

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
JANUARY 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; Sandra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Robert S. Coleman;
McKinley L. Price, DDS; Sharon P. Scott; Tina L. Vick; and Dr. Patricia P.
Woodbury-----7

ABSENT: None -----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price stated the City Code 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 Reverend Synetheia N. Newby, Gethsemane Baptist 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 Councilman Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.

D. Presentations

1. Proclamation: American Cancer Society – Relay for Life: Paint the Town Purple Day – January 16, 2016

Ms. Dianne Howard, 2016 Relay for Life of Newport News Event Chair, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Price stated that an estimated 41,170 Virginia residents were diagnosed with cancer each year, and 14,830 would not survive. He stated that the City of Newport News joined over 5,200 communities worldwide to host the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, an event to celebrate cancer survivors, and remember those who were no longer with us. He reminded that Relay for Life was the signature activity of the American Cancer Society, and announced the official kick-off would be held on Friday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m., at Gildersleeve Middle School (1 Minton Drive), with the theme “Paint Your World Purple.”

D. Presentations Continued

1. Proclamation: American Cancer Society – Relay for Life: Paint the Town Purple Day – January 16, 2016 Continued

Mayor Price, on behalf of his colleagues on the Newport News City Council, proclaimed January 16, 2016 as the American Cancer Society's "Paint the Town Purple Day," and encouraged all citizens to join the official kick-off event, and celebrate cancer survivorship by remembering loved ones lost to the disease, honoring caregivers, and joining the fight against cancer.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing Conditional Use Permit No. CU-15-357, to Bowditch on Jefferson, LLC, for the Operation of an Automobile Gasoline Supply Station in Conjunction with a 7-Eleven Convenience Store at 11060 and 11072 Warwick Boulevard and Zoned C2 General Commercial with Proffers

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER CU-15-357 FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF AN AUTOMOBILE GASOLINE SUPPLY STATION ON A SITE ZONED C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. This ordinance granted Conditional Use Permit No. CU-15-357 to Bowditch Ford on Jefferson, LLC., for the operation of an automobile gasoline supply station in conjunction with a 7-Eleven Convenience Store located at 11060 and 11072 Warwick Boulevard and zoned C2 General Commercial with proffers. The proposed automobile gasoline supply station would occupy the vacant vehicle storage lot of Bowditch Ford. The new building and landscaping would improve the appearance of the site and was compatible with surrounding uses and the Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan land use map. On December 2, 2015, the City Planning Commission voted 6:0, with one abstention, to recommend approval of this request with conditions. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Stephen R. Romine, Attorney for the applicant, 999 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, was accompanied by Mr. Derek Hopkins, Vertical Construction Management, Mr. Bryant Goodloe, PC, Traffic Engineer, as well as Mr. Gary Franks, Civil Engineer with the Blakeway Corporation. Mr. Romine indicated the application included a vacant storage lot for Bowditch Ford, on Warwick Boulevard and Logan Place, in a C2 General Commercial District. The applicant included 29 conditions, for a project on 1.28 acres, and was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. He displayed a drawing for the site, which showed the orientation, right-in and right-out, on Warwick Boulevard, as well as access on Logan Place and Colonial Place; the 7-Eleven would face Logan with a canopy and four multi-product dispensers; a 20-foot transitional landscape buffer between commercial and multi-family zoning districts, which would require a six-foot fence along the eastern property line. Landscape buffers would be on both the east and west side of the site, and along Warwick Boulevard. The proposed store, a modern-

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looking brick structure, with brick-wrapped canopy supports, would replace an existing store on the south-bound side of Warwick Boulevard, two blocks away on Cedar Lane.

Mr. Romine indicated there would be substantial conditions with traffic improvements, and would provide better convenience and healthy merchandise to the neighbors. He further stated that 7-Eleven was a good corporate citizen, and would increase the tax-base. This project represented a significant investment, substantial enhancement on Warwick Boulevard, and would have a significant positive impact for the community, as well as the City. He thanked members of Council for their consideration and urged approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CU-15-357, allowing the operation of an automobile gasoline supply station in conjunction with a 7-Eleven Convenience Store at 11060 and 11072 Warwick Boulevard.

