7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation
   • Lieutenant Colonel Jason Knudeson, Wing Chaplain, U.S. Air Force (480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA)

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

D. Presentations
   1. Proclamation: National Youth Violence Prevention Week - April 8-12, 2019

E. Public Hearings
   1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Operating Budget

F. Consent Agenda
   1. Minutes of the Work Session of March 26, 2019
   2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019
   3. Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Include City Center Boulevard Between Jefferson Avenue and Warwick Boulevard in the City’s Street Inventory for Maintenance Payment Purposes

G. Other City Council Actions
   1. Item 1 of 2 - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD)

H. Appropriations

1. None Submitted

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council

J. *New Business and Councilmember Comments

1. City Manager
2. City Attorney
3. City Clerk
4. Harris
5. Jenkins
6. Price
7. Scott
8. Vick
9. Woodbury
10. Cherry

K. Adjourn

*THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BE CONCLUDED NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TO ALLOW PERSONS TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL UNDER "CITIZEN COMMENTS ON MATTERS GERMANE TO THE BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL."
A. Call to Order

B. Invocation - Major Jason Knudeson, Wing Chaplain, U.S. Air Force (480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA)

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

D. Presentations
E. Public Hearings

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Operating Budget

**ACTION:** CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET.

**BACKGROUND:**
- This is the first of two advertised public hearings on the City Manager's Recommended Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.
- The second public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Denbigh Community Center, located at 15198 Warwick Boulevard, in Room 113.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A
F. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Work Session of March 26, 2019

ACTION: • N/A

BACKGROUND: • N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: • N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Description
Minutes of Work Session for March 26, 2019
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
March 26, 2019
4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Saundra N. Cherry, D. Min; Marcellus L. Harris III; David H. Jenkins; McKinley L. Price, DDS; Sharon P. Scott, MPA; Tina L. Vick (arrived at 5:15 pm); and Patricia P. Woodbury

ABSENT: 

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Rohlf; Collins L. Owens; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Joye Thompkins; Darlene Bradberry; Shelia McAllister; Flora Chiros; LaTara Roufe; Lisa Cipriano; Corry Cloud; Constantinos Velissarios; Maria Abilar; Keith Ferguson; Susan Goodwin; Florence Kingston; Matthew Johnson; Veneria Thomas; Everett Skipper; Louis Martinez; Frank James; Sonia Alcantara-Antoine; Stephanie Hautz; William Roche; Chief Steve Drew; Chief Jeffrey Johnson; Kevin Krigsvold; Raquel Cepeda; Colin Louis; Alan Archer; David Freeman; Kim Lee; Cleder Jones; Eoghan Miller; John McMillian; Joanne Armstrong; George Parker; Mary Vause; Jerri Wilson; Lisa Bennette; Eoghan Miller; Brian Nichols; Gary Hunter; Rashad Cartwright; Indiana Brown; and Josh Reyes

I. 2020 Decennial Census

Ms. Cynthia L. Rohlf, City Manager, introduced Mr. Kevin Krigsvold, Partnership Specialist, United States Census Bureau, to provide an overview of the 2020 Census (a copy of the presentation, “2020 Census”, is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Kevin Krigsvold introduced his colleagues, Mr. Colin Louis and Ms. Raquel Cepeda, Partnership Specialists, United States Census Bureau. Mr. Krigsvold indicated there were a few issues facing the City of Newport News, e.g. job opportunities, Census Tracts and Low Response Scores (LRSs). He mentioned the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that this occur every ten (10) years. The reason for a Census was to have an official count or survey of a population to help the community. The data collected by the Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and was also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.
2020 Census

- U.S. Constitutional Mandate, Article 1, Section 2
- Apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Conducted redistricting at the federal, state, and local levels
- Distributed over $675 billion federal dollars to state and local governments
- Provided statistical support for grant applications
- Helped community plan for future needs

Mr. Krigsvold indicated that when one responded to the Census, it helped the community receive its fair share of the more than $675 billion per year in federal funds that were distributed based on Census numbers. Every individual must be counted in the City of Newport News. He gave a one-on-one comparison of what could potentially be produced when the form was not completed, and the funds potentially lost. The general number used was about $2,000 dollars per person, which equates to $2,000 per year and totals $20,000.00 for the ten-year timeframe. This distribution included most federal funds spent on roads, schools, hospitals, disaster reliefs, public works, and other vital programs. The main reason for the Census was to obtain information from the City of Newport News to socialize the idea to have the forms filled out quickly. It was important for the individual and the community to complete the forms.

Mr. Krigsvold shared the “2020 Census Goals-50 Ways Census Data Are Used” was to generate funds that would return back into the community.

- Decision making at all levels of government.
- Drawing federal, state, and local legislative districts.
- Attracting new businesses to state and local areas.
- Distributing over $675 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds.
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and the location of other health services.
- Forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population.
- Directing funds for services for people in poverty.
- Designing public safety strategies.
- Development of rural areas.
- Analyzing local trends.
- Estimating the number of people displaced by natural disasters.
- Developing assistance programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
- Delivering goods and services to local markets.
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children.
• Planning future government services.
• Planning investments and evaluating financial risk.
• Publishing economic and statistical reports about the United States and its people.
• Facilitating scientific research.
• Developing "intelligent" maps for government and business.
• Providing proof of age, relationship, or residence certificates provided by the Census Bureau.
• Distributing medical research.
• Reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives.
• Planning and researching for media as backup for news stories.
• Providing evidence in litigation involving land use, voting rights, and equal opportunity.
• Drawing school district boundaries.
• Planning budgets for government at all levels.
• Spotting trends in the economic well-being of the nation.
• Planning for public transportation services.
• Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.
• Establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices.
• Directing services to children and adults with limited English language proficiency.
• Planning urban land use.
• Planning outreach strategies.
• Understanding labor supply.
• Assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases.
• Analyzing military potential.
• Making business decisions.
• Understanding consumer needs.
• Planning for congregations.
• Locating factory sites and distribution centers.
• Distributing catalogs and developing direct mail pieces.
• Setting a standard for creating both public and private sector surveys.
• Evaluating programs in different geographic areas.
• Providing genealogical research.
• Planning for school projects.
• Developing adult education programs.
Mr. Krigsvold reminded over years past, Census surveys were conducted via mail. A new design was created for the 21st Century. The surveys would be mailed with instructions for submitting the surveys electronically. The new on-line response option made it easy for people to respond anytime and anywhere. Other options included on-line/internet, phone, in person, e-mail, fax, and door-to-door services. The Census asked questions of people in homes and group-living situations, including the number of people who lived or stayed in each home, and the sex, age and race of each person. The goal was to count everyone, only once, and in the right place.

Mr. Krigsvold commented about the City of Newport News Census Tract and Low Response Scores. The Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) showed eight areas in the City of Newport News with LRS above 30 percent. The ROAM application predicted the areas where responses to the Census could be very low. A high percentage predicted a lower response to the Census 2020. ROAM helped identify the hard-to-survey areas, and provided socioeconomic and demographic information. The legend in this application identified areas of concern for LRSs between the 30%-49% percent in the City of Newport News. The levels shaded in dark blue were low response areas that needed to be focused on. Light areas are not as problematic. The approach would be knocking door to door asking the community for help, to resolve why the surveys were not being completed.

1. Tract# 323 32.4% LRS Fort Eustis
2. Tract# 322.25 30.6% LRS Between Mercer Lane in the North and Denbigh Boulevard in the South
3. Tract# 322.12 31.4%LRS Between Denbigh Boulevard in the North and Bland Boulevard in the South
4. Tract# 320.06 32.5% LRS Between Bland Boulevard in the North and Youngs Mill Lane to the South
5. Tract# 308 31.9% LRS Between 48th and 39th Streets
6. Tract# 306 31.6 %LRS Between 39th and 30th Streets
7. Tract# 304 31.9 %LRS Between 39th and 16th Streets
8. Tract# 301 38.0% LRS Between 38th and City limits with Suffolk

Mr. Krigsvold stated the United States Census Bureau protected data and information was kept confidential. The law required the Census Bureau to keep private citizens' information confidential and use responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau could not publicly release an individual’s responses in any way that could identify them, their business, organization, or institution.
All information collected by the Census Bureau under the authority of Sec. 9, Title 13 of the U.S. Code (13 U.S.C. 9) was strictly confidential. The same law that required individuals to respond to the Census also guaranteed the confidentiality of respondents.

By law, the Census Bureau could not share individual responses with anyone, which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, state or federal welfare departments, or governments and programs. Census workers were required to pass a security check. They were sworn to uphold a pledge of confidentiality. The penalty for violating the confidentiality of responses was up to a $250,000 fine and up to a 5-year prison term. No court of law can have access to individual census responses, not even the President of the United States could get access to this information.

Mr. Krigsvold requested the City to establish a Complete Count Committee (CCC). The CCC would represent a broad range of community interests, would play a major role in conducting Census outreach, and promotion activities for its community and its members. This was especially for areas that are the most problematic and able to target. This was an opportunity for everyone to play a key role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census. The decision of all aspects of the committee, meetings, and schedules would be left entirely up to Council. The Mayor would designate individuals as needed to the CCC.

**Benefits of Forming a Complete Count Committee (CCC)**

- Increase the response rate for residents returning their questionnaire through a focused, neighbor-to-neighbor program.
- Utilize the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of each Complete Count Committee member to design and implement a census awareness campaign targeted to the community.
- Bring together a cross section of community members whose focus was 2020 Census awareness.

Mr. Krigsvold urged that sub-committees be used for outreach information to provide an opportunity for everyone to be counted. Having an outreach such as Tribal, state, and local governments; community based organizations; faith-based groups; schools; businesses; the media; and others, played a key role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census. When community members were informed, they were more likely to respond to the Census. Through collaborative partnerships, the U.S. Census Bureau and community leaders could reach the shared goal of counting EVERYONE in 2020.
Mr. Krigsvold advised that the timeline for Census Day was April 1, 2020. There were many actions needed prior to Census Day.

**2020 Census Timeline**

**Fall 2018**
Recruitment began for early census operations.

**Fall 2019**
Recruitment for peak operations in 2020.

**August – October 2019**
In-field address canvassing where needed.

**March – July 2020**
Internet Self-Response.

**March – July 2020**
In-person or follow-up interviews.

**March – September 2020**
Census Questionnaire Assistance via telephone.

**April 1, 2020**
Census Day – Respondents will be able to respond via internet, telephone or paper questionnaire.

**December 2020**
U.S. Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.

**March 2021**
U.S. Census Bureau delivers redistricting data to states.

Mr. Krigsvold mentioned about five thousand (5,000) positions would be available in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia areas that specifically had low scores. Job salaries began from $12.00 per hour and ranged up to $43.00 per hour. One of the employment benefits was having the opportunity to work from home and creating flexible hours. He suggested visiting the website at Census.gov to obtain more employment information. Mr. Krigvold reminded that each individual was roughly worth $2,000, and wanted to ensure that every single person completed the forms. The funds would come back to help aid the community.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the specific localities of Census Tract #301 and Census Tract #308. Mr. Krigvold replied the ROAM provided the demographic information
on the community. This information was open to the public was available on-line at www.Census.gov and the demographic information would be provided on the community. Councilwoman Cherry indicated it would be helpful to have the information provided to the City instead of researching the information on our own. City Manager Rohlf supported Mr. Krigvold and replied that information would be provided in order to help the Census. Councilwoman Cherry suggested that providing information would be helpful to know where the specific Tract were located. If social media was utilized in order to obtain the responses, she needed to know where the tracts were located. Individuals or operations may not have access to other materials being accessed. City Council would like to be vigilant of making sure the Census received what was needed from the City.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether undocumented workers were included in the Census even though they may reside temporarily in the City of Newport News. Mr. Krigvold responded yes, include every single person whether they were citizens. He reminded that everyone needed to be accounted for in 2020.

II. Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Operating Budget Overview

Ms. Cynthia L. Rohlf, City Manager, stated that she was pleased to provide the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget. She advised there were three factors that were considered as staff went through the budget process: 1) Continued investment in employees and maintain salary structure; 2) Provide support for Public Schools; and 3) Continued investment in the City’s infrastructure, and organizational equipment to promote efficiency and public safety purposes. City Manager Rohlf indicated she would schedule individual meetings with members of City Council to discuss the budget. She introduced Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Director, Department of Budget & Evaluation, to provide a brief overview of the budget. She extended appreciation to Ms. Cipriano and staff of the Department of Budget and Evaluation, as well as the members of the Budget Committee for their work on the budget.

