

ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL—REGULAR SESSION

April 18, 2016

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle 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. 40280-070615 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 6, 2015.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Raphael E. Ferris, Anita J. Price, Sherman P. Lea (arrived late), Court G. Rosen (arrived late), and Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle-6.

ABSENT: Mayor David A. Bowers-1.

The Vice-Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

At this point, Council Member Lea entered the meeting (2:01 p.m.).

The Invocation was delivered by Elder Joyce Boisseau, Associate Minister, Guiding Star New Day Ministries.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS-PROCLAMATIONS: The Vice-Mayor declared April 24, 2016 as Faith Christian School Project Faith Day.

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

At this point, Council Member Rosen entered the meeting (2:07 p.m.)

Vice-Mayor Trinkle presented a ceremonial copy of the proclamation to Peter Baur, Head of School, Faith Christian School and parents and students in attendance.

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS-COMMUNICATIONS: Vice-Mayor Trinkle recognized Timothy Martin, Communications and Media Coordinator, as recipient of the Top Social Media Advocate in Government Award by Government Social Media, LLC, at the GSM Conference in Reno, Nevada.

Vice-Mayor Trinkle presented Mr. Martin with the Award and expressed sentiments on his achievement.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N. W., appeared before the Council and again spoke on the importance of God and Country.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Clarence Dunnville, 5310 Beechwood Court, Midlothian, Virginia, appeared before the Council and discussed a perpetuity designation for the Historic Gainsboro area from North Jefferson Street to 5th Street, N. W. Mr. Dunnville called attention to several prominent families that once resided in the Gainsboro neighborhood, such as Oliver Hill (home restored several years ago), Edward R. Dudley (first African-American to hold the rank of Ambassador of the United States) and L. C. Downing (practicing physician).

In summary, he stressed the importance to preserve the history of the Gainesboro area.

Following comments of Council Members Price and Lea, the matter was referred to the City Manager for study, review and report to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Vice-Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the Members of Council and would be enacted by one motion in the form, or forms, listed on the Consent Agenda, and if discussion was desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Vice-Mayor Trinkle called attention to two requests for Closed Meeting from Council Member Lea and the City Manager.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meetings of Council held on Monday, January 4, 2016, Tuesday, January 19, 2016; Monday, February 1, 2016; and Tuesday, February 16, 2016; and the recessed meeting held on Friday, January 15, 2016.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY: A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located 2750 Hoover Street, N. W., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

BLUE RIDGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE: A communication from Debbie Bonniwell, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors, recommending concurrence in the reappointment of Greg Hamilton as a Board At-large member for a term of three years ending December 31, 2018, was before the Council.

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

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the Council concur in the request as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

CITY COUNCIL: A communication from Council Member Sherman P. Lea, 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 Bestpitch moved that Council concur in the request of the Personnel Chair as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lea and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBAND-AUTHORITY-PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD-BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: Reports of qualifications of the following individuals:

Christopher P. Morrill as a City official representative of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority for a four-year term of office ending December 14, 2019;

Steve Stinson as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term of office ending March 31, 2019; and
Glen Wayne Hall as a member of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of office of Kirk Bates (Citizen at Large) ending June 30, 2016.

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

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

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

BUDGET-ROANOKE-BLACKSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT: Tim Bradshaw, Executive Director, transmitted the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget and Proposed Capital Expenditures.

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

Council Member Ferris offered the following resolution:

(#40472-041816) A RESOLUTION approving the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission's 2016 - 2017 proposed operating and capital budget upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 195.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40472-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch.

Following overview and dialogue regarding assistance from City to draw support and incentivize airport economics, Resolution No. 40472-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

BUDGET–ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY: Daniel D. Miles, Chief Executive Officer, transmitted copy of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority FY 2016 - 17 Annual Budget.

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

Council Member Ferris offered the following resolution:

(#40473-041816) A RESOLUTION approving the annual budget of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017, upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 195.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40473-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch.