Councilman Bateman inquired about the landscape design, and the sidewalk, or bike path. Mr. Romine replied there would be sidewalks, with ADA compliant handicapped ramps for the entire site frontage on all three public streets. Councilman Bateman inquired about the lighting, whether they were hooded, and facing down. Mr. Romine responded that the canopies would be recessed, with no lights spilling off the site.

Councilwoman Vick inquired whether there was a possibility of the overhead wiring being relocated underground. Mr. Romine replied there were no plans to relocate electrical lines underground.

Mr. Gary Franks, Civil Engineer, Blakeway Corporation, 770 Independence Circle, Virginia Beach, stated there were no plans to relocate electrical wiring underground.

Councilman Bateman inquired about the requirement to define the beginning and ending of Colonial Place. Mr. Franks responded that Blakeway Corporation was required to increase Colonial Place to 30 feet in width, including new curb and gutter.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about parking. She questioned whether there were four fueling islands. Mr. Romine responded there were four fueling islands, and would be a total of 20 parking spaces.

Mr. Bryant B. Goodloe, 8809 Adams Drive East, Suffolk, was available for questions.

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Councilwoman Scott moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Coleman.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Councilman Bateman filed a declaration in accordance with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code, that stated, pursuant to Subdivision A3 of Section 2.2-3112 of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for the City Council Agenda of January 12, 2016, (i) the City Manager recommended to the Newport News City Council that they approve a conditional use permit by ordinance (CU-15-357, "the transaction"); (ii) that the applicants for the said conditional use permit were Bowditch on Jefferson, LLC and 7-Eleven, Inc.; (iii) that TowneBank was a lender for the project; (iv) that he was an employee of TowneBank, and one or more of the applicants were clients of the bank; however, he did not personally represent or provide services to either; (v) that he had no personal interest affected by the transaction; and (vi) that he was able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest (a signed written declaration was filed with the City Clerk prior to the City Council Meeting at which the transaction was considered – January 12, 2016; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilman Bateman thanked City Manager Bourey, and Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, for reviewing this application beyond the 7-Eleven Convenience Store, because this corridor, without Bowditch Ford on the site, would create more traffic, making sure there was an eye toward the safety of the corridor with the new projects being added.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Coleman.

F. Consent Agenda Continued

1. Minutes of the Work Session of December 8, 2015

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 8, 2015

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

4. Ordinance Approving the Number of Meeting Days at Twenty-One (21) for the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments – Commissioner of the Revenue's Office

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE NUMBER OF DAYS SUFFICIENT FOR COMPLETION OF THE SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2015 TERM OF SERVICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS. This ordinance set the number of days at 21 for the completion of work of the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments for the September through November 2015 term of service. The Commissioner of Revenue's Office staffed the Board of Review and recommended that 21 days be allotted the Board for completion of its work. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Two (2) Cost Sharing Agreements By and Between the City of Newport News and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for the Warwick Boulevard to James River Influent Force Main – Section 2 and Interceptor Force Main Section 2 Projects

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 (1) AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT (HRSD) FOR THE WARWICK BOULEVARD TO JAMES RIVER INFLUENT FORCE MAIN SECTION 2 (JR-010820) AND (2) AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT (HRSD) FOR THE WARWICK BOULEVARD TO JAMES RIVER INTERCEPTOR FORCE MAIN SECTION 2 (JR-010802). This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute two (2) Cost-Sharing Agreements by and between the City of Newport News and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for the Warwick Boulevard to James River Influent Force Main-Section 2 and Interceptor Force Main Section 2 Projects. The first Agreement committed HRSD to reimburse the City for costs incurred by the City for construction of a future HRSD connection to the City's Pump Station No. 060. The second Agreement provided for City compensation of \$101,000 to HRSD for additional HRSD milling and paving on Boxley Boulevard beyond the requirements of the HRSD project road restoration limits. The second Agreement also provided for HRSD reimbursement of costs associated with the City's installation of a traffic signal video system at the intersection of Menchville Road and Boxley Boulevard. Funding for the City's contribution for additional HRSD milling and paving on Boxley Boulevard was programmed in the City's annual Street Resurfacing Program. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the agreement providing for City compensation of \$101,000 to HRSD for additional milling and paving of Boxley Boulevard, plus \$13,126 to install a new traffic signal video detection system at the intersection of Menchville Road and Boxley Boulevard, totaling approximately \$114,000. City Manager Bourey responded that City compensation to HRSD amounted to \$101,000. HRSD would reimburse the City \$13,126 – the cost to install the traffic video detection system. Councilwoman Cherry referenced the City and HRSD's responsibility to hold a public hearing or meeting regarding the above-mentioned projects. She inquired whether the public hearing was held for the residents on Boxley Boulevard and Menchville Road. City Manager Bourey responded the public hearing was held for the residents.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Two (2) Cost Sharing Agreements By and Between the City of Newport News and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for the Warwick Boulevard to James River Influent Force Main – Section 2 and Interceptor Force Main Section 2 Projects Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Vice Mayor Coleman moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 through 7, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

1. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category: City Hall Second Floor Renovations

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$350,000.00) TO CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT (\$350,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$350,000.00 from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category, for the City Hall second floor renovations project. The renovations planned for the second floor entailed the upgrading of existing offices of the Department of Planning, created additional offices, and a conference room. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

2. Department of Engineering – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF): Construction of Glen Allen and Turnberry Stream Restoration Projects

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE (\$379,358.00) TO GLEN ALLEN AND TURNBERRY STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS (\$379,358.00). This resolution appropriated \$379,358.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) for the construction of Glen Allen and Turnberry Stream Restoration Projects. The Glen Allen Stream Restoration Project was in the Carleton Falls Subdivision, in the north section of the City. The Turnberry Stream Restoration Project was along the north branch of Lucas Creek between Loch

H. Appropriations Continued

2. Department of Engineering – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF): Construction of Glen Allen and Turnberry Stream Restoration Projects Continued

Ness Drive and the Jefferson Commons Shopping Plaza. Both channels experienced severe erosion, degradation and instability, and presented significant risk exposure to existing structures. The proposed improvements would enhance the structural integrity of both channels, increase flood plain connectivity, and provide stormwater attenuation. Both projects were considered critical because they provided pollutant reductions that assisted in the City's ability to meet the threshold requirements delegated from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Due to the reduction of pollutant loading, the City successfully obtained a matching SLAF Grant in the amount of \$379,358.00. The remaining \$576,642.00 was available from previously appropriated funds. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

3. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category: Citywide Drainage Projects

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$497,500.00) TO CITYWIDE DRAINAGE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (\$497,500.00). This resolution appropriated \$497,500.00 from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category for Citywide Drainage projects. Citywide drainage was an annual stormwater initiative to improve and maintain the drainage systems throughout the City by providing a funding source for emergency or minor work, and was included in the Stormwater Drainage Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This program provided City staff the ability to address specific drainage related issues, in a timely manner, to address stormwater management issues and citizens' concerns. Drainage problems ranged from cave-ins, structure repairs and installations, as well as ditch re-grading and repair. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

H. Appropriations Continued

4. Department of Public Works - FY 2016 Additional State Revenue for Street and Highway Maintenance: Residential Street Reconstruction/Resurfacing Contracts

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING REVENUE TO FORCE ACCOUNT-STREET/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE GENERAL FUND REVENUE (\$694,643.00) AND STREET/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND (\$694,643.00) AND APPROPRIATING EXPENDITURES TO CONTRACTUAL PAVING/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (\$694,643.00) AND STREET/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND QUALIFIED ASPHALT/RESURFACING (\$694,643.00). This resolution appropriated \$694,643.00 of additional FY 2016 Street and Highway Maintenance State Revenue to the Department of Public Works for residential streets reconstruction/resurfacing contracts. The City was notified that FY 2016 State Revenue for street and highway maintenance would be \$694,643.00 more than estimated. The additional funds would be appropriated to Public Works' General Fund Operating Budget, which was the Department that would oversee the contracts. Subsequently, the funds would be moved to the Street/Highway Maintenance Fund, which was required by State Accounting Policies to be in a separate fund. No other local funds were required for this resolution. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

5. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Category: 25th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (1100 Block)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$800,000.00) TO 25TH STREET 1100 BLOCK SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT (\$800,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$800,000.00 from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sewer Rehabilitation Category Fund for the construction of the 25th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement (1100 block). The scope of this project would include the replacement of existing sanitary sewer service laterals and failing sanitary sewer pipe that ran along the 1100 block of 25th Street between Roanoke Avenue and Chestnut Avenue. In addition, the scope of work would include the replacement of sanitary sewer service laterals and relining of sanitary sewer main along the 2400 block of Chestnut Avenue. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations Continued

5. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Category: 25th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (1100 Block) Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

6. Department of Public Works – Capital Improvements Plan (CIP): FY 2016 Public Buildings Major Renovations and Repairs

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$1,100,000.00) TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAJOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS (\$1,100,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$1.1 million from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category, for major renovations and repairs. Public Works Building Services was assigned the responsibility for the maintenance and repairs of City-owned buildings. The Department identified major components in need of repairs and maintenance, which included roofs, building exteriors, windows, HVAC systems, boilers, and parking lots. The projects would ensure continued structural and operational integrity of City buildings, improve energy efficiency, and maintain and improve interior environmental conditions and occupant comfort levels. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

7. Department of Engineering – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State Revenue Sharing Program and FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Streets and Bridges Category: Warwick Boulevard over Lake Maury Bridge Replacement Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$2,550,000.00) AND STATE REVENUE (\$2,550,000.00) TO WARWICK BOULEVARD OVER LAKE MAURY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (\$2,550,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$5.1 million from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State Revenue Sharing Program and the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Bridges and Streets Category for the Warwick Boulevard over Lake Maury Bridge Replacement Project. The purpose of the projects was to replace the existing Warwick Boulevard over Lake Maury Bridge with a new bridge, and to improve safety at the Riverside Regional Medical Center entrance on Warwick Boulevard. The new 150-foot long bridge would accommodate three lanes of traffic in each direction. The City implemented design changes to reduce the construction costs, as well as combining the bridge of the Mariners' Museum Multi-purpose Trail with this

H. Appropriations Continued

7. Department of Engineering – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State Revenue Sharing Program and FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Streets and Bridges Category: Warwick Boulevard over Lake Maury Bridge Replacement Project Continued

project to eliminate an additional bridge, and save costs overall. Re-design would be completed in the Summer of 2016, advertisement was scheduled for the Fall of 2016, and construction would begin in the Spring of 2017. Additional funding was requested from the FY 2017 Revenue Sharing and House Bill Two (HB2) sources, and was expected to be available in July 2016. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Cherry, Coleman, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury

Nays: None

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

Mr. Antonio Thompson, 1211-25th Street, Newport News, addressed City Council on the topic of public safety and security, as well as the importance of recycling. He stated that treasury enrichment would be “pumped up” as the City progressed into future. He further stated the alchemy of scrap metaling would lead to silver and gold. Scrap metal opened the door for the green revolution.

Regarding public safety and security, Mr. Thompson asked citizens to pray for the United States Navy and military men and women around the world.

Mr. Thompson suggested that City Council consider the legalization of marijuana. He stated it was time to invest in the “marijuana gold rush.”

(Mayor Price cautioned Mr. Pulliam about the use of his language based on correspondence submitted to members of City Council regarding the City Manager. He advised that name calling would not be permitted).

Mr. A. C. Pulliam, Jr., 239 Falcon Drive, Newport News, addressed members of City Council regarding a rumor that Newport News Waterworks would be changing its logo on all of the Department’s vehicles, uniforms, and the water towers (in phases). Mr. Pulliam felt this suggestion was ridiculous and unnecessary. He stated the person instigating the change was not taking care of Newport News citizens. Mr. Pulliam stated the money spent to implement the changes should be spent on reducing taxes. He expressed opposition to this change in Waterworks, which would cost an estimated five to eight million dollars.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Mr. Pulliam advised that he had been riding near the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport. He noted the citizens/business owners with airplanes had been given a break on their taxes (See Ordinance No. 7223-15 and Ordinance No. 7226-15, amending the City Code, Chapter 40, Taxation; Article XII). He suggested citizens be given tax breaks on campers, boats, company vehicles, and real estate.

