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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**MARCH 20, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Dykstra arrived late.

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

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

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

NOTICE:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Council of the City of Roanoke is seeking applications for the following current vacancies and/or upcoming expirations of terms of office:

City Planning Commission – one vacancy
Unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2020

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – five vacancies
Three-year terms of office ending March 31, 2020

Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates – two vacancies
Unexpired terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2018

Roanoke Regional Airport Commission – one vacancy
Four-year term of office ending March 9, 2021

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development
Strategy Committee – one vacancy
Three-year term of office ending March 31, 2017

Access the City's homepage to complete an online application for the abovementioned vacancies.

Expiration of the three-year terms of office of William B. Hopkins, Jr., and Lori E. Vaught as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board ending June 30, 2017. Trustee Vaught is not eligible for reappointment. Deadline for receipt of applications was extended to Friday, March 31, 2017. Printable application is available online for submittal to the City Clerk's Office. Please contact City Clerk's Office at 853-2541 for more information.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A Proclamation declaring Wednesday, March 29, 2017 as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Mayor Lea, along with Council Member Bestpitch, presented the Proclamation to Retired Army Colonel John Miller who represented Roanoke Valley Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Committee.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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

Barbara Duerk, 2607 Rosalind Avenue, S.W., appeared before Council in support VDOT Greenway connections and to share information regarding upcoming public input meetings.

Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N.W. appeared before Council to thank them for recognizing Vietnam Veterans and encouraged all to attend the Grand Opening of The Peacemakers, Inc. located at 514 2th Street, N.W. – Old Fire House on Wednesday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Dykstra arrived at 2:27 p.m.

4.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(APPROVED 7-0)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- C-1 A communication from Council Member David B. Trinkle, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the selection process of a City Manager, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-2 A communication from Council Member David B. Trinkle, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter, being the performance and management of the City Clerk's duties, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-3 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 7:00pm, or as soon as the matter may be reached, regarding a proposed Agreement regarding the Design, Development, Construction, and Operation of a Joint Communications Center by and between the City of Roanoke and Virginia Utility Protection Service, Inc. (VA811).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Concurred in the request.**

- C-4 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Paula Page Williams as a member of the City Planning Commission, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.**

- C-5 A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Brenda Allen as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Accepted the resignation and received and filed the communication.**

- C-6 A communication from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development transmitting the 2017 Annual Homeless Winter Point-in-Time Street and Homelessness Survey Report.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-7 A communication from Dan Lambe, President, Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the City of Roanoke on its recognition as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.
- C-8 Report of qualification of Walton I. Rutherford as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of office ending December 31, 2019.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Request of Total Action for Progress (TAP) to present an update of its activities. Annette Lewis, President, Spokesperson. (Sponsored by Mayor Lea and Council Member Trinkle).
Update received and filed.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- Melrose Library Renovations - 30 Minutes
Received and Filed.
(Briefing was held following the Legislative Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.)

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Appropriation of grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency's National Clean Diesel Campaign towards the purchase of two propane powered box trucks for use by the Transportation Division.
Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40777-032017. (7-0)

2. Acceptance of the FY2016 State Homeland Security Program Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to enhance the current capabilities of the City's Division 6 Heavy Technical Rescue Team, in conjunction with Roanoke County Fire and Rescue and City of Salem Fire-EMS Departments.

Adopted Resolution No. 40778-030217 and Budget Ordinance No. 40779-032017. (7-0)

3. Establishment of the Roanoke River "Bridge the Gap" Greenway, Phase II, Aerial Way to Bridge Street as a Revenue Sharing Project by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Adopted Resolution No. 40780-032017. (7-0)

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40781-032017. (7-0)

COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager commented on the following:

St. Patrick's Day Festivities Downtown

- We had another successful St. Patrick's Day in Roanoke on March 11.
- An estimated 13,000 people attended the festivities.
- Weather was cold (30 degrees at beginning of parade), but DRI reports that downtown businesses did well. Folks watched the parade, then went inside to shops and restaurants, and stayed for activities during the day.
- The Celtic Celebration and Shamrock Festival were a big hit, and DRI partnered with the Taubman Museum of Art on the McDonald's Kid's Zone activities.
- This event is Roanoke's first festival of the year, and the kickoff to the opening of the Farmers' Market. We are looking forward to warmer weather as more events take place in downtown.

Roanoke Recognized for Sealed Trash Compactor System

- The city's system of five Sealed Trash Compactors located in the central business district has received further recognition.
- A featured article written by Nell Boyle, Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator, is included in the March 2017 edition of the American Public Works Association's APWA Reporter magazine.
- A photograph and reference to Roanoke is also displayed on the cover of this edition of the magazine. This is the official magazine of the APWA and reaches its 29,000 members located throughout the United States and Canada.

Wreath-Laying Ceremonies to Honor Vietnam Veterans

- In commemoration of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary, Municipal Wreath-Laying Ceremonies will be held in the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, and the City of Salem at noon on March 29, which City Council has proclaimed as Vietnam Veterans Day in Roanoke.
- Roanoke's event, which will be held in Lee Plaza, will include an honor guard, the singing of the national anthem, the reading of a proclamation honoring Vietnam Veterans Day, presentation of Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins, and the laying of a wreath to honor Vietnam-era Veterans.
- The events are sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee.