Following overview and comments by the Council Members, Resolution No. 40473-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Recommended Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget

R.B. Lawhorn, Budget Administrator, summarized the following proposed Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Recommended Budget:

- **FY 2016-2017 Budget**
- **The Vision**
- **City of Roanoke Priorities**
- **Economy**
- **Education**

replace the cameras. The one-time funding would be to acquire additional cameras for detectives and other parts of the police department.

In response to inquiry from Council Member Ferris with regard to the addition of the peak ambulance service staff, the City Manager explained that there was a need for the service and it was being paid for using salary lapse funds. Mr. Ferris further inquired as to why the City had reserves and was not able to spend the funds; whereupon, Mr. Morrill explained that the target for the reserves was to maintain 10 percent of the annual budget as unallocated to serve as an emergency fund.

Council Member Bestpitch explained that the City saves millions of dollars with the low interest rates received as a result of the positive reports from the bond rating agencies and the unallocated reserves. He further explained that by not maintaining the reserves, the rating agencies could change the ratings and charge higher interest rates so if funds were borrowed, the City would pay more over the life of a 20 or 30 year project adding up to millions of dollars that could have been saved.

Vice-Mayor Trinkle inquired if the election staffing funds included poll books; whereupon, the City Manager advised that poll books were previously purchased by the Registrar and the election staffing funds referred to temporary wages associated with the presidential election.

- **Outside Agencies – Funding Amount by Agreement/Contract**

Council Member Rosen commented that based upon previous discussions with regard to Virginia's First Cities, the Council decided to withdraw the City's membership mainly because the City has its own Legislative Liaison who covers many issues, Virginia's First Cities sometimes takes positions that are not in the City's interests and the consultants used by Virginia First Cities are the same as the Virginia Municipal League. He further commented that the \$24,000.00 annual dues had been reallocated to the I-73 Coalition, LLC.

Vice-Mayor Trinkle suggested that a work session be held for the Council to review all the City's current memberships and commented that it would behoove the City to examine its commitments.

- **Outside Agencies – Funding Amount by Agreement/Amount Discretionary**

- **Outside Agencies – Funding Participation Discretionary**

- **Capital Project Planning**

- **Debt Issuance Planning FY 2017-2021**

Mr. Lawhorn advised that in Fiscal Year 2018, \$1 million was allocated for the 10th Street Improvement Project which had been reduced to \$700,000.00, due to the anticipated reduction in State funding.

- **5 Year Forecast**

He continued stating that there was a budget gap in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020 at \$2.2 million, \$2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, in which projected expenses exceeded projected revenues.

The City Manager interjected that while reassessing the taxes last year, it was hoped that real estate would recover at a faster pace and since that was not

the case, the next five fiscal years more conservative numbers were used and local taxes were doing well and as of the fifth year the City would be caught up.

- **Fee Adjustments**

Mr. Lawhorn indicated that only one fee adjustment was recommended with regard to athletic field rental for tournaments which was currently at \$125.00 per field per day to the proposed fee of \$50.00 per field per day and \$10.00 per team, to align the fees with the City of Salem and Roanoke County.

- **Budget Calendar**

Budget Public Hearing - General Fund and HUD

April 28, 2016

7:00 p.m. (Council Chamber)

Council Briefing/Budget Study (if necessary)

May 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. (Council Chamber)

Budget Adoption

May 9, 2016

2:00 p.m. (Council Chamber)

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

There being no further comments and/or questions from the Council Members, the Vice-Mayor advised that the briefing would be received and filed.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

BUDGET-HOUSING: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance and execution of the Home Again Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Council Member Rosen offered the following resolution:

(#40474-041816) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of the following grants by the City of Roanoke from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to be used for the purposes of ending homelessness (1) a "Home Again" Permanent Supportive Housing ("PSH") grant in the amount of \$215,670.00, (2) a Homeless Assistance Team ("HAT") grant in the amount of \$140,422.00, and (3) a Continuum of Care Planning grant in the amount of \$37,728.00; authorizing the City of Roanoke to serve as fiscal agent for the distribution of such funds; and authorizing the execution of the necessary documents.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 196.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40474-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

Council Member Rosen offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40475-041816) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Shelter Plus Care Home Again Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 197.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40475-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

Council Member Rosen offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40476-041816) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Homeless Assistance Team Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 198.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40476-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

Council Member Rosen offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40477-041816) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 199.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40477-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

BUDGET-SCHOOLS: The City Manager submitted a written communication recommending acceptance and execution of the Out-of-School Time Grant, in cooperation with Walmart, from the National Recreation and Park's Association.