Ms. Cipriano stated that financial matters were improving and noted revenue and expenditure impacts realized while preparing the FY 2020 Recommended Budget (a copy of the presentation, “Overview – Fiscal Year 2020 City Manager Recommended Operating Budget,” is attached and made a part of these minutes):

- **Major Revenue Impacts**
  - Increased in Real Estate Assessments across each property classifications
    - Growth equally balanced between residential and commercial/industrial markets
  - Continued growth in other local taxes at a slower pace
  - No new taxes, no changes in tax rates
• **Major Expense Considerations**
  - Increased Debt Services for City and School Capital Projects (do more with less, do more with what we have)
  - Investment in Employee Compensation, including full year funding of Public Safety salary adjustments in FY 2019 to address staffing and hiring needs to be competitive within Hampton Roads
  - Increased Operational Efficiencies
  - Maintenance of programs and services

• **Major Budgetary Focus**
  - Solidifying Public Safety, advancing current momentum (faster, better, smarter)
  - Promote Community Revitalization throughout the City
  - Support an environment that promotes financial stability for all citizens
  - And health for all community members

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about an increase in residential assessments. Ms. Cipriano replied yes, there was increase in residential assessments.

City Manager Rohlf advised that public safety was one of the three major improvements she hoped to make in the budget, along with community renewal and revitalization, and individual wealth building. For wealth building, she expressed the funding need for workforce development sites in the Southeast Community and new job, dedicated to finding and writing grants. In an effort to support renewal and revitalization, the budget included funding for:

• A neighborhood clinic in Marshall-Ridley’s Choice Neighborhood Area.
• The new Four Oaks Day Service Center (seven days per week operations).
• The mental health court established in 2018 and repaired fire stations.
• Full year funding for the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center to create a Workforce Development Center.
• Continued funding for the Behavioral Health Docket as a specialized court to better address those with legal charges with serious behavioral health issues.

Ms. Cipriano advised the City’s ongoing challenges was supporting financial stability and community growth for citizens. The Recommended Budget provided funding to support this effort included:

• Full year funding for the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center to create a workforce development center
- Increased local grant match for the TANF Navigation Wealth Building for the residents of the Marshall Ridley Choice Neighborhood (CNI)
- Added local funding for the Child Services Act (CSA) program under Human Services Department
- Added one (1) Grant Writer position

Ms. Cipriano indicated that FY 2020 was the first time observations showed growth across all classifications for the fifth consecutive year. For the most part, it was equal between both commercial and residential property values, with residential property assessments anticipated to be higher across all price points. The City's taxable levy was approximately 60% residential properties and 40% industrial commercial properties. The City had to be conservative and prepared for a future debtor in the event of a crisis. She reiterated most important factor was that there was no change in the tax change rate.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned whether there was an increase in Real Estate Assessments. Ms. Cipriano replied, yes. Based on early indications from the City Assessor, approximately 35% of the residential properties would have no growth and no change. The overall projected increase for all properties, residential, commercial/industrial, and all other parcel types was 2.7%. The increased assessments lead to an increase in estimated real estate tax collections of $3.1 million, bringing total real estate tax revenue to $186.6 million for FY 2020. Machinery and Tools Tax revenue, along with Personal Property Tax and Sales and Meal Tax revenues, were also anticipated to have slight increases in FY2020.

Ms. Cipriano indicated the City's National Employment Rate was extremely low. To enhance the process for developing the operating budget, departments developed a base level budget for each functional area. Departmental operations were evaluated, and encouraged to develop budget priorities to ensure that budget recommendations addressed issues and needs in a comprehensive fashion. This was part of the expenditure pressure in looking for all operational efficiencies.

**Total Operating Budget Overview**

Ms. Cipriano reported the Components of the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget totaled $900,504,186, an increase of $17,740,123, which was 2% higher than the adopted budget for FY 2019. The FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget included of the following:

General Fund $497.6 million
City Support to Schools Operations $110.9 million
Ms. Cipriano pointed out that the FY 2020 Recommended General Fund Operating Budget would amount to approximately $497.6 million, including $3.2 million in Federal and State grant funds. Regarding the NNPS Superintendent’s FY 2020 suggested budget, the City’s contribution of $110.9 million, was the same as the FY 2019. City Manager Rohlf and Ms. Cipriano pointed out that total did not include approximately $2 million for new furniture at the new transportation center and $6.3 million for capital projects. They shared the State had increased its funding for schools, providing $16 million since 2017.

Ms. Cipriano advised the funding that was requested by the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) Superintendent’s Recommended Budget funding with the level of funding from the City Manager’s Recommended Budget, prior to the Schools Boards adoption, had not changed. The only difference, reflected in the presentation, was $2.4 million of City funding, versus the $5 million that the NNPS Superintendent recommended to the School Board.

**General Fund Revenue**

Ms. Cipriano reported the FY 2020 Recommended Budget totaled $900.5 million, and represented a $17.2 million (2.0%) increase over FY 2019. She noted the FY 2020 Recommended Budget included:

- **General Fund** $497.6 million; increase of 2.2%
- **City Transfer to Schools** $110.9 million; increase of 0.6%
- **Debt Service (School Projects)** $8.1 million; decrease of 8.0%
- **School Fund** $304.9 million; increase of 2.3%
- **Waterworks Fund** $91.7 million; increase of 1.1%
- **Wastewater Fund** $21.7 million; decrease of 3.6%
- **Solid Waste Fund** $14.6 million; decrease of 2.0%
- **Stormwater Fund** $22.0 million; increase of 1.4%
- **All Other Special Revenue Trust Funds** $427.5 million; increase of 1.7%

Ms. Cipriano noted the percentage composition of the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget:
Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the debt service in FY 2019 of $8.1 million, and in FY 2020 of $8.8 million for the School Board Superintendent Recommended Budget. Ms. Cipriano explained the Newport News School Superintendent presented the budget to the School Board that requested $2 million from the City. The City Manager’s Recommended Budget recommended level funding of $110 million. The number of $314 million dollars represented the School’s Superintendent $316 million budget, minus additional funding from the City.

Ms. Cipriano discussed the General Fund Operating Budget of the recessionary years from FY 2009 to FY 2020. The growth of FY 2014 was primarily due to the tax rate change that City Council adopted. Another change occurred in FY 2016 when the City received routine and regular grants from the Federal and states portion, and incorporated revenues and matching expenditures in the operating budget. This would avoid City Council having to appropriate grant, each individually funded grant.

Ms. Cipriano explained the revenues included current delinquencies, public service corporations’ revenue, and the value of tax relief. Based on the tax assessment growth of 2.7%, the City anticipated a change of $3.1 million. The value of the real estate assessment would be incorporated with the change in the number of disabled veterans, as well as the change in property value. She indicated, in the first year of tax relief, there were 168 disabled veterans’ participants at a value of $374,000. This was considered a permanent exemption and a Constitutional change that applied to a surviving spouse. The General election also had a Constitutional change that provided the exemption to a surviving spouse to change residence. This exemption must be provided to the locality. Ms. Cipriano showed that a decrease occurred in FY 2012 with 168 participants in tax relief at $375.00. Six hundred seventy six (676) participants were anticipated in FY 2020 at a value of $650,000. (see information on page 14 of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano reported the change in General Fund Revenues FY 2020:

- Real Estate Tax $196.1 million; increased by 1.6%
- Personal Property Tax $ 56.5 million; increased by 3.1%
• Machinery and Tools Tax $ 24.4 million; increased by 5.6%
• BPOL Tax $ 16.9 million; decreased by 1.2%
• Sales Tax $ 25.8 million; increased by 4.0%
• Meals Tax $ 26.7 million; increased by 3.1%
• State Aid $ 68.3 million; increased by 2.2%
• All Other Taxes/Fees $ 79.7 million; increased by 1.5%
• Federal/State Grant funds $ 3.2 million; increased by 10.3%

Ms. Cipriano reported the FY 2020 General Fund Revenue totaled $497.6 million, and represented a $10.7 million or a 2.2% increase over FY 2020. She noted that the City of Newport News was the highest generator of machinery and tools tax in the State of Virginia. She recognized the collection pattern primarily due to the industry expansion within the City. The City of Newport News was number one in the state with $22 million. The Machinery and Tools Tax was a tremendous and critical revenue source.

Ms. Cipriano shared the projection for Machinery and Tools tax plus the Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) tax of $17 million, represented $.25 on the tax rate, or 1.2% less, to reflect the collection trends. The Sales Tax for January 2019 was $9,700 below in January 2018, but averaged over a seven (7) month period, $2.2 million per month in sales tax revenue. She informed that $1.5 million more was received for State Aid FY 2020 dedicated Human Services programs, with growth in foster care, special needs, and adoption programs. The City recognized $1.5 million received for street and highway maintenance funds, as well as a high vacancy rates for Constitutional Officers, for which the City would not be fully reimbursed. This was a net increase of $1.5 million for FY2020. Taxes and fees from revenue sources ranging from building permits, fines, Parks and Recreation Fees, would generate a combined increase of $1.2 million. She also noted $300,000 in Federal and State grants totaled $2.7 million in new revenue.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the reimbursement to the Newport News Police Department. Ms. Cipriano indicated there is no reimbursement. The State only showed level funding of House Bill 599 (HB599) received over $9 million, which was leveled from FY 2018.

Ms. Cipriano noted the percentage composition of the City’s Revenue Stream:

• General Property Taxes 56%
• Other Local Taxes 21%
• State Revenue 14%
• City Fees and Charges 9%
• (80% or $386 million was from two major revenue streams)
Ms. Cipriano noted detailed revenue changes anticipated in the FY 2020 Recommended Budget. She stated 77% of the $486.5 million FY 2020 General Fund Revenue fell into two areas:

- General Property Taxes - 56% (Real Estate, Personal Property and Machinery and Tools Taxes)
- Other Local Taxes - 21% (Sales, Meals, Lodging and BPOL Taxes)
  Maintaining tax rate at $1.22 per one hundred of assessed value

(With the increased levy anticipated for the FY 2020, one penny was worth $1,591,000)

Ms. Cipriano stated for FY 2020, the estimated revenues for the General Fund Revenue, aligned closely with collections for the FY2019, with slight growth. Locally generated Machinery and Tools Tax revenue continued to grow to an estimated $24.4 million, an increase of $1.5 million over the FY2019. She indicated this growth is mainly attributed to industry expansion in the City. Personal Property Tax revenue was estimated to increase to $56.3 million, which was $1.7 million or 3.2% based on projected FY2019 actual collections.

Ms. Cipriano shared that Sales and Meal tax revenues estimated $26.8 million are steady for FY2020. It is prudent to project limited revenue increases in the sales tax, $950,000 and meals tax, $775,000. The projection for the Business, Professional, and Occupational License Tax (BPOL) revenue was lower than the FY2019 by $185,000 or 1.08% less to reflect the collection trends for the past three fiscal years. BPOL revenue was estimated at an aggregated $16.9 million for FY2020.

**General Fund Expenses**

Ms. Cipriano noted the FY 2020 proposed General Fund Expenditure Changes:

- Debt Service Increase for City and School Capital Projects
- Employee Compensation
- Baseline Budget helped lead to repurposed expenses to support Public Safety, Community Revitalization, Supported an environment that promoted Financial Stability and health of all Community members
- Contractual Obligations

Ms. Cipriano shared the General Fund support for the City’s Debt Service payments for outstanding General Obligation Debt was increased by $3.4 million to $46.3 million in FY 2020. The City was able to impact the least way possible by maximizing borrowed dollars. City
Manager Rohlf commended Ms. Cipriano, who worked hard to make that happen. A great deal of effort was done by Ms. Cipriano and the City’s Financial Advisor to allow the City to borrow what was needed and move forward. Councilwoman Woodbury questioned whether the Reserves had been touched. City Manager Rohlf responded, no.

Ms. Cipriano reported the FY 2020 General Fund Expenditures totaled $497.6 million, representing $10.7 million or a 2.2% increase over FY 2019. She noted the proposed changes in FY 2020 General Fund Expenditures:

- **Salaries**: $150.7 million; increased by 2.7%
- **Fringe Benefits**: $75.6 million; decreased by 1.8%
- **City Support for NNPS**
  - **Operations**: $110.9 million; increased by 0.0%
  - **Debt Service**: $8.8 million; increased by 8.6%
- **City Debt Service**: $37.5 million; increased by 7.8%
- **Contractual Services**: $21.7 million; decreased by 7.4%
- **All Other Operating Costs**: $89.2 million; increase by 3.5%
- **Federal/State Grant funds**: $3.2 million; decrease by 10.3%

Ms. Cipriano shared the City of Newport News had a low unemployment rate, leading to greater competition for applicants in the region, which formed an appropriate compensation package to attract and retain talent in public service.