Mr. Pulliam suggested that City Council meetings be rotated around the City, i.e. City Center. He reminded that City Manager Bourey had Middle Ground Boulevard renamed to City Center Boulevard, to which he did not agree and expressed opposition. The change cost the City a great deal of money.

Mr. Pulliam reminded that the City Farm had been closed (July 2015) and the City Manager proposed spending \$300,000 for an architectural study. He called the College of William and Mary, who indicated that most studies were done by the individuals that would develop the property. Mr. Pulliam felt that City Manager Bourey was having the study done to pave the way for a developer to work on the City Farm property.

Mr. Pulliam referenced Police Checkpoints administered to determine whether a driver had been drinking too much. He suggested cars be pulled over that had a number of teenagers who were out at the wrong time of night, and to check the vehicle for gun possession. Two or three police officers around the pulled car full of teenagers would not lead to the officers being shot.

Mr. Pulliam expressed opposition to the installation of speed bumps on Maxwell Lane as a traffic calming measure. He stated the City had recently repaved Maxwell Lane. He drew up a petition with 122 signatures of individuals opposed to the installation of speed bumps on Maxwell Lane.

Mr. Pulliam stated that BAE Norfolk Shipyard had announced the lay-off of 500 plus employees. He suggested that the City Council be considerate of the people out of work who needed savings on their taxes and homes. This lay-off would affect the City of Newport News.

Mr. Pulliam thanked Councilmembers Scott, Bateman, and Woodbury for responding to his questions.

Mr. David Niesel, 178 Normandy Lane, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding the traffic calming initiative underway on Maxwell Lane. He advised that he lived in Maxwell Gardens and was a member of the Citizen Task Force that helped come up with the idea of the speed bumps on Maxwell Lane. He shared that Maxwell Lane was 0.5 miles long from Warwick Boulevard to the Normandy Lane intersection. Some wanted the speed limit increased to 35 mph. According to the City's traffic engineers, the 85 percentile of individuals travelling on

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Maxwell Lane traveled at a speed of 35-40 mph. Ninety percent (90%) traveled approximately 10-20 miles over the speed limit. He had witnessed school buses passed with their stop sign extended, and had almost been run into and broadsided entering and exiting his driveway. Neighbors that opposed the change had expressed their displeasure by driving through the neighborhood honking their horns at 6:30 a.m. Some drivers blocked him from exiting his driveway and extended not-so-neighborly hand gestures. Mr. Niesel stated that traffic on Maxwell Lane was out of the control for the posted speed limit. He urged members of City Council to approve a traffic-calming initiative on Maxwell Lane when the opportunity was presented.

Ms. Kimberly Niesel, 178 Normandy Lane, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding the traffic calming initiative underway on Maxwell Lane. She stated that she lived on the corner of Maxwell and Normandy Lanes, but was not allowed to participate in the Maxwell Gardens Neighborhood Watch. The residents on Maxwell Lane were not involved in the Maxwell Gardens Neighborhood Watch Program, and asked that members of City Council not accept recommendations from the Program. Ms. Niesel wanted members of City Council to understand what she and her neighbors were experiencing. It had become a neighbor against neighbor scenario.

Mr. Curtis Harris, 1904 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Director and Founder of the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S Mentoring Outreach Program, thanked City Council for their support at their new facility (1904 Jefferson Avenue). He expressed appreciation to Mayor Price for his ongoing support; and advised that he looked forward to working with and assisting Councilwoman Cherry with her neighborhood events and initiatives. Mr. Harris thanked, and expressed appreciation to Councilwoman Tina Vick for recognizing the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S to the Department of Human Services, who presented the group with an award. Mr. Harris further thanked Councilwoman Woodbury for her ongoing support. He thanked Chief Richard Myers, Newport News Police Department, for his support and working with the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. Mr. Harris also thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Alan Archer, Assistant City Manager, for imparting his wisdom. The Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S had worked in the East End of Newport News for approximately eight years. He announced they were on the front line and were available whenever needed.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had visited the new facility at 1904 Jefferson Avenue and indicated that she was very impressed with the services offered. She commended Mr. Harris for the wonderful mentoring program being provided to the youth in Newport News.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Clarifying an earlier comment by Mr. Pulliam, City Manager Bourey advised that millions of dollars would not be spent to change the logo for Waterworks. A discussion was held earlier in the City Council Work Session (January 12, 2016), about the idea of working on getting

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

a unified City logo, but it had gone no farther. He assured that the concept would be brought to City Council before proceeding.