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

Council Member Rosen offered the following resolution:

(#40478-041816) A RESOLUTION accepting the Out-of-School Time Grant to the City from the National Recreation and Parks Association in cooperation with Walmart, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City in connection with such grant, under certain conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 78, page 200.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40478-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

Council Member Rosen offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40479-041816) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from National Recreation and Parks Association for the Out-of-School Time Grant for food service, nutrition education, and sustainability, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 201.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40479-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

Roanoke's Library Director, Sheila Umberger, Has Received National Recognition

- The American Library Association has recognized Sheila Umberger, the Director of Roanoke Public Libraries, with the 2016 Peggy Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children.
- This national award is presented annually to an individual who has shown exceptional understanding and support of public library service to children.
- Sheila's staff put together the nomination without her knowing about it.
- One of the accomplishments included in the nomination was the fact that the number of Youth Services programs offered increased from 118 a year to 3,392 during Sheila's tenure.
- We will invite Sheila to a Council Meeting for recognition after the award is presented to her at the ALA Annual Conference in June.

Parking Meter Pilot Program

- The city's parking meter pilot program is underway. New solar-powered parking pay stations have been installed at the Market Lot, the Gainsboro Garage Lot and the Higher Education Center Lot. The pay stations accept coins, bills, and credit cards, and operate in English and Spanish. Parkers can also use their mobile phones to pay for parking at these locations. We encourage people to use the meters and provide feedback to PARK Roanoke.

Downtown Events

- Over the weekend we had an enormous amount of activity downtown with events including Down by Downtown in Elmwood Park, Big Lick Music Conference with performances at select downtown venues, and the Blue Ridge Marathon, which included about 400 runners this year.
- A large number of people attending these events were also downtown enjoying the city.

611 Coming to Roanoke

- We are looking forward to seeing the 611 as it steams through Roanoke on April 23 and 24 for the "Roanoker Excursion" from Greensboro, N.C.

Reminder: Public Hearing on Budget

- Citizens are invited to attend a public hearing to provide input to City Council on the proposed FY17 Budget
- Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Eleven Signs a City Will Succeed

The Atlantic magazine recently published an article that shares the signs that a city will succeed. I am proud to say all of these can be seen in Roanoke:

- Divisive national politics seem a distant concern
- You can pick out the local patriots
- "Public-private partnerships" are real
- People know the civic story
- They have a downtown
- They are near a research university
- They have, and care about, a community college
- They have unusual schools
- They make themselves open
- They have big plans
 - They have craft breweries

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

SISTER CITIES: Council Member Bestpitch announced the Roanoke Valley Sister Cities will host their Annual Dinner meeting on Saturday, April 30 at the Colket Center at Roanoke College in Salem. Everyone was invited to attend.

SISTER CITIES: Vice-Mayor Trinkle announced an International student forum, with presentations from India; St. Lo, France; Wonju, Korea and Russia.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Vice-Mayor Trinkle called attention to a request from Tammy Bitt for a continuance of the Petition for Appeal appealing a decision of the Architectural Review Board denying her request to replace an existing metal shingle roof with Oakridge Architectural shingles at 418 Washington Avenue, S. W.

Council Member Bestpitch moved that the Council concur in the request for continuance until Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris and adopted.

At 4:10 p.m., the Vice- Mayor declared the Council Meeting in recess.

At 4:11 p.m., the Council meeting was reconvened, Vice-Mayor Trinkle presiding, and all member of Council in attendance, with the exception of Mayor Bowers.