Ms. Cipriano described the three major expenditure areas associated directly with the revenue generated for FY2020:

- Additional debt payment (debt Service) costs
- Employee compensation
- Full year funding of public safety salary adjustments

Ms. Cipriano advised that eligible employees would earn a 2% merit increase effective July 1, 2019. She reminded that this was the second year for merit increases available to City employees. Employee increases would continue to be based on individual employee’s performance. She pointed out there was neither a general wage adjustment, a flat salary increase, nor did the City provide step increases for any positions (except for limited entry level increases for sworn police and fire positions) The cost of this 2% merit increase in the General Fund totaled $2.8 million and an additional $990,499 for all other operation funds.
Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether the 2% merit increase would be based on an employee’s performance. City Manager responded yes, it would be based on the employee’s performance, 2% on an average, but ranged from 0% to 4% for higher performers. Councilwoman Cherry advised, at some point, she would like to discuss what it would take to receive 2%. City Manager Rohlff advised that she would be glad to share the process, as this was a personnel matter.

Ms. Cipriano indicated in addition to employee increases, there were two other compensation components to the FY 2020 Recommended Budget. Pay grade ranges would be adjusted for the first time in six (6) years. The entry level of each grade would increase by five (5) percent, with the top of the range increased by 1.5%. The cost of this adjustment totaled $211,682 for the General Fund, and $97,373 for all other operating funds. The City made necessary mid-year salary adjustments for all public safety personnel to include Police, Fire, and Sheriff’s Deputies.

Ms. Cipriano stated the $497.6 million proposed for the FY 2020 General Fund expenditures fell into four areas (see information on page 25 of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano noted the breakdown of the $497.6 million FY 2020 General Fund Expenditures:

- Salaries and Fringe Benefits $226.4 million; 45%
- Support for Schools $119.7 million; 24%
- All Other Costs $114.0 million; 23%
  - Community Regional Support $11.6 million
  - Vehicle and IT Replacement $ 4.0 million
  - Contractual Services $ 21.7 million
  - Utilities, Vehicle Fuel $ 8.7 million
- Other City Debt Service $ 37.5 million; 8%

Ms. Cipriano reminded, since FY 2016, the City had met 100% of the Actuarial Recommended Contribution (ARC) for fiscal soundness of the Newport News Employee Retirement Fund (NNERF). For FY 2020, the annual contribution to the pension system would total $40.1 million City-wide, $8.7 million of School Division support, and $4.7 million from the 5% salary contribution of all NNERF employees. As members of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), the City fully funded the annual contribution for those employees hired in one of the three VRS retirement plans. The City’s VRS rate was 5.67% for FY 2020, resulting in the FY 2020 General Fund payment of $3.4 million. As NERF employees retired, VRS employee’s contributions would increase by $600,000, at a net change of $100,000.
Ms. Cipriano advised that the FY 2020 General Fund Healthcare Costs amounted to $25.7 million, which resulted in an $813,000 increase over FY 2019. The City would absorb 5.2% of the increase with employees required to pay 5.2% of the increase.

Ms. Cipriano stated the majority of the City’s operating costs were in salaries and fringe benefits. For 2020, all departments were asked to review positions and functions to identify adequate staffing levels for existing services. There would be a net decrease of one position in the General Fund. Ms. Cipriano noted the FY 2020 Position Changes:

- FY2020 Position Changes General Fund

- 13 Positions Eliminated – Community Maintenance positions
  - reassignment to the Sheriff’s Office
    - (10) Correctional Officers
    - (1) Community Maintenance Administrator
    - (1) Corrections Sergeant
    - (1) Senior Corrections Officer

  - 12 Positions Added
    - (3) Police Officers
    - (2) Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys
    - (1) FOIA Technician for the NNPD
    - (1) Community Paramedicine Officer
    - (1) Assistant Fire Chief
    - (1) Codes Permit Technician
    - (1) Park Maintenance Specialist
    - (1) Graphics Specialist
    - (1) Grant Writer

Ms. Cipriano noted major adjustments to the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget:

- Average 2% Salary Adjustment $2.8 million
- Increase City Debt Service $2.7 million
- Increase Schools Debt Service $737,331
- Increase in Local, State, Federal Grant Match $485,000
- Brooks Crossing Opportunity Center $348,420


- Four Oaks Day Service Center $278,037
- Behavioral Health Docket $150,000
- Increase for City’s Local Match CSA $250,000
- Increased Cash Capital $217,300
- Group Health Insurance Plan Management Savings ($975,597)
- Retirement Adjustments-NNERF and VRS $(701,821) and $601,747

Ms. Cipriano stated the City support for schools was recommended at level funding for operations. The City would increase an additional $737,000 in additional in debt service for City funded school projects. In addition to all other debt service, it totaled $3.4 million. In Contractual services there were several items to be funded, i.e. 1.5 million for street and highway maintenance; $100,000 for camera security maintenance to be paid out of bond funds, but recommended to be paid out of cash. She stated $600,000 was allocated in expanded services for Department of Human Services (DHS) programs and approximately $208,000 in contractual services for the Police Department also needed to be funded.

Councilwoman Scott questioned whether the support for schools was included in the budget as requested by Dr. Parker. Ms. Cipriano responded, no. The School Board made other changes that would have increased the City’s share. The Superintendent requested $2 million, but the City Manager recommended level funding at $110.9 million.

Ms. Cipriano shared there were other operating costs such as rent payments for DHS in Rouse Towers, Innovation Center in Brooks Crossing, and full funding for the Four Oaks Day Service Center. She advised that Cash Capital would increase to $217,000. The City’s local grant match to support the approximately $900,000 that the City received from the TANF grant was $185,000. The cost for doing business for Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) had increased by approximately $170,000. There was a commitment to match the City’s Child Services Act funds of $250,000 in future years. Federal and State grants increased $300,000 to match revenue. This totaled $10.7 million in new revenue.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the funds for child services in the amount of $250,000. Ms. Cipriano responded that amount was developed for each at risk child enrolled in educational programs administered through Human Services.

Councilman Harris asked for further explanation on the difference in the funds allocated for level funding for schools as opposed to funds allocated for debt service. City Manager Rohlf stated debt service was a legal commitment. It was the increase associated with the additional debt that was removed from the school projects. It was not $700,000; but was an obligation on the City’s side. The advised level funding recommended for the operating fees, not
the capital fees of the schools was level funding based on information from the NNPS proposed budget and funding NNPS received from the State.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the State’s extra funding for the schools City Manager Rohlf responded an adjustment was made based on revenue. Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the $2 million was covered from the extra funds given by the State. City Manager Rohlf stated no, an additional amount of $8.7 million received from the State. Councilwoman Scott questioned the amount in funds for FY 2018. Ms. Cipriano responded it was a $6.1 million, then it was amended for $7.3 million, and $8.7 million FY 2019. It was $16 million in 2 years and thanked the General Assembly for the funding.

Ms. Cipriano stated a majority of the City’s operating costs were in salaries and fringe benefits. For FY 2020, all departments were asked to review position allotments and functions to identify adequate staffing levels for existing services. There would be a net decrease of one position in the General Fund. The three major position changes were made to Public Safety, Community Revitalization, and Community Maintenance. NNPS was at 24%, all other cost to include vehicle replacements and 17 replacements, at approximately $2 million each. She indicated Community Support totaled approximately $12 million. The City’s obligation from deb equaled $37.5 million. (see information on page 27 of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano stated there was a program (Community Paramedicine) with the Fire Department that recognized routine calls for certain addresses and citizens who used Emergency Management System (EMS) for primary services. Citizens would use the local hospitals for individuals that did not have primary care physicians. By working with health care professionals, that provided safety net services, the City’s public health and fire departments would look for positions to redirect citizens for better service deliver through primary care organizations rather than using EMS for health care services.

Ms. Cipriano reminded Council that a grant writer was a major topic of discussion the Financial Workshop in October 2018. Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether a grant writer was used for the entire City. City Manager Rohlf shared the positions would be housed in the Department of Finance. Most departments would like to have a Grant Specialist, but the City would like to take the opportunity to see what was available in the grant funding. The available grants would cover the cost of the position. Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether the City had a grant writer. City Manager Rohlf responded, there was not one individual person available but there were services, organizations, and other departments that would share information with City Manager and various departments. Every opportunity was taken advantage to identify available grants. Councilwoman Cherry suggested the City be more efficient with obtaining grants. If there were multiple resources looking at multiple grants, something would get missed. City Manager
Rohlff advised some of the grants were strictly competitive. Councilwoman Cherry questioned if she inquired about a particular grant, but staff was working on a different grant, what would happen based on the work available. City Manager responded each department has a Budget Analysis that supported each department’s budget discussions. Councilwoman Cherry questioned, the skills level required for a grant writer. Ms. Cipriano replied there was nothing worse than to lose free funds. City Manager Rohlff replied there were individuals in the Finance Department with expertise for a grant writer.

Councilwoman Woodbury indicated there were experts who were qualified in grant writing. The City would be very lucky to have talented individuals with prior experience in grant writing. Councilwoman Scott shared even though an individual may be experienced in grant writing, supporting information and data were required from Finance and Budget.

Other Funds

Ms. Cipriano reported the Other Local Funding for Schools were comprised of: (see information on page 35 of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano advised of an operating increased in Stormwater of $870,000 or 3.9% from the FY 2019.

- Impact of Federal and State Stormwater Regulations
- Two (2) Major Components
  - MS4-Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
  - TMDL-Total Maximum Daily Load: Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act
- Increase for salary adjustment and expanded debt to meet regulations along with baseline budget adjustments based on current and historical trends

Ms. Cipriano advised that Waterworks would not propose a rate increase and had experienced an operating increase of $2 million or a 2.1% increase for FY 2019. Solid Waste had experienced an operating increase of $131,000, or 0.9% increase for FY 2019. Wastewater has no operation changes. She advised there was a proposed rate increase of $.25 cents per month, per ERU, which equated to a $3.00 change per year. Every household was assigned one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) totaled $1,777 square feet. Only one increase of $3.00 per year.

Next Steps

Ms. Cipriano shared the next steps for the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget was to include the adoption of the Public Hearing Schedule by City Council. She provided
a copy of the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget and the City Manager’s Transmittal Letter to members of City Council. The Budget Position Papers was distributed March 26, 2019; printed copies would be available at each public library and in the Budget & Evaluation Department. The budget was available on the City’s website at http://www.nnva.gov. She asked members of City Council to contact the Department of Budget and Evaluation, at 757-926-8733, should they have questions and/or concerns about the budget. She requested a motion that the Newport News City Council hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2400 Washington Avenue, and on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center, Room 113, 15198 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned what was the dollar amount in the State funds for the schools. Ms. Cipriano replied $7.3 million was received in the FY 2019 in additional state funds and the Proposed General Assembly of $8.7 million. She advised the funds amount could not be changed, the City would recognize the General Assembly Recommended amount of $8.7 million. Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether this was the Governor’s Budget. City Manager Rohlf confirmed it was reduced to $8.7 million.

City Manager Rohlf shared she communicated with Newport News School Board Superintendent, Dr. George Parker, on ways to work together with City Council to address the operating needs and additional support in Capital Funds for the schools.

Mayor Price requested that Ms. Cipriano explain the trends in BPOL taxes. Ms. Cipriano shared that BPOL’s were made up of wholesalers, retailers, and contractors The Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax that had been a bane for all Virginia business. The tax are imposed on a company's gross receipts in a locality, without any adjustment for the business's income or the deductible expenses incurred by the business. Ms. Cipriano shared she looked at the BPOL receipts, and as of today, the professionals that had exceeded the estimate for the FY 2019 in the retailers and wholesalers, advised it’s lacking. Her concern was the lack of connection between the retail sales amount and retailers.

