

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

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He 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

In the absence of Reverend Synetheia Newby, who was unable to attend (as shown on the agenda), Mayor Price rendered the invocation.

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 Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury.

D. Presentations

None

E. Public Hearings

1. City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget

Mayor Price announced that this was the first of two public hearings that City Council would conduct on the FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget. The second public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 113 of the Denbigh Community Center, 15198 Warwick Boulevard. He advised, by State Code, each locality was required to hold one public hearing on the budget. Due to the unique geography of the City of Newport News, there were two public hearings for the ease and benefit of traveling for the citizens. This helped ensure that City Council heard from all citizens on their budget issues.

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget Continued

Mayor Price stated, on March 22, 2016, the City Manager presented the FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget to City Council. Two work sessions, had been held by City Council to hear detailed presentations on the Recommended Budget. On April 26, 2016, there would be a third work session in which City Council would continue discussion on the Recommended Budget, and communicate its desires to the City Manager, after having heard from the public. On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, City Council planned to adopt the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) Operating Budget, and hopefully adopt the City's Operating Budget as scheduled. By State Code, the last legal adoption date for the NNPS budget was May 15, 2016, and June 15, 2016 for the City Manager's Operating Budget. Mayor Price advised that the budget hearings were carried live on the City's Cable Channel Cox 48 and Verizon Cable Channel 19, as well as on the City's website – www.nnva.gov. The Proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget was also available for viewing online on the City's web page and in the local libraries. Mayor Price asked City Manager, James Bourey, to provide an overview of the budget as presented to City Council.

City Manager Bourey stated the FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget was driven by City Council priorities and addressed many of the City's major challenges.

City Manager Bourey reported a projected increase in General Fund revenue of three percent (3%). He further reported an increase of 4.2% in property tax revenues. The overall Recommended Operating Budget totaled \$858 million, a 3.5% increase. The General Fund Recommended Budget was \$478 million, which was a 3% increase. He indicated that Real Estate Assessments would experience an increase for the second consecutive year. Although very few residential properties would see increases, there would be a significant increase in commercial and industrial properties.

The City achieved a balanced budget without any Real Estate tax rate increase, or any tax rate increases for a third consecutive year. There were basic operating increases in enterprise funds - utility funds – established in FY 2015. The City was fortunate to have a second year of a steady increase in revenues to work with going into the FY 2017 budget. Years of tough budgets and low revenues called for significant cut-backs. Past difficult financial years forced certain actions to be addressed, i.e. actions used to help balance the budget, such as high attrition credits, and continue pushing employee salaries that lagged during the recession years. A three percent (3%) salary increase would be added to the salary line item to fund merit-based raises. Once again, nearly one million dollars would be included to fund the merit increases. City Manager Bourey added that the City needed to fund its contractual obligations for supporting investments in technology, to meet federal and state mandates for a range of programs that included correction staffing and stormwater and wastewater environment directives.

City Manager Bourey advised that tremendous progress had been made on the virtual war on youth and gang violence. The Summer Training and Enrichment Program

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget Continued

(STEP) had proven to be a valuable tool to make inroads in this effort. The Street Outreach workers had been "ears and eyes" in the community – helping to reach youth one by one, and were making a difference. The FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget included a \$400,000 increase to fund the expanded program and continue work in the Department of Human Services, started by the expiring Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant.

The FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget would include the ramp-up to fully fund the City's retirement system obligation in the Newport News Employee Retirement Fund (NNERF). City Manager Bourey reported that the NNERF was fully funded.

City Manager Bourey advised that during the past challenging budget years, the City's investment in Information Technology languished, but were making strides to reverse that. He announced, in October, the City would have an operational on-line development permitting system. This would greatly enhance the City's internal efficiency and effectiveness to facilitate the private sector to do business with the City. He advised that the City was moving forward to automate systems and operate in a paperless mode to allow citizens to interact electronically with the City.

Transit was an important community service which had struggled. The City would look at key routes to better time transfers among routes. This was in addition to helping Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) leverage state and federal funding to purchase critically needed new buses. These buses would not only provide reliable service, but would help reduce maintenance costs in the long-term.

Support to the School Division was also important. The local required match was approximately \$56 million, which was not enough. City Manager Bourey advised that the City would provide \$118 million, plus another million (\$119 million), which was important to the NNPS (Newport News Public School system), who did an outstanding job to educate our children. The NNPS was also helped by an extra \$1.3 million from the State, which was a positive for the NNPS.

City Manager Bourey shared that he, once again, had asked City departments to prepare budgets based on less money than they received in 2016. This was to "stretch" everyone to examine further potential savings. Staff came up with an additional \$651,000.00 of savings that was used to help balance the budget. He advised that 21 new positions would be added to the General Fund in FY 2017, many in important positions that would help enhance the City's overall performance. Twelve of the positions were not new. Six were Police Officers and would be absorbed into public safety to compliment, and six would be shifted from the City's pension fund to allow for better service delivery of employee benefits. The only service reduction that citizens would see would be in the Main Street Library branch, where the Virginians Room collection

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget Continued

would be open by appointment on Sundays, with other minor adjustments, in order to reduce one full-time staffing position.