SCHOOLS: The Vice-Mayor announced that the Council was scheduled to conduct School Board interviews at 4:00 p.m., this afternoon to fill the two upcoming vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board, being the three-year terms of office of Annette Lewis and Suzanne Moore; however, inasmuch as Ms. Moore has served three consecutive terms of office, she is not eligible for reappointment.

Furthermore, he called attention to actions concurred in by the Council to comply with the selection process:

- Notification provided in The Roanoke Times and The Roanoke Tribune and RVTV Channel 3 and social media inviting applications for the two terms of office on the Roanoke City School Board. Seven applications were received prior to the deadline on Thursday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m.
- On Monday, March 7, City Council extended the deadline for receipt of applications until Thursday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m. An additional three applications were received.
- On Monday, April 4, during the 2:00 p.m. regular session, the Council reviewed and considered all applications. The applicants were David Bustamante, Siclinda Canty-Elliott, Chris Craft, Wilton Kennedy, Ryan LaFountain, Annette Lewis, Stedman Payne, Susan Reese, Stephanya Shear, and Lutheria Smith. Due career opportunity, Mr. Payne withdrew his application; and being a non-City resident, Mr. Bustamante's application was not considered.
- Council agreed to interview four applicants, commencing at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, publicly and separately out of the presence and hearing of the other candidates, with the interviews being as follows:

4:00 p.m. – Wilton Kennedy
 4:30 p.m. – Annette Lewis
 5:00 p.m. – Lutheria Smith
 5:30 p.m. – Susan Reese

- Each candidate will be allotted 30 minutes to respond to questions by the Council. Immediately following each interview, the candidate may leave the Council Chamber inasmuch as no action will be taken by the Council this evening.
- A notice will be published in The Roanoke Times and The Roanoke Tribune for a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber to receive citizen comments in support of the School Board applicants.
- On Monday, June 6 during the 2:00 p.m. session, Council will select two successful applicants to serve as Roanoke City School Board Trustees

Also as agreed upon by the Council, the Vice-Mayor pointed out that the following questions were sent, in advance, as part of the interview process:

The schools recently with the help of a temporary tax accumulated a large fund balance. This balance is being spent down and is expected to be gone within the next few years if not before. Should the schools operate with a fund balance yearly? How will schools operate in the future without a fund balance? How will they continue recurring programs that have been funded out of the fund balance?

As a school board member, how will you interact with city council? How do you see that relationship?

The schools have out-sourced many operational items. Do you see this as working or not? How do you monitor the success of these programs and are there other pieces of operations that should be considered for out-sourcing?

Over many years, the schools have attempted to share in certain operations that made sense with the city. Some have worked and some haven't. Ideas have included health insurance, playgrounds, recycling, and lawn maintenance. As a school board member, what are your thoughts on such programs? Should they remain separate or are there opportunities for improved services at lower costs?

What is your experience working on boards or with large groups? How do you contribute, what do you bring to the table? Do you see yourself as one that can challenge opinions and suggestions or one that aims to take advice and try to keep group harmony?

Meeting demands on our urban school system while staying within budget is one of the primary tasks of the school board. How do you intend to contribute to this task?

School Board often has to deal with personnel issues. These are vital to the success of the system and include hiring and retaining qualified teachers and administrators. However, the school board is only directly involved in hiring the superintendent. What experience in personnel would you bring to the school board? How would you handle personnel issues through the superintendent? Suppose in the next few years you were tasked with hiring a superintendent, how would you approach that?

As a School Board Trustee, describe your role and relationship with the School Superintendent.

At 6:17 p.m., Vice-Mayor Trinkle advised that the interviews had concluded and announced that the Council meeting was declared in recess until 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

At 7:00 p.m., the Council meeting was reconvened in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, with Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Raphael E. Ferris, Anita J. Price, Sherman P. Lea, Anita J. Price, Court G. Rosen, and Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle-6.

ABSENT: Mayor David A. Bowers-1.

The Vice-Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered Council Member Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle.