Southeast Gateway Mural

- On March 31 at 10:00 a.m., the Roanoke Arts Commission and the City of Roanoke will hold a ceremony for the installation and dedication of the Southeast Gateway Mural, located at the intersection of Tazewell Avenue under the Interstate 581 Bridge.
- A panel of neighborhood leaders, arts professionals, and Arts Commission members selected Brenda Mauney Council, an internationally renowned artist, to create the mural.
- The Arts Commission worked with the Belmont Neighborhood Association and the Southeast Action Forum to bring this project to fruition.
- As part of the project, the artist will visit the Southeast and Belmont neighborhoods to engage the community in "Paint Nights," where local residents under the instruction of the artist may leave their own brushstrokes on the mural.
- A total of 18 columns on the north and south sides of Tazewell Avenue will be covered with 36 separate mural panels that will be adhered like wallpaper. The installation will take place from March 22 to March 30.

Office of Citizen Engagement

- Article on Citizen Engagement from Government Technology
- Friday, March 17, 2017 was a Big Day on Social Media:
 - We hit 10,000 followers on our main Twitter page
 - We hit 80,000 followers on our main Facebook page
 - We hit 180,000 followers on all of our social media pages combined
- The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Department will be launching a revamped website this week, look for the new design at playroanoke.com.

At 2:59 p.m., the meeting was recessed for the Roanoke City Legislative Committee Meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of Council reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE.

12. RECESSED – 4:57 P.M.

At 4:57 p.m., City Council meeting was declared in recess for a closed meeting in the City Council's Conference Room; and reconvened at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber.

At 5:30 p.m., City Council Personnel Committee received citizen input and comments with regard to recruitment of a new City Manager, in the Council Chamber, Room 450, 4th Floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, from the following citizens:

Don Brown, 1253 Gardeners Lane, Montvale 24122

Seth Walters, 115 Albemarle Avenue, S. W.

Douglas Meredith, 102 Albemarle Avenue, S. W.

Nicole Harris, 1606 Steward Avenue, S. E.

Richard White, 102 Albemarle Avenue, S. W.

William Poe, 1525 West Drive, S. W.

Sam Long, 3118 Hubbard Road, S. W.



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AGENDA

Call to Order--Roll Call. All Present.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Sylvan Moyer, Pastor, Unlimited Power Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Boy Scout Troop 210 sponsored by South Roanoke Methodist Church; and Girl Scout Troop 507.

Welcome. Mayor Lea.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0)

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A. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A resolution memorializing the late W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., former Council Member and City Sheriff of the City of Roanoke, respectively.

Adopted Resolution No. 40782-032017. (7-0)

Mayor Lea presented a ceremonial copy of Resolution to Charles Spraker, grandson.

Mayor Lea recognized Boy Scout Troop 210 sponsored by South Roanoke Methodist Church led by Scout Master Lucas Snipes; and Girl Scout Troop 507 led by Amy L. Chambers-Maiolo.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Tom Sorrano, on behalf of Eric and Patti Mills, to vacate, discontinue and close an approximately 960 square foot portion of an alley from 7th Street to 8th Street, S. W., north of and parallel to Marshall Avenue, S. W. Tom Sorrano, The Sorrano Group, LLC, Agent, Spokesperson. **(Matter was postponed at the January 17, 2017 Council meeting).**

A communication dated March 7, 2017 was received from the petitioners requesting that the matter be withdrawn.

The matter was withdrawn and the communication received and filed.

2. Request of Cherney Development Company, Inc., to rezone properties located at 1001 Williamson Road, S. E., 0 3rd Street, S. E., and 0 Albemarle Avenue, S. E., from D, Downtown District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, subject to certain proffered conditions. Maryellen F. Goodlatte, Esquire, Spokesperson.
Adopted Ordinance No. 40783-032017. (5-1, with Council Member Dykstra voting no.)

(Council Member Garland recused himself due to a personal business relationship with the applicant and/or its principals, and refrained from participation in the matter, and left the Council Chamber. (Statement of Conflict of Interest on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

3. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to correct a scrivener's error in Ordinance No. 40389-111615 adopted on November 16, 2015, by the Roanoke City Council, specifically, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 40389-111615 purported to repeal the local water utility tax of twelve percent of the charge made by the sale of water service in the City as set forth in Section 32-171, Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended. Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney.

Adopted Ordinance No. 40784-032017. (7-0)

C. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

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Cheryl Dunlap, 5125 Williamson Road, N.W., appeared before Council regarding panhandling issues in Roanoke and requested measures to protect panhandlers.

The following persons appeared before Council and spoke in opposition to the proposed development of apartment complex near the former Shenandoah Life Insurance building purchased by Carilion Clinic:

- **Steve Perrett, 2214 Ross Lane, S. W.**
- **Vickie Sherertz, 1602 Blair Road, S. W.**
- **Kathleen Jennings, 1744 Blair Road, S. W.**
- **Mim Young, 1809 Westover Avenue, S. W.**

John Brill, 2702 Idlewild Boulevard, N. E. appeared before Council in opposition to the proposed \$7.00 Solid Waste fee.

As Chair of the City Council Personnel Committee, Council Member Trinkle encouraged the public to use social media to offer suggestions and comments with regard to recruitment of a new City Manager by visiting the City's website at www.roanokeva/citymanagersearch, email citymanagersearch@roanokeva.gov, and those individuals without internet may contact the City Clerk's Office at 540-853-2541.

D. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 P.M.