City Manager Bourey advised that the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony for the new South Precinct of the Newport News Police Department was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 (3303 Jefferson Avenue). He stated it was about the people that were in it, and all of the employees engaged in the Southeast Community and throughout the City. He mentioned that he had many conversations with Police Chief Richard Myers about ramping up that engagement. City Manager Bourey advised that 2016 had begun on a down note with two homicides – one was a domestic violence situation; the second was not a random act and was under investigation. He stated there were too many guns, too much drugs, and too many gangs. Everything was being done to attack that. A briefing on the Youth and Gang Violence Initiative would be presented within the next two City Council meetings. A briefing was held with Mayor Price about the homicides. Every concerted action was being taken to ensure everything possible was being done to engage the community, and to ensure that the homicides were limited. The NNPD had a remarkable record for solving the cases, apprehending those responsible, and bringing people to justice.

With regard to violence, youth and gang violence, and the crimes that were committed in Newport News, Councilman Bateman stated that it behooved the citizens to ask the State Legislators to support additional funding for public safety for such programs that existed in Newport News. Additional officers on the street, and more resources from the federal government, through support from the FBI and other agencies, would help Newport News. He encouraged citizens to communicate this with their Delegates and Senators in an effort to help Newport News.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked all of the citizens for their attendance and participation at the meeting and to express their points of view. She reiterated that their voices mattered. She stated that City Council was committed and they did care.

Councilwoman Cherry congratulated Delegate Mamyé BaCote on her retirement from the Virginia House of Delegates, as she had served the Newport News community well.

Councilwoman Cherry expressed her excitement about the new South Precinct Police Station (3303 Jefferson Avenue). This new facility would be recognized as a place of safety, and a place where residents would be welcomed with the use of the Community Room. The facility would provide an opportunity for residents to meet and get to know the officers that served the South Precinct.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Ms. Karen Joyner, Executive Director, Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, for their support of the City for the Mobile Food Pantry. She advised the final Mobile Food Pantry was held at the Farmer's Market on Monday, December 21, 2015. The Pantry had met a great food need for the residents in the community, providing food and services for more than 160 individuals.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the musical production of “The Wiz,” a Broadway hit, was scheduled for February 18 – 20, 2016, and February 25 - 27, 2016, at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), in the Ella Fitzgerald Theater, in celebration of its 40th Anniversary. She encouraged citizens to purchase their tickets. Tickets were available at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center’s box office.

Councilwoman Cherry reminded residents in the South District, that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meetings would convene, beginning Thursday, January 14, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive) for residents that lived from Mercury Boulevard North to Harpersville Road; and Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue) for residents from Mercury Boulevard South to the waterfront. All residents were invited to attend. These meetings were a collaborative effort of the Newport News Police Department, the Newport News School Board, and the Newport News City Council.

Councilwoman Cherry asked citizens to continue to pray for the recovery of Mr. Kofi Boateng, Director, Newport News Waterworks.

Vice Mayor Coleman and his colleagues participated in the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony of “Nothing bundt Cakes, a new bakery, on January 12, 2016, located in the Marketplace at Tech Center. He encouraged citizens to stop by and sample the cakes.

Vice Mayor Coleman expressed his excitement about the new South Precinct Police Station (3303 Jefferson Avenue). He stated the facility would be an asset for not only the South District, but for the entire City.

Vice Mayor Coleman attended a Public Hearing for Atkinson Way, the new connector between Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, in the Stoneybrook community, on Thursday, January 7, 2016, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing was held in an Open Forum style meeting in the cafeteria of Mary Passage Middle School (400 Atkinson Way). The Atkinson Boulevard Project would provide a four-lane divided roadway, a distance of approximately 6,450 feet, with a five-foot wide sidewalk on the north side, and a ten-foot wide multi-purpose trail on the south side. He announced that the approximately \$67 million project could be advertised for construction in the summer of 2016.