CITY COUNCIL: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Council Member Price moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his 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 was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-SCHOOLS-YOUTH: Vice-Mayor Trinkle recognized the Patrick Henry High School Girls Swim Team and Coaches Erik Lergen and David Henderson for winning the Group 5A State Championship, being the first State Championship in sports for Patrick Henry since 2004; and also the first State Championship in swimming for Patrick Henry and the first girls team state championship in school history.

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-POLICE-YOUTH: Officer Joshua Johnson, Resource Office, Roanoke City Police Department, distributed basketballs to City Council in support of the Lea Outdoor Basketball League held in Melrose Park.

George Lynch appeared before the Council and spoke about basketball clinics being held on Mondays in Melrose Park.

Council Member Lea spoke about positive remarks received about the success of the program.

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 April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Contractors & Industrial Supply, Inc., to repeal conditions proffered as part of a rezoning at a parcel on the 3300 block of Salem Turnpike, N. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 2640351, pursuant to Ordinance No. 31444-051793 adopted by Roanoke City Council on May 17, 1993, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, and Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

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

The Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending approval of the rezoning request, finding that the Original Application is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, *Peter's Creek South Neighborhood Plan*, and Zoning Ordinance as it repeals condition on the property to allow uses appropriate to the surrounding neighborhood.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#40480-041816) AN ORDINANCE to rezone certain property located on the 3300 block of Salem Turnpike, N. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 2640351, by repealing Ordinance No. 31444-051793, adopted May 17, 1993, to the extent that it placed conditions on the subject property; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 201.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40480-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris.

Barney Horrell, Brushy Mountain Engineering, PLC, appeared before the Council in support of the petitioner.

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

There being no questions and/or comments by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 40480-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

ZONING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Coots, Cross, Lavinder & Quinn Management Company, LLC, successor to Coots Ward Management Company, to amend conditions proffered as part of a previous rezoning at 1930 Electric Road, S. W., bearing Official Tax Map No. 5090209, as such proffers pertain to a northern portion of an approximately 0.215-acre parcel that extends to Electric Road, S. W., pursuant to Ordinance No. 33561-090297 adopted by Roanoke City Council on September 2, 1997, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, and Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

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

The Planning Commission submitted a written report recommending approval of the rezoning request, finding that the Original Application is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, *Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Plan*, and Zoning Ordinance as it amends conditions on the property to allow for continued development of the site in a manner appropriate to the surrounding area .

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

Council Member Ferris offered the following ordinance:

(#40481-041816) AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE to rezone certain property located at 1930 Electric Road, S. W., by amending proffered conditions presently binding upon such property; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 203.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40481-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen.

Chris Burns, Balzer and Associate, Inc., appeared before the Council in support of the petitioner.

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

Following inquiry by Council Member Bestpitch regarding stormwater runoff, and response by Ian Shaw, Agent, that regulations would be part of the development process, Ordinance No. 40481-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY-COUNTRYSIDE: Pursuant to instructions by the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the proposal of the City of Roanoke to convey City owned property located at 2206 Countyside Road N. W., to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Evans, Jr., to construct a single dwelling home, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Friday, April 8, 2016.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to execute an agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Rosen offered the following ordinance:

(#40482-041816) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents providing for the conveyance of a parcel of City-owned property, being approximately 0.5188 acres, located at 2206 Countryside Road, N. W., Roanoke, Virginia, designated as Roanoke City Official Tax Map No. 6431501, to Walter C. Evans, Jr. and Margaret Renee Evans, 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. 78, page 204.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40482-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price.

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

Ordinance No. 40482-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY-EASEMENTS: Pursuant to instructions by the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a proposal of the City of Roanoke to grant a non-exclusive pedestrian access easement across a vacant City-owned parcel of real property located at 0 Campbell Avenue, S. W., designated as Official Tax Map No. 1011204, which is currently used by the City for parking space to 416 Campbell Avenue, LLC; the proposed easement will have an approximate width of 10 feet and an approximate length of 22 feet, and is for the purpose of providing pedestrian access and egress from the public right-of-way to a new entry proposed on eastern side of the building located on 416 Campbell's property, with a term on the easement limited to 40 years, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Friday, April 8, 2016.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to execute the Deed of Easement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Rosen offered the following ordinance:

(#40483-041816) AN ORDINANCE. authorizing the conveyance of a non-exclusive Pedestrian Access Easement with an approximate width of 10 feet and approximate length of 22 feet, across City-owned property, designated as Official Tax Map No. 1011204, located at 0 Campbell Avenue, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, to 416 Campbell Avenue, LLC ("416 Campbell"); 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. 78, page 205.)