Mayor Price requested for a motion in support of the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget Public Hearing Schedule. Councilwoman Cherry moved, pursuant to Section 6.09 of the City Charter, that the Newport News City Council hold two (2) public hearings on the FY 2020 City Operating Budget. The first such public hearing on the FY 2020 Operating Budget would be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2400 Washington Avenue, Newport News. The second such Public Hearing on the FY 2020 City Operating Budget would be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 113 of the Denbigh Community Center, 15198 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia. In addition, a
notice informing the public of the time and place of these public hearings shall be published not less than seven days prior to the date of the first public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes:  Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays:  None

III. Comments / Ideas / Suggestions

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had received a great deal of feedback since the discussion about having meetings in other parts of the City, and suggested arranging the second Budget Hearing for later in the month of April, possibly in the North, and combining it with a Council meeting. City Manager Rohlf questioned whether Councilwoman Woodbury was suggesting the Budget Hearing meeting be held on April 23, 2019, rather than April 11, 2019, as City Council had approved. Councilwoman Woodbury replied yes. City Manager Rohlf indicated that would have to be addressed by City Council. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether it was a possibility. City Attorney Owens indicated the previous motion would need to be rescinded, which adopted the Budget Public Hearing Schedule to include April 9, 2019 and April 11, 2019, and a substitute motion offered to change the dates. Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether Councilwoman Woodbury suggested having a Budget Public Hearing on April 11, 2019 and April 23, 2019. Councilwoman Woodbury responded no, she was attempting to figure out a way to have a regular meeting, as well as a Budget Public Hearing on the Budget, in the North District, and possibly combine it with the Regular Meeting of City Council, as was scheduled on April 9, 2019.

City Manager Rohlf responded, based on Councilwoman Woodbury’s suggestion to hold meetings in other locations, that staff was working to get the cost to hold meetings in different locations throughout the City. She advised that part of the issue was technology, not the ability to record and show the meeting, but rather broadcasting the meetings live. Staff was trying to determine what type of logistics would need to be addressed to be able to do a live broadcast. Preliminary conversations with the Department of Communications indicated there was a need to purchase additional equipment, and she did not know whether everything could be in place to broadcast the meeting live. Councilwoman Woodbury reminded that a live broadcast was usually done for the Budget Public Hearing, which would allow both another Regular Meeting of City Council as well as a Budget Public Hearing in the North District. City Manager Rohlf advised that a mini control room would need to be set up and a lot was involved. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that the City could save by doing it for both.

City Attorney Owens indicated The City’s Budget was usually adopted at the first meeting in May. City Manager Rohlf advised that the NNPS Budget needed be adopted by May 14, 2019. She added if the City’s budget was not adopted by the end of June, 2019, the City Manager’s Recommended Budget would go into effect.
Councilman Harris inquired about the cost to have Council Meetings at alternate locations throughout the City. City Manager Rohlf reiterated that staff was working on obtaining the cost as soon as possible. A mini-control room would need to be set-up, which could be done, but would mean purchasing additional equipment. Set-up would take a great deal of time to hold meetings at different sites, and staff wanted to be as efficient as possible, relating to the technical work that would be required.

Councilwoman Woodbury reminded that setting up the City Council meetings was a routine. City Manager agreed, but advised when required on a regular basis. Councilwoman Woodbury interjected that she was only talking about one meeting. Mayor Price advised, with no support for Councilwoman Woodbury’s suggestion, the matter would be discussed at a later time. Councilwoman Scott advised that she was not opposed to Councilwoman Woodbury’s suggestion, and saw the value in it, but there would be a great deal required technically to prepare for another Combined Regular Meeting/Budget Public Hearing.

Councilman Jenkins shared that he thought Council Meetings should be held in other areas of the City, supporting Councilwoman Woodbury’s suggestion at the March 12, 2019 Council Work Session, but felt that pushing the Budget Public Hearing back to April 23, 2019 would not allow sufficient time to consider the budget.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she was aware of work being done at the MLK Plaza, and the site looked good as a result, but asked City Manager Rohlf to have the stone power washed. City Manager advised that she would have the matter looked into.

Councilwoman Cherry requested a staff report on HRT regarding Bus Rapid Transit.

Councilwoman Cherry requested a report on the status of her e-mail request from a constituent regarding the 27th Street Bridge, where her husband was killed. City Manager Rohlf advised that Mr. David Freeman, Assistant to the City Manager had extensive conversations with the citizen, as well as with the Newport News Police Department. A status report would be provided.

Councilwoman Cherry requested a status report regarding the feasibility of looking at the airplane tax rate decrease, and whether it was a positive. It was promised that the action would result in the City receiving more airplanes coming in. City Manager Rohlf indicated a report would be provided.

Councilwoman Cherry request a status report on the para-medicine situation.

Councilwoman Scott recalled discussions in years past regarding whether citizens were allowed to park on their grass. She inquired about the matter as she had received numerous
calls from citizens regarding the neighbors parking on their lawns. City Attorney Owens responded that parking on lawns was only illegal in the historic districts, but citizens can park on their lawns in other districts, as it was not illegal. Councilwoman Scott questioned whether the issue could be revisited to determine whether anything could be done about the situation. She could only imagine if a neighbor parked 4-5 cars on their lawn.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the legality of parking Recreational Vehicles (RVs) in cul-de-sacs, as she had received complaints regarding the matter. She knew it was against code to park RVs in cul-de-sacs, which became an issue at her North District Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Councilwoman Scott raised the issue about mold, which was a topic of discussion when she was in Washington, D.C., attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference, held March 10-14, 2019, advocating for funds for Newport News. She was told there was a Code related to mold in the State of Virginia, but the City would be required to adopt a regulation. Mold was a big issue during the meeting with her colleagues from Virginia at the Conference. City Attorney Owens advised that he would look into the matter.

Councilwoman Scott indicated that she was honored to have representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) who unexpectedly stopped by her North District Town Hall Meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). They addressed the new Denbigh Boulevard Bridge Replacement project that would affect numerous citizens. The project would replace the structurally-deficient Denbigh Boulevard Bridge over Interstate 64 and the CSX Railway between Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue with a new bridge that met geometric and design standards. Information regarding detours, and the length of the project would be disseminated to the public soon. The project would cause a slight inconvenience, but would be impactful to help alleviate traffic congestion in the Denbigh area, along with the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR) Project to construct ramps (interchange) off of Denbigh Boulevard. She questioned what was being done to prepare citizens in the North District about this major project. City Manager Rohlf advised that a report would be provided to Council about how this project would be approached, and any plans that would be put in place regarding the project. Councilwoman Scott stated the first phase was to be complete by 2010, and she hoped that by that time Atkinson Boulevard would be open to provide some relief.

City Manager Rohlf advised that City Council would be asked to adopt a resolution at the Regular Meeting associated with the project. The resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute the Urban Project Construction Agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) for the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR). VDOT would conduct a review of locations for a new I-64 interchange between Fort Eustis Boulevard
and Jefferson Avenue. The report would inform and assist the City, VDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in determining the feasibility and viability of approving and constructing a new interchange. VDOT required the City to execute a Project Administration Agreement and participate in a 50/50 cost share. The City match of $225,000 was available appropriated Streets and Bridges funding. It was a good news piece, and a better alternative. City Manager Rohlf commended the City’s Department of Engineering, who had the foresight to speak with VDOT in the bridge design.

Councilwoman Woodbury announced there would be a presentation about the bus rapid transit (BRT) project, at a meeting of the HRT New Starts Committee on Thursday, March 28, 2019, 12:00 noon, at HRT (3400 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton).

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that HRT wanted to keep the excess from the jurisdictions, over what was used, for a reserve, rather than returning it to the City. She advised that she did not favor that suggestion. The issue would be raised again by HRT.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned who should speak with regarding graffiti. She advised there was a store in the Hidenwood Shopping Center. City Manager Rohlf replied that Councilmembers could contact the City Manager’s Office to advise of the problem at anytime.

Councilwoman Scott advised there was graffiti on a building facing “The Love Shack” in the Denbigh community on Warwick Boulevard. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that a citizen had contacted her about that building may become a “porn” shop.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked Assistant City Manager, Alan Archer, and his team regarding the Four Oaks Day Service Center. She had receive numerous comments from citizens who had used the Center, e.g. citizens were able to get information to obtain their birth certificates, and similar information. She commended Volunteers of America for being such a good organization. She shared a situation she experienced, on a Sunday, when citizens had missed transportation, but Ms. Tameka Davis, Executive Director at Four Oaks happened to be on call, and picked the individuals up and transported them to the Center. Other jurisdictions were commenting on how well Newport News had done with the Four Oaks Day Service Center.

Councilwoman Woodbury suggested getting notice out to get the word to churches about the Center. Oftentimes, people go to churches to receive assistance, and were not aware that the Day Service Center was available.

Assistant City Manager Archer advised that the City’s Department of Communications was working with Ms. Davis on a Communications Plan to get the word out in the community. There was also discussion about creating an Advisory Board, which would allow for greater community participation. He promised to follow-up.
Vice Mayor Vick indicated there had been a great deal of positive feedback related to the Center.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether people from other jurisdictions could use the Center. Her sister-in-law works for a neighboring county, attended the Grand Opening of Four Oaks, and was very impressed with the Center and the services offered. City Manager Rohlf advised that people would not be turned away. Assistant City Manager Archer had heard that the Center had sparked discussion in other communities. Some communities had turned away from the problem of homelessness, but the City of Newport News stepped up to address the issue. The Center had a mechanism to track who used the facility, most were in the Hampton Roads Region, with the predominant number being Newport News-based. At some point he hoped it grew into a funding question to ask for other resources and help to get the proper support, and other communities may want to have a greater role fiscally. Councilwoman Scott advised that her sister-in-law would have further conversation with her jurisdiction about possibly becoming a partner.

Councilwoman Woodbury suggested distributing a list of available resources to those homeless individuals that stood on corners, with one card directing them to the Four Oaks Day Services Center, rather than providing money or a meal.

City Manager Rohlf advised that the Department of Communications was working to get information to hold City Council meetings in other locations in the City, as well as looking for a central location. Once received, she would bring it back to City Council as a full report. Councilwoman Woodbury recalled, in years past, that City Council held a meeting in the James Room. City Manager Rohlf advised that staff was looking into that possibility. City Manager Rohlf advised that the meeting was recorded, not broadcast.

Mayor Price invited Venerria Thomas, Director, Newport News Department of Human Services, to provide a brief synopsis on the Town Hall Meeting, hosted by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Federation of Virginia Foodbanks, on Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive) to talk about poverty in the City and what was being done to combat that. Mayor Price advised that he was impressed with the amount of services being rendered to the less fortunate.

Ms. Thomas advised the Forum discussed homelessness and hunger in Hampton Roads. There were several panelists on hand for the discussion. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Mr. Duke Storen, was present, as was the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Ms. Bettina Ring, to facilitate the discussion. Ms. Thomas was one of five panelists to talk about what occurred in the community related to hunger and other issues experienced by the low income in Hampton Roads. She focused on statistics and issues in Newport News. Staff from Hampton Roads Community Action Program was also a member of the panel, as was Ms. Karen Joyner, of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, and a gentleman from NASA
who grew up and experienced child abuse, deliberately kept hungry by his family, eventually winding up in the Foster Care system. He served as a member of the Board of Directors at the local Foodbank Federation, and a Foodbank operator. She advised that Forums that created a plan to end hunger were also planned for Arlington, Roanoke, Danville, Fairfax, Norfolk, as well as Richmond, Virginia.

City Manager Rohlf mentioned the Poverty Simulation with the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) on Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). The simulation was impactful and an eye-opening experience to the challenges and barriers that those who live in poverty face on a day-to-day basis. A number of departments went through the simulation, which provided an opportunity to collaborate and get a sense of what other departments did, and how to better provide support by understanding the community needs.

Vice Mayor Vick indicated, in looking at the City’s summer employment program, and looking at families that barely get by, it was important for children to get a job and be able to receive and provide income. The work ethic created and received, as well as the immediate data received could not be replaced. Ms. Thomas advised that she was a witness too. The issue was also discussed at the forum on Monday night ad some of the children able to earn income, contributed to their family, even those in the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). She advised that Newport News had the second largest SNAP program in Hampton Roads, at 42,000 participants, second only to Norfolk.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that some did not have access to opportunities that others had, such as job opportunities, being able to connect with jobs. When being able to invest in human capital, it would equate to more taxes, and less crime, and would lead to building a better community.

Ms. Thomas indicated that was the topic of discussion at the Simulation, and how institutions often did not allow low-income to access the type of benefits that were needed to pull themselves out of poverty. Vice Mayor Vick extended thanks to Ms. Thomas for all she added as Director of Human Services, and her vision for how the City viewed the most vulnerable.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED 6:03 P.M.
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March 26, 2019

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McKinley L. Price
Mayor
Presiding Officer
F. Consent Agenda

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019

ACTION: • N/A

BACKGROUND: • N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: • N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Description
Minutes of Regular Meeting for March 26, 2019
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
MARCH 26, 2019
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Saundra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Marcellus L. Harris III; David H. Jenkins; McKinley L. Price, DDS; Sharon P. Scott, MPA; Tina L. Vick; and Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury

ABSENT: None

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order, welcomed all. He identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization. He pointed out copies of the ordinance highlighting citizen participation and encouraged citizens to review the document.