Vice Mayor Coleman advised that there were a number of road projects in the making in the North District that would cause a few traffic headaches – aside from Atkinson Way, the Replacement of the Denbigh overpass was slated for 2018, the second part of the Ft. Eustis Bridge would be done in 2020, in addition to the continuation of the expansion of Interstate 64. In the end, he stated these projects were needed to help the City grow as a community and to grow economically.

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Mayor Price announced that he and his colleagues unveiled the newest addition to the City's museum without walls – a magnificent piece of artwork which symbolized the beautiful deer that once called Deer Park their home. The sculpture is located at the entrance to Deer Park, along the busy Jefferson Avenue/J. Clyde Morris Boulevard corridor.

Mayor Price announced that he and his colleagues, sponsors, members, and guests participated in a Time Capsule Ceremony on Thursday, December 31, 2015, at the Virginia Living Museum, which would celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016. The time capsule was buried 12 paces beyond the black bear's nose in the Conservation Garden. The time capsule was scheduled to be opened December 31, 2065. Among the items inside were memories of the past, tokens of the present, and hopes for the future. Mayor Price advised that he planned to be present.

Mayor Price reiterated remarks about the opening of the new South Precinct Police Station (3303 Jefferson Avenue). He shared that a NNTV crew was present, and would replay the Opening Ceremony and look inside the new facility. The program would air January 12, 2016, and every day during this week, at 6:00/8:00/10:00 p.m.; and was available on-line at www.nnva.gov/NNTV.

Councilwoman Scott expressed thanks and appreciation to the City Manager, City's Department Heads, and everyone who did what was necessary to ensure that the City ran smoothly.

Councilwoman Scott commended Ms. Paula Hersh, General Manager, Newport News TV, and the crew, for their hard work. She stated they did a tremendous job on the television programming, and indicated there was a noticeable improvement.

Councilwoman Scott thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the North District 14th Annual Holiday Food Drive, held December 16 – 21, 2015, which was very impactful to the community. It began with a Spay and Neuter Clinic, followed by a Job Fair, a Zumbathon, and the actual Food Drive and Distribution. The outpouring of support from the community was too much to measure to ensure that others could have food for the holiday season. A video created by NNTV captured the essence of the event. The diversity of the North District, and the City, was noticeable, and highlighted some of the fiscal challenges that citizens experienced in their homes. She stated that citizens did not have to wait until December to begin donating to the North District Holiday Food Drive. Donations could be made to the Full Circle Foundation, a non-profit organization, that accepted donations year-long. A monthly Zumbathon was held at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard) and citizens were welcome to bring their donations to the community center monthly on every third Friday. The Zumbathon would resume on Friday, February 19, 2016.

Councilwoman Scott announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting would be held Monday, January 25, 2016, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). Dr. Telly Whitfield would be present to share information about the Second

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Annual One City Marathon, scheduled for March 13, 2016. She encouraged citizens to attend to ask questions or share their concerns. A Volunteer Recognition Reception at 6:00 p.m. would be held prior to the Town Hall Meeting. All Volunteers of the 14th Annual Holiday Food Drive were asked to attend to be acknowledged and thanked for their service to the North District.

Councilwoman Scott expressed concern about the violence throughout the City. She had received numerous calls from citizens. City Council wanted everyone to feel safe in their neighborhoods. She was pleased to hear about some of the upcoming initiatives, i.e., more police officers in the communities, and on foot, would make an immeasurable impact on what happened in the City. She continued to encourage citizens to get involved – if they heard, saw, or knew something, they should call and let someone know to possibly help solve some of the crimes resolved. She had also received calls about trash in various communities, but advised that members of City Council did not have an opportunity to ride through every community. She suggested that citizens contact 3-1-1 (757-933-2311) should they have issues in their community. Staff in the 3-1-1 Call Center would contact the Department to take care of the matter. Councilwoman Scott stated “together we could all make a difference.”

Councilwoman Vick wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation and for providing their comments, particularly regarding Maxwell Lane. She appreciated receiving the information.