Council Member Rosen moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40483-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price.

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

R. Brian Townsend, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, gave an overview of the pedestrian access easement, noting that the requested access easement will provide enhanced building safety and function by providing a secondary access and egress location to the building at 416 Campbell Avenue, S. W.

There being no questions and/or comments by the Council Members, Ordinance No. 40483-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

EASEMENTS-ROANOKE GAS: Pursuant to instructions by the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a proposal of the City of Roanoke to grant a gas line easement, with an approximate width of 10 feet across City-owned property, known as Lakewood Park, identified by Official Tax Map No. 1350601, located along Brambleton Avenue, S. W., to Roanoke Gas Company to construct, install, operate, repair, and maintain a gas pipeline to serve adjacent properties, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Friday, April 8, 2016.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to the Deed of Easement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to execute a contract, and to accept a Note and Deed of Trust, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#40485-041816). AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property (the "Contract") between the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), and Deschutes Brewery, Inc., an Oregon corporation qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Parent"), and its subsidiaries or affiliates that may be created to own and/or operate the Facility described below (together, such subsidiaries and affiliates are "Subsidiaries" and the Parent and the Subsidiaries together, jointly and severally, are the "Buyer"), to sell to the Buyer certain real property located at 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., Roanoke, Virginia 24012, consisting of approximately 49.4173 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, designated as Official Tax Map No. 7230101 (the "Property"), for the construction and operation of a brewery and warehouse facility (the "Facility"), upon certain terms and conditions; authorizing the City Manager to accept a Nonnegotiable Promissory Note (the "Note") from the Buyer in the principal amount of \$2,750,000.00 obligating the Buyer to pay the City, subject to the terms of the Note, the principal amount together with accrued interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per annum, as set forth in the Note; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed of Trust between the City and the Buyer in which the Buyer will grant a first priority Deed of Trust on the Property to the City to secure payment and performance of the Note by the Buyer, as required by the terms of the Contract; authorizing the City Manager to execute such further documents and take such further actions as may be necessary to accomplish the above matters; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 208.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40485-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ferris.

The Vice-Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the matter.

Chris Craft, President, Wildwood Civic League, appeared before the Council to request sidewalks be constructed in the neighborhood.

Wayne Bowers, Director, Economic Development, highlighted portions of the Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between the City of Roanoke and Deschutes Brewery, Inc.

Inquiries and comments were made by several Members of the Council, with responses by a representative from Deschutes Brewery, Inc., and Beth Doughty, Executive Director, Roanoke Regional Partnership.

There being no additional speakers, Vice-Mayor Trinkle declared the public hearing closed, and Ordinance No. 40485-041816 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-INDUSTRIES: The City manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to accept of a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Grant of \$3,000,000.00 to the City for construction and operation of a brewery and warehouse facility to be located at 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., Official Tax Map No. 72301101, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Ferris offered the following ordinance:

(#40486-041816) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the proper City officials to execute a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement (the "Performance Agreement") among the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "EDA"), and Deschutes Brewery, Inc., (the "Parent"), an Oregon corporation, authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and its subsidiaries or affiliates that may be created to own and/or operate the Facility described below (together, such subsidiaries and affiliates are "Subsidiaries" and the Parent and Subsidiaries together, jointly and severally, are "Deschutes"), that provides for a grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 subject to certain undertakings and obligations by the parties in connection with the development of City-owned property located at 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., Roanoke, Virginia 24012 ("Property") that Deschutes will acquire for the construction and operation of a brewery and warehouse facility (the "Facility"); authorizing the City Manager to execute an Escrow Agreement between the City and EDA (the "Escrow

Agreement"); authorizing the City Manager to accept the COF Grant, defined below, with the requirement that Deschutes achieve certain Local Incentives as described in the Performance Agreement and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the Performance Agreement and the Escrow Agreement; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 211.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40486-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

Council Member Ferris offered the following budget ordinance:

(#40487-041816) AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding for the Deschutes Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Grant Performance Agreement project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2015 - 2016 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 213.)