Mayor Price requested that cell phones and/or pagers be silenced or turned off.

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Pastor Chris Hallaren, Grace Church.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6, Warwick United Methodist Church. Troop 6 was joined by members of Troop 11, Chestnut Memorial Methodist Church.

Scouts from Troop 6 included Kyle and Andrew Hughes, Ryan and Christian Brewer, Joseph Hatch, Julian Weeks, Phillip O'Connell, James Richardson, Montel Hagley, Ethan Williams, Demarias Markes, Tray Gargano, and Troop Leaders Ken Hampton, and Paul Scharisch. Scouts from Troop 11 were Luke Cullison and Justin Rogers.

D. Presentations

1. Proclamation: National Fair Housing Month – April 2019

Ms. Tricia Wilson, Business Development Specialist, Newport News Department of Development; Ms. Karen Wilds, Executive Director, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority; and Ms. Terri Francis, Fair Housing Counselor, Hampton Roads Community Action Program, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Price advised that April 2019 marked the 51st Anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Act, which provided for equal
D. Presentations Continued

1. Proclamation: National Fair Housing Month – April 2019 Continued

opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, and financing of housing; and prohibited housing discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Mayor Price indicated the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added familial status and handicap to those classes protected by Title VIII for the first time in Federal Law, and added strong new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, judicial and administrative enforcement procedures.

Mayor Price stated it was the solemn and sworn duty of government, at all levels, to protect and defend the rights of all of its citizens; and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurred. He further stated that illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing that diminished the rights of some citizens, diminished the rights of all.

Mayor Price, on behalf of his colleagues on the Newport News City Council, proclaimed April 2019 as Fair Housing Month and called upon the citizens to fully support the intent and purpose of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and pursue policies and practices to achieve those ends, and extort all agencies, institutions, and individuals to do the same.

Councilman Harris reminded, at the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council, he spoke briefly about a group of young men from Crittenden Middle School (6158 Jefferson Avenue), who were unable to attend the meeting. He was pleased to acknowledge their presence in the Council Chambers to learn more about City Government. He shared that he spent time with the boys on Friday night, March 8, 2019, at a Lock-In. Ms. Tarri Jones, 7th Grade Guidance Counselor, had a phenomenal program for the young men, who were able to learn how to tie neckties, and to receive empowering and encouraging moments with other professionals in the City. He highlighted the following young men, known as “The Men in the Making”: Mr. Antoine Benton, Mr. Dayvon Bacon, Mr. Malcolm Banks, Mr. Jamel Powell, Mr. Jordan Cunningham, Mr. Jordan Watlington, Mr. Jeremiah Burger, Mr. Jaden Blount-Mack, and Mr. Eric James Patton. Councilman Harris advised that he had a session with the aforementioned young men who showed great leadership potential. He extended thanks to Ms. Tarri Jones, an awesome educator and school counselor for accompanying the students.

Councilman Harris acknowledged the presence of another group, entitled the Catalyst Effect.
E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia for an Easement Across City-Owned Property Located at 100 City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 CITY FARM ROAD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute a Deed of Easement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia for an Easement across a portion of City-owned property located at 100 City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park). At its March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting, City County received one (1) bid in response to a request to receive bids for a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property at 100 City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park). The successful bidder was Dominion Energy Virginia with a bid of $1.00. The easement was needed to provide electricity to three (3) picnic shelters. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None
E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, for an Easement Across City-Owned Property Located at 6940 Huntington Avenue (Huntington Heights Park)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6940 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute a Deed of Easement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia for an Easement across a portion of City-owned property located at 6940 Huntington Avenue (Huntington Heights Park). At its March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting, City County received one (1) bid in response to a request to receive bids for a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property at 6940 Huntington Avenue (Huntington Heights Park). The successful bidder was Dominion Energy Virginia with a bid of $1.00. The easement was needed to facilitate the relocation of a utility pole that would allow continued service to area residents and the park. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None
E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing Change of Zoning No. CZ-2019-0001, to Landlovers, LLC, from C1 Retail Commercial to R5 Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling with Proffer Located at 14307 Old Courthouse Way

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97 BY AMENDING THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "ZONING DISTRICT MAP" (CONSISTING OF REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS 001 THROUGH 322 AND KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF CODES COMPLIANCE AND PLANNING) DATED THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997, WHICH SAID MAP IS MADE A PART OF THE SAID ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97. This ordinance authorized Change of Zoning Application No. CZ-2019-0001, to Landlovers, LLC for property located at 14307 Old Courthouse Way, from C1 Retail Commercial to R5 Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling, with proffers. The proffered rezoning allowed for the development of ten (10) new for sale residential units. The request was consistent with One City One Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan land use map designation. On March 6, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 8:0 to recommend approval of the request. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Cherry moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 3, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 12, 2019

(No registered speakers)
F. Consent Agenda Continued

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 12, 2019 Continued

   Vote on Roll Call:
   Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Vick, Woodbury
   Nays: None
   Abstention: Scott (Was not in attendance at the Special Meeting of March 12, 2019)

2. Minutes of the Work Session of March 12, 2019

   (No registered speakers)

   Vote on Roll Call:
   Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Vick, Woodbury
   Nays: None
   Abstention: Scott (Was not in attendance at the Work Session of March 12, 2019)

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019

   (No registered speakers)

   Vote on Roll Call:
   Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Vick, Woodbury
   Nays: None
   Abstention: Scott (Was not in attendance at the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019)

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of a Portion of City-Owned Property at 610-26th Street to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the City of Newport News, Virginia

   AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents, including deeds, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of a portion of City-owned property at 610-26th Street to the Economic Development Authority (EDA)
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of a Portion of City-Owned Property at 610-26th Street to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the City of Newport News, Virginia

of the City of Newport News, Virginia. To support the implementation of the Transformation Plan for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood, the EDA had been progressing on the rehabilitation of the structure located at 2506 Jefferson Avenue to create a co-working space. The property line lied at the rear of the building structure. Through the design process, the architect identified the need for additional land to meet building code requirements and allow for ADA ramp access at the rear of the building. To facilitate the building rehabilitation and anticipated activities, inclusion of the required ADA access, and to support redevelopment efforts in the area, a portion of 610-26th Street was necessary. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

2. Resolution Authorizing the Formation of the Ashe Manor, LLC by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE ASHE MANOR, LLC BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This resolution authorized the formation of the Ashe Manor, LLC by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). In 2004, Ashe Manor, a complex for the elderly, was placed in service and was owned by the Orcutt Senior Housing L.P. Partnership. Part of the original financing included Low Income Housing Tax Credits, requiring a 15-year affordability compliance period, which had passed, and the investor partner and special limited partner, wished to withdraw from the partnership. In order to maintain the partnership and continue operating the affordable housing complex, a successor limited partner was required. The NNRHA wished to create Ashe Manor, LLC to serve as the new limited partner. NNRHA’s Board of Commissioners approved the formation of the entity at its February 19, 2019 Board meeting, and created such to serve to limit any liability specific to the project, and protect other NNRHA assets. To comply with Title E of the Code of Virginia, which enumerated the activities of redevelopment and housing authorities, it was necessary that City Council approve the formation of the proposed development entity. The City Manager recommended approval.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Resolution Authorizing the Formation of the Ashe Manor, LLC by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority Continued

(No registered speakers)

Ms. Karen Wilds, Executive Director, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 227-27th Street, Newport News, was available answer questions.

Councilman Scott moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the NNRHA had always been involved in limited liability companies (LLC). Ms. Wilds responded yes. The Ashe Manor, LLC was the first property developed by the NNRHA with tax credit funding. She explained, because Ashe Manor was developed with tax credit funding, the LLC had to be created. It has gone through the 15 years of its affordability, and those who invested in the tax credits automatically needed to come out of the ownership arrangement. NNRHA was substituting the new LLC, which was controlled by the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Newport News City Council. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the new funding would be tax credits. Ms. Wilds responded that the NNRHA had not applied for tax credits to date, but probably would because Ashe Manor was over 15 years old and would need renovations in the kitchens. With the new entity in place, NNRHA could approach the State and apply for more tax credits to cover the renovations.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

3. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Urban Project Construction Agreement By and Between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) for the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN URBAN PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, FOR THE DENBIGH BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE JUSTIFICATION REVIEW (THE “PROJECT”)(UPC#114752). This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute the Urban Project Construction Agreement by and between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) for the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR). VDOT
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Urban Project Construction Agreement By and Between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) for the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR) Continued

would conduct a review of locations for a new I-64 interchange between Fort Eustis Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue. The report would inform and assist the City, VDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in determining the feasibility and viability of approving and constructing a new interchange. VDOT required the City to execute a Project Administration Agreement and participate in a 50/50 cost share. The City match of $225,000 was available appropriated Streets and Bridges funding. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Scott moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Councilwoman Scott commented that she was excited to support this resolution as this action was for a study to construct a ramp (interchange) off of Denbigh Boulevard. She advised this was greatly needed in the Denbigh area to help citizens wedged between Denbigh Boulevard and Fort Eustis Boulevard. This would help alleviate some of the congestion on Jefferson Avenue and provide access from Denbigh Boulevard.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

4. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Agreement Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Department of the Army for the James River Shoreline Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection Feasibility Study

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FOR THE JAMES RIVER SHORELINE EMERGENCY STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Department of the Army for the James River Shoreline Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection Feasibility Study. The City desired to stabilize the shoreline from 9300
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Agreement Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Department of the Army for the James River Shoreline Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection Feasibility Study Continued

to 9502 River Road. The United State Army Corps of Engineers was willing to participate in the study. The project included a feasibility study, land acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction. The total cost of the feasibility study was $444,679. The City’s funding portion for the study was available from previously appropriated FY 2018 Stormwater funds. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Ms. Karen Wilds, Executive Director, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 227-27th Street, Newport News, was available answer questions.

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

5. Resolution Approving the Issuance by Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority NNRHA) of its Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds for the Acquisition, Construction, Renovation, Rehabilitation and Equipping of the Ivy Farms Apartments Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ITS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION AND EQUIPPING OF THE IVY FARMS APARTMENTS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING FACILITY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This resolution authorized and approved the issuance by the NNRHA of its Multi-Family Housing Facility located at 617-621 Adams Drive and 698 Dresden Drive. 617 Adams Drive, LLC desired to finance or refinance the acquisition, renovation and equipping of an existing apartment complex, consisting of 168 units, known as Ivy Farms Apartments located at 617-621 Adams Drive. In order to assist with the financing of the project, 617 Adams Drive, LLC sought NNRHA’s issuance of Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed $16,780,000. NNRHA approved a resolution at its February 19, 2019 Board meeting for issuance of the bonds for the benefit of 617 Adams Drive, LLC and the Ivy Farms Apartments Project, and held the required public hearing. NNRHA recommended that City Council approve
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Resolution Approving the Issuance by Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority NNRHA) of its Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds for the Acquisition, Construction, Renovation, Rehabilitation and Equipping of the Ivy Farms Apartments Project Continued

the issuance of the bonds as required by statute and the Internal Revenue Code. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Woodbury moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that she was excited about the developer hired to make renovations, Genesis Properties.

Mr. Ed Solarz, with Genesis Properties was present and acknowledged. Vice Mayor Vick advised that she had visited the site. She extended thanks and commended Mr. Solarz for his vision. She indicated the improvements being made would add value to the area.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
Nays: None

H. Appropriations

None

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council

Ms. Rhonda Wagner, 107 Haviland Drive, Newport News, Newport News Public School teacher and parent, as well as President of the Newport News Education Association (NNEA), invited members of the Newport News City Council, and the City Manager, to meet with the Newport News Education Association to discuss Dr. George Parker’s (Superintendent, Newport News Public Schools) proposed budget. She asked that City Council contact the Newport News Education Association prior to the release of the City Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget on April 5, 2019. She distributed an invitation to each Council member and thanked them for their service.