Regarding crime in the City, Councilwoman Vick stated that the City could have a police presence, and other initiatives in place, but encouraged citizens, particularly the youth, to have other alternatives other than getting involved in gangs and participating in dangerous behavior, which would not lead to success. She encouraged youth to be strong, and to utilize available hot-lines, particularly if feeling threatened at school. Even with increased police presence, a great deal of the responsibility was in making a personal choice to put the guns down and not choose gun violence as an option. Councilwoman Vick encouraged all young people to talk to their peers to let them know that gang activity and gun violence would lead them down a dead-end street.

Councilwoman Vick reiterated the remarks made by her colleagues about the opening of the new South Precinct Police Station (3303 Jefferson Avenue). She stated that it was her preference to open the South Precinct along with another business. The 7-Eleven Convenience Store, with gas pumps was opened nearby (2600 Jefferson Avenue), in December 2015, which was a plus. Residents were thrilled with the opening of the 7-Eleven with gas pumps, which was much needed in the Southeast Community. Hundreds of citizens attended the opening of the store.

Councilwoman Vick, who served as Interim Director of the Newport News Office of Human Affairs (OHA), a community action agency, announced that OHA was approaching 50 years of service to the community. She announced that the 1st Poverty in Hampton Roads Economic Symposium, scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the

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Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). All citizens were invited to attend.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Woodbury joined her colleagues in the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony of “Nothing bundt Cakes,” on January 12, 2016, located in the Marketplace at Tech Center. She encouraged citizens to stop by. She added if citizens submitted their name, address, and phone number to the owner, they would receive a free bundt cake on their birthday.

Councilwoman Woodbury joined her colleagues at the opening of the new South Precinct Police Station (3303 Jefferson Avenue) on January 5, 2016.

Councilwoman Woodbury reiterated remarks made by Mayor Price about the City’s museum without walls – a magnificent piece of artwork which symbolized the beautiful deer that once called Deer Park their home. She encouraged everyone to visit the new sculpture. The sculpture is located at the entrance to Deer Park, along the busy Jefferson Avenue/J. Clyde Morris Boulevard corridor. She reminded the citizens about an article on the City’s Public Art Program in the January 2012 issue of “Virginia Town & City,” the magazine of the Virginia Municipal League (VML). A presentation was also held at the VML Annual Conference in 2012 on the City’s Public Art Program, which many localities in Virginia were emulating, particularly since most of the art was completed with private funds.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she attended the 2016 Finance Forum on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at the Hilton Richmond Downton Hotel (501 East Broad Street, Richmond). The Forum was co-sponsored by the VML and the Virginia Association of Counties. The Forum provided an excellent opportunity for local elected officials and staff to be brought up-to-date on a number of important issues. Topics included: (1) State Revenues and 2016 Budget; (2) Local Finance Trends and Perspectives; (3) VRS Local Budget Pressures; (4) Assessment of Local Revenues; and (5) Education.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she attended a symposium held by Delegate Brenda Pogge, representing the 96th District, who was championing a number of bills in the 2016 General Assembly Session. One of the bills, HB 699, would be on economic development for non-intoxicating marijuana. She urged citizens to follow that bill, which could be a lucrative economic development project for the State of Virginia. Delegate Pogge would also sponsor a bill proposing that the State Reptile be the Garter Snake. She urged citizens to follow along. Councilwoman Woodbury further announced that she and her colleagues would attend the VML’s Legislative Day at the Capitol, scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 3:00 – 7:00 pm., at the Library of Virginia (800 East Board Street, Richmond).

Vice Mayor Coleman thanked David and Kimberly Niesel for briefing members of City Council about Maxwell Lane. He stated it was refreshing when citizens were prepared

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and presented facts and statistics. Vice Mayor Coleman also thanked the Niesels for their service on the Citizen Task Force to discuss traffic calming measures on Maxell Lane. He appreciated their time and effort. With reference to those being bullied based on their support, Vice Mayor Coleman urged them to get the make and model of the vehicles, and a license plate number, and report it to the Newport News Police Department. No one in the community should be bullied in that fashion when doing a community service. This was totally unacceptable.

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 7:58 P.M.



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