire Marshal's Office, and providing for an effective date.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 712.)

Council Member Moon Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42087-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Sanchez-Jones and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following Ordinance:

(#42088-062121) AN ORDINANCE amending the monthly stormwater utility fee rate per billing unit as provided for by the Code of the City of Roanoke, Section 11.5-3; establishing a phase-in period and an effective date for each phase; authorizing the City Manager to take certain actions in connection with such stormwater utility fee rate; amending the City's Fee Compendium; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this Ordinance.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 713.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42088-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

ANNUAL GENERAL, STORMWATER UTILITY, CIVIC FACILITIES, PARKING, RISK MANAGEMENT, SCHOOL GENERAL, SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES AND GRANT FUND APPROPRIATIONS: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following budget ordinance regarding the adoption of Annual General, Stormwater Utility, Civic Facilities, Parking, Risk Management, School General, School Food Services and Grant Fund appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

(#42089-062121) AN ORDINANCE adopting the annual General, Stormwater Utility, Civic Facilities, Parking, Risk Management, School General, and School Food Services Appropriations of the City of Roanoke for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 715.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42089-062121. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE FY 2022 - 2026: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending the endorsement of the Capital Improvement Program Update for FY 2022 - 2026.

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

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following resolution:

(#42090-062121) A RESOLUTION endorsing the update to the Capital Improvement Program submitted by the City Manager in the City Council Agenda Report of June 21, 2021.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 81, page 721.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Resolution No. 42090-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd offered the following budget ordinance:

(#42091-062121) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding for the FY 2022 - 2026 Update to the Capital Improvement Program, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2022 General, Capital Projects, and Grant Funds Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 81, page 722.)

Vice-Mayor White-Boyd moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 42091-062121. The motion seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

PAY PLAN: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance adopting a Pay Plan for officers, employees, Council-Appointed Officers and Constitutional Officers of the City; and authorization for certain salary adjustments and merit increases and monthly stipends for certain board and commission members, effective July 1, 2021:

(#42092-062121) AN ORDINANCE to adopt and establish a Pay Plan for officers, employees, Council appointed officers and Constitutional Officers of the City effective July 1, 2021; providing for certain salary adjustments; authorizing various annual pay supplements for certain officers and employees; providing for an effective date; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book 81, page 723.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 42092-062121. The motion seconded by Vice-Mayor White-Boyd.

The City Manager explained that the Pay Plan incorporated the most substantial increase that had been given relative to community safety employees in the Fire-EMS and Sheriff's Department. He acknowledged and thanked the Director of Finance and staff on their work on the FY 2021 – 2022 budget.

Mayor Lea thanked the City Manager for his comments and noted that the public needed to know where the City was with regard to public safety. He mentioned that he had yielded many questions from citizens with regard to public safety employees and retention. Vice-Mayor White-Boyd concurred in the comments of the Mayor.

There being no additional questions and/or comments by the Members of Council, Ordinance No. 42092-062121 was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

At 3:31 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess for a Legislative Committee meeting in the Council Chamber; and thereafter a Closed Meeting in the Council's Conference Room, Room 451, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.

At 5:56 p.m., the Council Meeting reconvened with Mayor Lea presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Bestpitch 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 Vice-Mayor White-Boyd and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None-0.

Inasmuch as there were no public hearings or items for discussion by the Council, Mayor Lea announced that the 7:00 p.m. session was cancelled; and there being no further business to come before the Council, he declared the regular meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Cecelia F. McCoy, CMC
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
Mayor