Council Member Ferris moved the adoption of Budget Ordinance No. 40487-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-INDUSTRIES: The City Manager submitted a written report recommending authorization to execute a performance agreement regarding operation period Economic Development Grant among the City of Roanoke, Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke and Deschutes Brewery, Inc., for construction and operation of a brewery and warehouse facility to be located at 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N.E., Official Tax Map No. 1230101.

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

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#40488-041816) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the proper City officials to execute a Performance Agreement Regarding Operation Period Economic Development Grant among the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "City"), the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia (the "EDA"), and Deschutes Brewery, Inc. (the "Parent"), an Oregon corporation, authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and its subsidiaries or affiliates that may be created to own and/or operate the Facility described below (together, such subsidiaries and affiliates are "Subsidiaries" and the Parent and Subsidiaries together, jointly and severally, are "Deschutes"), that provides for grants estimated to be \$1,500,000.00 subject to certain undertakings and obligations by the parties in connection with the development of City-owned property located at 2002 Blue Hills Drive, N. E., Roanoke, Virginia 24012 ("Property") that Deschutes will acquire for the construction and operation of a brewery and warehouse facility (the "Facility"); 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 Performance Agreement; and dispensing with the second reading of this Ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 78, page 214.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 40488-041816. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rosen was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Ferris, Lea, Price, Rosen and Vice-Mayor Trinkle-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Mayor Bowers was absent.)

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.

MISCELLANEOUS: David Gay, 701 Morrill Avenue, S. E. was before the Council and spoke regarding a local officials advocating sanctuary policies, and urged the Council to not make Roanoke City a "sanctuary city".

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

GREENWAYS: Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., was before Council in support of the extension of a greenway through the neighborhood, noting that the neighborhood organization was not notified of the announcement.

There being no further business, the Vice-Mayor declared the meeting in recess at 8:06 p.m., until Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.

The recessed meeting of Roanoke City Council was called to order on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., with Mayor David A. Bowers presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Raphael E. Ferris, Sherman P. Lea, Anita J. Price, Court G. Rosen, and Mayor David A. Bowers-5.

ABSENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch and Vice-Mayor David B. Trinkle-2.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; Barbara A. Dameron, Director of Finance; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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

Mayor Bowers announced that the purpose for the recessed meeting was to conduct two public hearings: (1) the Proposed Recommended Budget for the City Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and (2) the 2016-2017 HUD Funding.

The Mayor concluded that the Proposed Recommended Budget for FY 2016-2017 would be adopted at a recessed meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber; and that there would not be any discussion or action taken by the Council following the public hearings.

BUDGET: Pursuant to the instructions of the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 City Budget, in the amount of \$282,000,000.00, to afford persons an opportunity to speak and state their views concerning all aspects of the budget, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the proposed budget.

Cynthia Aurthur, 1720 19th Street, N.E. appeared before the Council to express concern regarding the increase in the motor license tax in 2015.

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

BUDGET-HOUSING-GRANTS: Pursuant to the instructions of the Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the City's Recommended 2016-2017 HUD Funds Budget and 2016-2017 Annual Update to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, with personas being afforded an opportunity to speak and state their views concerning all aspects of the recommended budget and annual update, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in *The Roanoke Times* on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

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


The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who wished to speak on the City's Recommended 2016-2017 HUD Funds Budget and 2016-2017 Annual Update to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan; there being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

There being no further business, Mayor Bowers declared the recessed meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:


Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC
City Clerk


David A. Bowers
Mayor