Ms. Cindy Connell, 7 Wakefield Road, Newport News, a 4th grade teacher in the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS), and parent to two children in the NNPS in grades five and seven. She reminded that educators came out in force in 2018 because of the inability of the School Board and City Council to communicate effectively. She advised there had been great
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improvement in that area. According to remarks at the March 26, 2019 City Council Work
Session, City Council proposed a zero percent (0%) increase in the Operating Budget for NNPS.
City revenue had increased, therefore City Council’s proposal of a 0% increase would not allow
the NNPS to fully fund Dr. Parker’s Operating Budget, nor did it provide the approximately two
percent (2%) needed to match the 2.5% from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam. A zero percent
proposed increase to the Operating Budget sent a clear message that City Council did not value
education in the City of Newport News and does not prioritize education in the City. Ms. Connell
said this mindset was unacceptable. She indicated that City Council and the City Manager
needed to go back to the drawing board and create a budget that fully funds Dr. Parker’s proposed
budget. She suggested they create a budget that showed they understood the importance of
investing in public education, and in children in the City of Newport News.

Ms. Jannie Bazemore, 1004 Hampton Avenue, Newport News, encouraged City
Council to fully fund Dr. Parker’s Recommended Operating Budget as it was necessary for what
they needed to get done. On May 8, 2019, Ms. Bazemore announced that there would be a
“National Walk and Bike to School Day.” Many Newport News students would have the honor
of participating because they had neighborhood schools; but Huntington Middle School students
would not be able to participate because their school was boarded up due to a lack of
maintenance. With City Council’s help, in a few years, students zoned for Huntington would have
the privilege of participating in “National Walk and Bike to School Day” like other students in
the City. Ms. Bazemore thanked City Council for seeing the urgency of getting Huntington
Middle School rebuilt. She prayed that she would be around to see the ribbon cut. She
couraged City Council to get Huntington Middle School rebuilt and reopened at the same pace
that they worked on the Shipyard Building at 28th Street and Jefferson Avenue. She urged City
Council to provide the funds and move forward with getting the students back in Huntington
Middle School. Ms. Bazemore concluded with her well-known phrase, “Huntington Shall Rise
Again.”

Ms. Heather Marconi, 425 Nicewood Drive, Newport News, recalled, in 2018,
NNPS requested approximately $5 million in funding from City Council for FY 2019, but only
$1 million was approved. In 2019, for FY 2020, Dr. George Parker requested an increase in the
basic level of funding. She indicated that Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and members of
the Virginia General Assembly had also called for an increase in school funding, allowing an
increase for teachers of 2.0% across the board; but localities had to “pony-up” one half or 2.5%.
It was Ms. Marconi’s understanding that City Council would not fund one percent in the City
Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget, which was disappointing. She advised that
health insurance for teachers would increase, and many would leave the profession.

Ms. Mary Vause, 350 Williamsburg Court, Newport News, advised that she was
a Newport News resident, an NNPS gradate, a parent of a child in the NNPS, and a member of
the Newport News Education Association Executive Board. She advised that she also served on
Dr. Parker’s Budget Advisory Committee, alongside the NNEA President, Ms. Rhonda Wagner.
Ms. Vause advised that she was shocked to see that City Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget provided a zero percent (0%) in new funding to the Operating Budget for NNPS. She stated, if City revenue had increased two percent (2%), it was reasonable for the NNPS Budget to also increase by 2%. It was a fair way to share resources with the City’s greatest asset – the children. Ms. Vause stated, failing to increase the NNPS Operating Budget to keep up with the rate of inflation would be an injustice to the children in the City of Newport News. She shared that sixty-seven percent (67%) of NNPS students were on free or reduced lunch. She referenced Vice Mayor Vick’s remarks about the challenges faced by at-risk youth. An increase in funding for NNPS would be an excellent way to address this poverty in the City of Newport News. Public education was the great equalizer in a world that was too often unequal. Students living in poverty, and students of color, received significantly less per pupil funding than students from white or more affluent areas. She indicated that NNPS followed those trends, compared to nearby districts. Ms. Vause advised, if the City Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget were adopted, the NNPS would be worse off compared to their counterparts in Hampton Roads. This could be changed, but it would take the Newport News City Council to be heroes for the City, and asking the City Manager for increased funding, not only from the State, but also from the City. School funding in Virginia was to be a joint effort between City and State, and increasing NNPS debt service would not cut it. Debt Service was from debt owed from schools built in years past, and provided nothing for students, teachers, or staff, in the present. Ms. Vause advised if a member of City Council would substitute teach for one day, their viewpoint would change when looking into the eyes of the children. She asked City Council to instruct the City Manager to go back to the drawing board and make public education a priority in Newport News (a copy of Ms. Vause’s remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, shared three things of particular importance to the children in Newport News; e.g. schools, libraries, and parks. He shared an article entitled, “Growing up near green space reduced risk of mental illness.” which referred to a Danish study (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). Mr. Whitcomb indicated that there was something about forests, natural areas, and breathing clean air that appealed to all humans. He suggested providing similar places to everyone. He strongly supported keeping the former City Farm as a park because most citizens could not afford to buy a place on the water. Mr. Whitcomb read a few excerpts from the article – “What the study found was that living close to green space reduce risk of mental disorders anywhere between 15 and 55 percent, depending on the type of illness. Intellectual disabilities and schizoaffective disorders were not affected in any way, but alcoholism, was strongly associated with lack of access to green space in childhood. Green space seemed to have an association that was similar in strength to other known influences on mental health, like history of mental health disorders in the family, or socioeconomic status. The effect of green space was dosage dependent – the more a child spent close to greenery, the lower the risk of mental health problems in adulthood.” Parks were needed everywhere in the City. He suggested it be made available as soon as possible.

Mr. Whitcomb suggested making children the first priority. He further suggested looking at the City of Newport News as a whole, and making it the best for everyone.
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Mr. Whitcomb reminded about the Dream A Park Art Contest,” hosted by “The Citizens for Riverview Farm Park.” He advised that additional details were available at www.cityfarmartcontest.com, as well as www.saveriverviewfarmpark.com. The deadline for all entries was March 29, 2019, at cityfarmartcontest@gmail.com. City Council was invited to attend a display of the art work on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula (415 Youngs Mill Lane).

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted Bible scriptures from Matthew 10:7, as well as 1 Thessalonians 4:16, alluding to United States President, Donald Trump, being the Trump of God. It was his hope that President Trump be re-elected during the next Presidential Election in 2020.

To the Prime Minister of Christchurch New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, Mr. Thompson advised there were no words of condolence or sympathy or pleas for peace that would stop Muslim extremists from retaliating for the slaughter of 50 Muslims in their Mosque (50 were killed in a Christchurch, New Zealand terror attack on March 22, 2019). He advised that every City in the Western World needed to raise their own Terror Alerts into the awareness of every citizen. All forms of terrorism and mass shootings plaguing the world must cease. He prayed for the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, to execute the war plan that God gave to him through Moses for all of Israel, in an effort to destroy the country’s enemies. Mr. Thompson advised that every City must prepare for a great recession.

Ms. Pam Hall, a resident of the Southeast Community, reminded, in 2017, the City’s concept for a campus to house technology, work force development, and recreation, but no Huntington Middle School, was publically reported as a possibility. She reminded, in 2018, Huntington Middle School was closed. In 2019, the Newport News City Council and the Newport News School Board unanimously agreed that there would be a Huntington Middle School. The concept of a campus continued to dominate the conversation, yet the funding for Huntington Middle School continued to be delayed for the City’s vision for property they did not own. No time line had been given. Ms. Hall advised that the mission for the Virginia Department of Education (DOE) was to lead and facilitate the development and implementation of a quality public education system that met the needs of students and assisted them in becoming educated, productive, responsible, and self-reliant citizens. The DOE mandated the educational and facility requirements, not the City. Ms. Hall indicated that it was time to step up (like Barack Obama did, when he pulled the country out of potential recession). She stated it was time to be the change we sought. Ms. Hall urged the Newport News City Council to appropriate and disseminate the funding needed because of the necessity for the City, and the needs of neglect by both parties. She posed the question, if not now, then when?
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Cherry extended compliments to Ms. Venerria Thomas, Director, Department of Human Services, and staff for conducting a Poverty Simulation with the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) on Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). Councilwoman Cherry advised that the simulation was impactful and eye-opening experience to the challenges and barriers that those who live in poverty face on a day-to-day basis. The exercise required focus on different scenarios of families and individuals. The lasting effect was that it caused all of the officers to include the command staff and front-line officers, to have humility. It also brought support, respect, and understanding for citizens who experienced poverty. Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Ms. Venerria Thomas and Chief Drew, NNPD for the opportunity.

Councilwoman Cherry announced, that the South District Your Voice Matters Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019, which was typically held at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive), would be cancelled to provide the opportunity to participate in the Budget Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., April 11, 2019, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District Your Voice Matters Town Hall Meeting would reconvene on April 18, 2019, at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Harris announced the registration for “The Heart of Giving” event which he mentioned at the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council, was Friday, April 5, 2019. Interested persons were urged to contact Ms. Amy Jones or Mrs. Rasheena Harris, via phone, at (757) 266-7819, or at resources@thoginc.net. Donations of the following were being accepted: gowns, jewelry, rack display stands, clutches, shoes, mannequins, jewelry stands, makeup, shawls, stand along mirrors, glass counter stands, $5 or $10 gift cards; and free or discounted hair and nail services. The website for the event was www.theheartofgiving.org. The first 300 young ladies in need of a formal, that registered, would be invited to an extravagant event for them to pick up their gown.

Councilman Harris extended thanks to the local Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for hosting a Community Discussion on Violence, a Drumline and Talent Showcase, on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). He was accompanied by Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, School Board Member, Terri Best, and Council colleague, Councilman David Jenkins. It was a phenomenal event. Community leaders listened to the citizens as they offered up solutions to mitigate crime in the communities. He commended Chief Drew, who attended numerous events to share his vision for the community. He offered up astounding numbers and statistics related to where the City was as it looked to eradicated crime at the aforementioned Community Discussion.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris shared that he attended an Alopecia Awareness event on Saturday, March 23, 2019, hosted by Ms. Tieshe Matthews, Founder of Beautiful Kids, a non-profit organization which focused on alopecia in children (Alopecia is a skin disease, causing hair loss on the scalp, face and sometimes other areas of the body). The group, Beautiful Kids, empowered the children with the condition, letting them know they were beautiful inside and out, despite suffering with alopecia.

Councilman Harris shared that City Council received a copy of the City Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget at its earlier March 26, 2019 Work Session. He advised that members of City Council looked forward to continued discussion. He encouraged citizen to continue to be involved and engaged in the process. Councilman Harris further advised that he looked forward to sitting with the Newport News School Board in the upcoming future to get more of an idea of the needs of the NNPS, and discussing what City Council could do as far as allocating funds to the school system.

Councilman Harris encouraged everyone to be engaged, and stay connected as City Council worked as diligently as possible to ensure the youth, and mature citizens understand that the City of Newport News was a great place.

Councilman Jenkins advised that he first saw the budget proposal by the City Manager earlier at the March 26, 2019 City Council Work Session. He further advised that he was disappointed that it flat-lined the budget for NNPS. He promised to continue to follow-up and looked forward to meetings with the City Manager and citizens in an effort see progress on that point.

Mayor Price advised that he and his colleagues attended the Friends of the Badge Expo and Breakfast, sponsored by the Newport News Police Foundation at the Marriott Hotel at City Center (740 Town Center Drive), on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Price advised that he and his colleagues attended the 31st Annual Boys and Girls Clubs Steak and Burger Dinner on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Hellenic Community Center (60 Traverse Road). The dinner included presentations from the four Youth of the Year finalist, talent acts from several Club members, and an announcement of the 2019 Youth of the Year, who would then compete in the Region and State competition. Ms. Satinika Perrin was announced the 2019 Youth of the Year.

Mayor Price shared that he attended the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Hampton Roads Mayors’ Masked Ball on Friday, March 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Hilton Norfolk, The Main, at 100 East Main Street, Norfolk.
Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Mayor Price announced the opening of a new store on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 9:45 a.m., Rooms To Go, at 12550 Jefferson Avenue. He further announced that a part of the opening weekend’s sales would be donated to An Achievable Dream and the local USO (United Service Organizations), a nonprofit-charitable corporation that supported military service members and military families.

Mayor Price and his colleagues attended the NNPS Resource Fair held at the Discovery STEM Academy on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at 1712 Chestnut Avenue.

Mayor Price announced that the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center hosted an art exhibit, entitled, “A Space of Our Own,” on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue).

Mayor Price shared that he attended a Town Hall Meeting, hosted by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Federation of Virginia Foodbanks, on Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive) to talk about poverty in the City and what was being done to combat that.

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, to hear information or to share information.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she and her colleagues attended the NNPS Service Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She extended congratulations to the NNPS employees.

Councilwoman Scott shared that she attended the Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan study on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). She indicated that the citizens in the North District were excited about the Plan. She encourages citizens to continue to be engaged. The study included many moving parts. There was a great deal to be gained by receiving the citizen’s input. She commended the staff and consultants who were involved in the process.

Councilwoman Scott indicated that she was honored to have representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) who unexpectedly stopped by her North District Town Hall Meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). They addressed the new Denbigh Boulevard Bridge Replacement project that would affect numerous citizens. The project would replace the structurally-deficient Denbigh Boulevard Bridge over Interstate 64 and the CSX Railway between Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue with a new bridge that met geometric and design standards. Information regarding detours, and the length of the project would be disseminated to the public soon. The project would cause a slight inconvenience, but would be impactful to help
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

alleviate traffic congestion in the Denbigh area, along with the Denbigh Boulevard Interchange Justification Review (IJR) Project approved earlier by City Council to construct ramps (interchange) off of Denbigh Boulevard. She extended thanks to staff from the City’s Department of Engineering, Ms. Jacqueline M. Kassel, Chief of Transportation Engineering; Captain Jill Daszkowski, Newport News Police Department, North Precinct, who provided a monthly update on what occurred in the City; Ms. Elizabeth McCoury, Redevelopment Project Manager, Department of Development; and Ms. Angela Hopkins, Senior Planner, Department of Planning, who always brings a wealth of information to the North District Town Hall Meetings. Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to all of the citizens for their attendance and participation in the North District Town Hall Meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2019, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

Councilwoman Scott and Mayor Price attended the “A Space of Our Own,” art exhibit on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue).

Councilwoman Scott advised that she was not present at the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council, as she was in Washington, D.C. attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference, held March 10-14, 2019, advocating for funds for Newport News. She advised that a challenge with the NLC Community Economic Development Committee, was to visit Capitol Hill and advocate with the Congressmen and Senators for funding for infrastructure and education, etc. A meeting was requested with Senator Tim Kaine and Senator Mark Warner, as well as Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott. Congressman Scott was gracious enough to receive the Virginia Delegation, for which she was honored that he took the time to hear the Delegation’s concerns, and to offer some suggestions on how to better stay engaged with him.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she was scheduled to moderate a “Mom and Me” Talk, on Saturday, March 30, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). The first “Mom and Me” event was held at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive); the second event was held at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard), with the third being held at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center. The events included discussions about issues that impacted woman, and provided an opportunity to learn to get along with each other, and understand one another’s differences, as well as to celebrate each other’s power, and to empower one another to be better women. She invited her colleagues from the South District. Dr. Sandra Cherry was an invited panelist to participate at the event.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she also attended the NNPS Service Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Marriott Hotel at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She indicated it was great to be in attendance and to greet many of her former students from Hampton University, who were award recipients. She was proud of all of her students. She further advised that it was great to see the many Newport News Public School teachers, who had done many great things with the children.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that City Council received a copy of the City Manager’s FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget at its earlier March 26, 2019 Work Session. She felt it was very important that “thinking people” to get the details first before criticizing. It was important to have all of the information to be able to speak knowledgeably. Members of City Council had not had an opportunity to review the Budget. Councilwoman Woodbury indicated to be accused of not caring about the students was quite hurtful, because City Council does. She reminded that she had served on the Newport News School Board, been a volunteer in the NNPS for as long as she could remember. She encouraged citizens to wait for all of the facts and to weigh all of the facts.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and speaking. She encouraged citizen to make sure they had done their homework prior to speaking on a matter.

Mayor Price announced that citizens that wanted to see the Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan as presented on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard), the presentation would be shown on the City’s Cable Channel Cox 48 and Verizon Cable Channel 19, immediately following the meeting.

Councilwoman Scott advised that the presentation could also be viewed on the City’s website, www.nnva.gov.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that a Community Children’s Choir of Newport News would be established. The first meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). All children, ages 6-12, would be welcomed.

Councilwoman Woodbury encouraged all teachers in the NNPS to encourage their classes to be a part of designing what the City Farm Park would be by entering the “Dream A Park Art Contest,” hosted by “The Citizens for Riverview Farm Park.” Additional details were available at www.cityfarmartcontest.com, as well as www.saveriverviewfarmpark.com. The deadline for all entries was March 29, 2019, at cityfarmartcontest@gmail.com.

K. Adjourn

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, “May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News.”

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.
Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

A true copy, test:

City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer
3. Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Include City Center Boulevard Between Jefferson Avenue and Warwick Boulevard in the City’s Street Inventory for Maintenance Payment Purposes

**ACTION:** A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) INCLUDE CITY CENTER BOULEVARD FROM JEFFERSON AVENUE TO WARWICK BOULEVARD IN THE CITY’S STREET INVENTORY FOR MAINTENANCE PAYMENT PURPOSES.

**BACKGROUND:**
- VDOT provides maintenance payments to the City for streets in the City’s inventory.
- VDOT’s annual roadway maintenance payment to the City is determined by the number of lane miles in the inventory.
- VDOT completed construction of City Center Boulevard in April of 2015. Addition of the new lane miles into the City’s inventory was delayed awaiting resolution of property acquisition by VDOT.
- The City Manager recommends approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**
- Memo to HCC re VDOT Maintenance Payments Request 4.3.19
- Attachment City Center Blvd
- sdm16811 Request for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Maintenance Payments
CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

April 3, 2019

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Maintenance Payments

All non-interstate roads in Newport News are maintained by the City, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provides annual maintenance payments based on the lane mileage owned by the City. A resolution is required to request that the addition of the new lane miles be included in the inventory for street maintenance payment purposes.

VDOT completed construction of City Center Boulevard in April of 2015. Addition of the new lane miles into the City’s inventory was delayed waiting for resolution of property acquisition by VDOT.

I recommend approval.

Cynthia D. Rohlf

CDR:MDC:mjd

Attachment

cc: Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering
RESOLUTION NO. ____________________

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, REQUESTING THAT THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE FOR MAINTENANCE PAYMENT PURPOSES THAT STREET LISTED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation requires a resolution of the Council in order to add and delete streets to the City’s inventory for street maintenance payment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reported to the Council that the street listed herein has been constructed to the standards required by the State and that the street is, therefore, eligible for state maintenance funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That the Virginia Department of Transportation is hereby requested to include the street listed below within those eligible to receive annual maintenance payments:

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<td>Jefferson Avenue</td>
<td>Warwick Boulevard</td>
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2. That the street listed herein to be added meets the construction standards required by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

3. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, April 9, 2019.
G. Other City Council Actions

1. Item 1 of 2 - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD)

ACTION: A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AND HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT (HRSD) FOR THE HAMPTON TRUNK A & B REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALONG JEFFERSON AVENUE.

BACKGROUND: • The Hampton Trunk A & B Replacement Project along Jefferson Avenue includes the installation of 835 linear feet of 36-inch force main along Jefferson Avenue from 14th Street to 16th Street and along 16th Street from Jefferson Avenue to Ridley Circle.

• The force main installation will be completed as part of the Jefferson Avenue Phase 2 Utility Relocation and Streetscape.

• Adding this work to the existing streetscape project will limit disruption and inconvenience to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT: • The total cost for the force main is $825,318 and will be provided by HRSD.

• The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:
Description
Memo to HCC re HRSD Cost Sharing Agreement 4.3.19
Attachment Location Map City HRSD Cost Sharing
sdm16810 Authorizing re Agreement for Cost Sharing between HRSD and City
TO: The Honorable City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
SUBJECT: Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Cost Sharing Agreement

City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Cost Sharing Agreement with Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for the construction of Hampton Trunk A & B Replacement along Jefferson Avenue.

The project includes the installation of approximately 835 linear feet of 36-inch force main along Jefferson Avenue from the 14th Street to 16th Street and 16th Street from Jefferson Avenue to Ridley Circle. The work will be added to the Jefferson Avenue Phase 2 Utility Relocation and Streetscape project, currently under contract. By completing this work as part of the existing streetscape project, there is less disruption and inconvenience to the public, lower overall cost and improved control of the work area for the City contractor. HRSD will separately complete additional work outside the City project work area.

The total cost for this added work is $825,318, which HRSD will provide. The Jefferson Avenue roadway project total cost of $14 million has been separately funded by the City. City Council is also requested to approve a resolution appropriating $825,318 from HRSD funds to pay for the work.

I recommend approval.

__________________________________________
Cynthia D. Rohlf

CDR:TCC:plw

Attachment

cc: Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering
RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT ("HRSD") AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA ("CITY"), AND DATED THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

WHEREAS, the HRSD Project is for the construction of its Hampton A and B Replacement - Jefferson Avenue to Walnut Avenue (BH015600); and

WHEREAS, the City Project is for the construction of its Jefferson Avenue Phase II Utilities Relocation and Streetscape Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

1. That it hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest, on behalf of the City of Newport News, Virginia, that certain Agreement for Cost Sharing by and between Hampton Roads Sanitation District and the City of Newport News, Virginia, dated the 9th day of April, 2019, for the aforementioned Projects, as well as any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate and implement said Projects, after the review and approval as to form of such documents by the City Attorney.

2. That a copy of the said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING

OF THE

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT
Hampton Trunk A and B Replacement – Jefferson Avenue to Walnut Avenue
BH015600

AND

CITY OF Newport News
Jefferson Avenue Phase II Utilities Relocation and Streetscape Improvements

THIS AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING (the “Agreement”), between the CITY OF Newport News (“CITY”) and the HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT (“HRSD”), is entered into this 9th day of April, 2019 (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

R:1. HRSD is constructing its Hampton Trunk A and B Replacement - Jefferson Avenue to Walnut Avenue project as shown on Exhibit 1 (the “HRSD Facilities”); and

R:2. The CITY is constructing its own Jefferson Avenue Phase II Utilities Relocation and Streetscape Improvements project as shown on Exhibit 2 (the “CITY Facilities”); as part of the City of Newport News Capital Improvement Program; and

R:3. The construction of the HRSD Facilities and the construction of the CITY Facilities (collectively referred to as the “Improvements”) will necessitate the construction of the HRSD Facilities as part of the City project. The HRSD Facilities will be located in Jefferson Avenue from 14th Street to 16th Street and in 16th Street from Jefferson Avenue to Ridley Circle; and

R:4. HRSD and the CITY agree that it is in the best interest of the parties to have the Improvements constructed together; and

R:5. The City has started construction of CITY Facilities with a construction contractor hired by the CITY; and

R:6. The City agrees to include the construction of the HRSD Facilities as part of the construction of the City Facilities, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications; and

R:7. HRSD agrees to reimburse the City for that portion of the costs for the construction of the Improvements attributable to the HRSD Facilities under the terms and conditions set forth herein.
TERMS

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above provisions and agreements set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS

A. Plans and Specifications

1. HRSD will employ Whitman Requardt and Associates (ENGINEER I), to prepare plans and specifications for the HRSD Facilities. A location map of the HRSD Facilities is shown on Exhibit 1.

2. CITY will employ Atkins North America, Inc, (ENGINEER II), to prepare plans and specifications for the CITY Facilities. A location map of the CITY Facilities is shown on Exhibit 2.

3. HRSD and the CITY will meet to coordinate, review, and approve a final set of construction documents for the HRSD Facilities (the "Final Plans and Specifications for the HRSD Facilities").

B. Payment of the Design Costs

1. HRSD will compensate ENGINEER I for all engineering design costs and any amendments related to the HRSD Facilities.

2. CITY will compensate ENGINEER II for all engineering design costs and any amendments related to the CITY Facilities.

C. Compliance

1. All HRSD design work shall comply with HRSD Standards for use in Engineered Construction Projects, latest edition. Any changes to the Final Plans and Specifications for the HRSD Facilities shall be approved by HRSD and the CITY.

II. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

A. Cost of Construction

1. The total cost of the Improvements, as more particularly defined by the Final Plans and Specifications, prepared by ENGINEER I for
HRSD and Engineer II for the CITY (the "Improvements Costs") shall include:

a. Cost of construction of the Improvements;

b. Cost of approvals and permits required for the construction of the Improvements;

d. Costs for construction contract administration and inspection;

e. Costs of services rendered by ENGINEER I and ENGINEER II;

f. Costs for all temporary or permanent easements and fee simple land acquisitions; and

g. Any related miscellaneous essential expenses.

2. The current estimated cost of the construction of the HRSD Facilities is $825,000 and the actual bid cost of the construction of the CITY Facilities is $8,851,633.60.

3. The CITY has awarded a construction contract for construction of the CITY Facilities. The CITY will issue a change request to the City contractor to request costs for construction of the HRSD Facilities.

B. Approval of Final Plans and Specifications; Contractors; Change Orders

1. HRSD and the CITY agree that before any construction work is to begin under this Agreement, HRSD and the CITY will jointly review and approve the Final Plans and Specifications for the HRSD Facilities. This approval shall be in writing.

2. HRSD shall acquire all necessary plan approvals and property acquisitions related to HRSD Facilities prior to the award of the construction contract.

3. Contractors shall be responsible for all necessary permits and approvals necessary for the Improvements.

4. HRSD will review and approve shop drawings related to the HRSD Facilities. CITY will review and approve shop drawings related to the CITY Facilities.
5. HRSD will review and approve scope of work and fee for the construction contract administration and inspections related to the HRSD Facilities. CITY will review and approve scope of work and fee for the construction contract administration and inspections related to the CITY Facilities.

6. HRSD will review and approve change orders related to the HRSD Facilities. CITY will review and approve change orders related to the CITY Facilities.

C. Payment of Improvement Costs

1. The Improvement Costs shall be apportioned among the parties as follows:

   a. HRSD will administer and be responsible for bearing one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the HRSD Facilities.

   b. The CITY will be responsible for bearing one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the CITY Facilities.

   c. Costs associated with any change to the initial construction cost ("Change Order") shall be as follows:

      (1) HRSD shall be solely responsible for costs due to a Change Order requested by HRSD; and

      (2) The CITY shall be responsible for costs due to a Change Order requested by the CITY.

2. During the course of construction, CITY shall compensate the Contractors and other individuals and entities providing materials and/or services related to the Improvements for all Improvement Costs, including those for which the HRSD is responsible. The HRSD shall reimburse CITY for all such payments made on its behalf. The HRSD shall pay its share of the Improvements Costs to CITY in one lump sum payment upon completion of construction (as determined by CITY). CITY shall provide the HRSD with an invoice detailing the HRSD’s share of the Improvement Costs. Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of such invoice, the HRSD shall reimburse CITY for the HRSD’s share of the Improvement Costs as detailed in the invoice.

3. In conjunction with the above, and for additional clarity, it is agreed
that the HRSD shall pay ENGINEER I directly for the construction administration and construction inspection costs (the “CA and CI Costs”) associated with the HRSD Improvements. It is agreed that the CITY shall pay ENGINEER II directly for the construction administration and construction inspection costs (the “CA and CI Costs”) associated with the CITY Improvements.

D. **Operation and Maintenance of the Improvements during and after Construction**

1. HRSD shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of the HRSD Facilities during and after construction.

2. CITY shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of the CITY Facilities during and after construction.

3. HRSD and the CITY agree to cooperate and coordinate for the operations and maintenance of any interconnections between the HRSD Facilities and CITY Facilities.

III. **SCHEDULE**

The construction is anticipated to begin by March 2019 and be complete by July 2020. If the construction dates listed herein are substantially delayed, HRSD reserves the right to terminate this Agreement.

IV. **OBLIGATIONS OF HRSD AND THE CITY**

A. **Public Hearing or Meeting**

HRSD and the CITY will be responsible for holding a public hearing or meeting if required. The CITY will coordinate and reserve the location, and assist HRSD in such public hearing.

B. **Change Request for the HRSD Facilities**

1. CITY agrees to issue a change request to the CITY contractor requesting costs for construction of the HRSD Facilities. The HRSD agrees to provide administrative and technical support by ENGINEER I as required during the change request phase. In particular the HRSD shall:
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a. Provide plans and specifications for the HRSD Facilities to be issued to the City contractor with the change request.

b. Provide timely responses to the CITY for any questions, requests for clarification, or addenda during the change request phase.

c. Provide miscellaneous support to CITY as required during the change request phase.

2. HRSD will review and evaluate the costs received in response to the change request issued by the CITY to the CITY contractor. The costs received will be reviewed and approved by the CITY and HRSD prior to award of the construction contract change order to the CITY contractor. The CITY will assist HRSD with any negotiations as required with the CITY contractor to obtain a fair and equitable price for the change request. The change request procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the Virginia public Procurement Act and the CITY Procurement Policy.

C. Administration

HRSD shall provide contract administration of the HRSD Facilities. The HRSD shall compensate Engineer I directly for the contract administration of the HRSD Facilities.

D. Inspection

HRSD shall provide full-time inspection for the HRSD Facilities. The HRSD shall compensate Engineer I directly for the inspection of the HRSD Facilities. The HRSD inspector(s) shall have the authority to assure the HRSD Facilities are constructed in accordance with the Final Plans and Specifications.

E. Deeds and Easements

1. HRSD shall obtain any and all necessary fee simple deeds and/or deeds of easement needed for the HRSD Facilities.

2. CITY shall obtain any and all necessary fee simple deeds and/or deeds of easements for the CITY Facilities.

F. Correction of Construction Defects in the Improvements
CITY shall require the Contractors to provide a performance and payment bond for the full amount of the construction of the Improvements. The construction contract shall also provide for a warranty of the Contractor's work against construction defects in the Improvements and shall require the Contractor to correct such defects that are reported by HRSD or the CITY within one (1) year of the final acceptance of the Improvements.

G. Construction Record Drawings

ENGINEER I shall provide HRSD approved construction record drawings in accordance with HRSD Standards for use in Engineered Construction Projects, latest edition.

V. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be deemed to be a Virginia Contract and shall be governed as to all matters whether of validity, interpretations, obligations, performance or otherwise exclusively by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and all questions arising with respect thereto shall be determined in accordance with such laws. Regardless of where actually delivered and accepted, this contract shall be deemed to have been delivered and accepted by the parties in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

VI. TERMINATION

Anything herein or elsewhere to the contrary notwithstanding, this Agreement and the obligations of the parties hereunder may be terminated by the CITY or HRSD in the event that the other party breaches or violates any material provision of this Agreement or fails to perform any material covenant or agreement to be performed by either party under the terms of this Agreement and such breach, violation or failure is not cured within sixty (60) days of the defaulting party's receipt of written notice of such breach from the non-defaulting party; or by mutual agreement of the CITY and HRSD.

VII. NOTICE

Any notice, communication or request under this Agreement shall be provided in writing by either (a) certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (b) a nationally recognized overnight delivery service (next business day service), or (c) hand-delivery, if the receipt of the same is evidenced by the signature of the addressee or authorized agent, and addressed to the following:
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For: HRSD
If by U.S. Postal Service: General Manager
P. O. Box 5911 1434 Air Rail Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23471-0911 Virginia Beach, VA 23455
Telephone: (757) 460-4242

With Copy to:
Conway H. Sheild, III
Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly
701 Town Center Drive, Suite 800
Newport News, VA 23606

For: City of Newport News
Cynthia D, Rohlf, City Manager
City of Newport News, Virginia
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607
Telephone: 9757) 727-6392
Facsimile: (757) 926-3505

With Copy to:
City Attorney
2400 Washington Avenue
Ninth Floor City Hall
Newport News, VA 23607

VIII. ASSIGNMENT

No party may assign its rights in this Agreement without the prior written consent of
the other party.

IX. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument duly executed by the
parties.

X. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any circumstance
shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent, the
remainder of this Agreement and the application thereof shall not be affected and
shall continue to be valid, in effect and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

XI. DAMAGES

If by omission that constitutes negligence or willful misconduct or failure to abide by engineering standards or failure to abide by the Final Plans and Specifications described herein, the negligent party shall be responsible for the payments for damages to any other party to this Agreement to the extent of applicable law.

XII. INSURANCE

HRSD and the CITY have the right to review and approve insurance coverage in the various insurance categories that HRSD and the CITY deem necessary to be carried by the Contractor or any other parties to this Agreement. Proof of insurance shall be provided at the request of HRSD or the CITY and the insurance coverage shall be maintained during the term of this Agreement.

XIII. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of the Agreement will commence on the date the Agreement is entered into and be completed when each party has completely performed its obligations hereunder.

XIV. FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of enforced delay in the performance of such obligations due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control of the CITY or HRSD or the Contractor and without their fault or negligence, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargos, and unusually severe weather or delays of subcontractors due to such causes; it being the purpose and intent of this provision that in the event of the occurrence of any such enforced delay, the time or times for performance of the obligations of the parties shall be extended for the period of the enforced delay.

XV. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

If the Contractor(s) hire subcontractors or independent contractors, HRSD and the CITY have the right to approve them by reviewing their requisite experience and knowledge to complete the work assigned.

XVI. SUBCONTRACTOR
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If any Contractors or subcontractors are selected by any party to this Agreement for completion of the work contemplated herein, HRSD has the right to approve the same.

XVII. WAIVER

No waiver of breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be, or shall constitute, a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement. No waiver shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the parties waiving the breach.

The failure of any party to seek redress for violation of or to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant or condition of this Agreement shall not prevent a subsequent act, which would have originally constituted a violation, from having the effect of an original violation.

The rights and remedies provided by this Agreement are cumulative and the use of any one right or remedy by any party shall not preclude or waive the right to use any or all other remedies. Such rights and remedies are given in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.

XVIII. INTEGRATION

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding among the parties. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified or amended except by an instrument signed by the party against whom the enforcement of such waiver, modification or amendment is sought. No waiver by either party of any failure or refusal by the other party to comply with its obligations hereunder shall be deemed a waiver of any other or subsequent failure or refusal to comply.

Signature pages follow
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Commission has caused this Agreement to be signed on its behalf by its General Manager in accordance with authorization granted at its regular meeting held on ________________, 201__. 

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT

By __________________________
Edward G. Henifin, P.E., General Manager
Agreement for Cost Sharing of the HRSD HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT
Hampton Trunk A and B Replacement – Jefferson Avenue to Walnut Avenue BH015600 and
CITY OF Newport News Jefferson Avenue Phase II Utilities Relocation and Streetscape Improvements

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of [LOCALITY] (CITY) has caused this Agreement to be
signed by the City Manager on its behalf pursuant to Resolution adopted by the City
Council on ________________, 201__.

CITY OF Newport News

By: ______________________________
Cynthia D. Rohlf, City Manager

ATTEST: ______________________________
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

______________________________
City Attorney
G. Other City Council Actions


ACTION: A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $825,318 FROM HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT (HRSD) FUNDS FOR THE HAMPTON TRUNK A & B REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALONG JEFFERSON AVENUE.

BACKGROUND: The force main installation will be completed as part of the Jefferson Avenue Phase 2 Utility Relocation and Streetscape Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: HRSD will provide all funds for the Jefferson Avenue force main work.

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:
Description
Memo to HCC re HRSD Cost Sharing Agreement 4.3.19
sdm16828 Appropriation re HRSD Fund
TO: The Honorable City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Cost Sharing Agreement

City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Cost Sharing Agreement with Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for the construction of Hampton Trunk A & B Replacement along Jefferson Avenue.

The project includes the installation of approximately 835 linear feet of 36-inch force main along Jefferson Avenue from the 14th Street to 16th Street and 16th Street from Jefferson Avenue to Ridley Circle. The work will be added to the Jefferson Avenue Phase 2 Utility Relocation and Streetscape project, currently under contract. By completing this work as part of the existing streetscape project, there is less disruption and inconvenience to the public, lower overall cost and improved control of the work area for the City contractor. HRSD will separately complete additional work outside the City project work area.

The total cost for this added work is $825,318, which HRSD will provide. The Jefferson Avenue roadway project total cost of $14 million has been separately funded by the City. City Council is also requested to approve a resolution appropriating $825,318 from HRSD funds to pay for the work.

I recommend approval.

Cynthia D. Rohlf

CDR:TCC:plw

Attachment

cc: Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering
RESOLUTION NO. ____________

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL REVENUE - HRSD TO HRSD TRUNK A & B REPLACEMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Local Revenue - HRSD to HRSD Trunk A & B Replacement, as follows:

Appropriation From:

Local Revenue - HRSD
4300-250-70-700L-481000-000000-0000-L6054-L6054 $ 825,318.00

Appropriation To:

HRSD Trunk A & B Replacement
4300-250-70-700L-579420-000000-0000-L6054-L6054 $ 825,318.00
H. Appropriations

**ACTION:** A REQUEST FOR A MOTION OF CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AS A BLOCK THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS.

1. None Submitted
*I. Citizen Comments on Matters germane to the Business of City Council

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

Harris
Jenkins
Price
Scott
Vick
Woodbury
Cherry

K. Adjourn

*THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BE CONCLUDED NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TO ALLOW PERSONS TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL UNDER “CITIZEN COMMENTS ON MATTERS GERMANE TO THE BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL.”