City Manager Bourey stated that the City would continue with outcome based performance measures, which were a fundamental element of the Annual Operating Budget. He stated that all of the demands for money were aided by increases in revenue. Combined with this year's capital budget, the overall City budget would exceed one billion dollars.

City Manager Bourey indicated the FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget was in sync with City Council goals and aspirations for the City of Newport News (a copy of Mr. Bourey's remarks are attached in full and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Philip Hatchett, 17 Museum Drive, Newport News (did not wish to speak when name called. He yielded his time to Mr. Alonzo Bell on Thursday, April 14, 2016).

Ms. Vilencia Gross, President of the Newport News Council of PTAs (Parent Teacher Associations), 103 Meadowlark Lane, Newport News, advised that there were nearly 10,000 members of the PTA in Newport News. Ms. Gross shared that the Council of PTAs cared deeply about NNPS teachers, students, and facilities and they supplied a supportive presence each day in the lives of 29,000 students in the NNPS. As PTA President, as well as a teacher in the NNPS, she expressed pride and thanks for the work done by the workers in Newport News, i.e. volunteering, helping teachers, reading to students, and raising funds for special projects. She stated it was hard to imagine life without the Newport News PTA, an organization which exemplified community spirit. The PTA fostered and provided family support through special events at school, a caring school climate through volunteers at school, a positive structure for parents to become active in schools, and was an organization of adults that served as role models for children. They also served as advocates for students and their needs. Ms. Gross advised that she advocated for keeping the schools well maintained, and up-to-date. She urged City Council to fully fund the School Board's FY 2016-2017 Proposed Operating Budget. It was correct the NNPS would receive extra money, but advised that total School funding was still more than \$10 million behind funding of 2008. During those lean years, the NNPS had to cut more than 500 positions. Ms. Gross stated that the City would receive more than \$14 million in new revenue, which was a much larger increase than the NNPS. She advised that the NNPS and teachers had suffered due to shrinking funds for several years, even with additional funding. She further advised that many needs remained, such as expanding extended learning to more students, updating classroom computers, purchasing replacement buses for those that were beyond their useful life, renovating aging school facilities, and additional salary adjustments for certain staff. As a PTA volunteer and advocate, Ms. Gross urged City leaders to be an advocate for public education in Newport News, and find the funds needed to ensure that every student had the resources to become college, career, and citizen ready.

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget Continued

Mr. Jeff Stodghill, Chairman, Newport News School Board, 231 Palen Avenue, Newport News, expressed support for, and sought City Council support of the proposed FY 2016-2017 School Board Budget. He stated the NNPS had the luxury of having a Governor and General Assembly that worked together to increase educational funding statewide, which resulted in an \$8.8 million in additional funding for NNPS. NNPS top priorities included making adjustments to introduce a more equitable pay scale among teachers, as well as addressing a non-competitive pay scale among bus drivers. The NNPS would be able to lower the student:teacher ratio in the fourth and fifth grades, to expand the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Health/Sciences Academy structure at both Warwick High and Heritage High Schools. Using a state grant, the SPARK (Summer Program for Arts, Recreation and Knowledge) would be expanded citywide. Mr. Stodghill advised that the additional request for \$1 million from the City would be dedicated to dealing with some capital projects and felt they were in a good position and did not need to make as large a request as was previously discussed. He indicated that members of the Newport News School Board looked forward to working with the City Council and urged their support of the FY 2016-2017 Proposed School Board Budget.

Mr. V. L. Porter, Jr., 79 Jefferys Drive, Newport News, asked the following questions regarding the FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget: (1) Regarding a clothing allowance, Mr. Porter inquired whether this was for protective equipment for public safety, or for work uniforms for other City employees; (2) Public Works officers, Mr. Porter stated the amount was \$492,968.00, which was a new item. He indicated the description was not clear and asked for clarification; (3) Regarding Temporary Pay, Mr. Porter inquired whether this was different from part-time. Part-time meant they would work less than 40 hours, and the City would not be required to pay benefits. He was surprised that temporary pay would be that large; and (4) Interns. He thought interns did not receive pay. The amount was \$111,691.00.

City Manager Bourey responded to Mr. Porter's questions as follows: (1) Regarding the clothing allowance, this could be a wide gamut – police, fire, and in some cases, Public Works employees, and encompassed all departments in the City; (2) Regarding the Public Works officers, referred to the correctional workers who were taken out into the field to do work, which was previously budgeted elsewhere; i.e., those under the City Farm, but were transferred to the Department of Public Works; and (4) The City had interns, some which were paid, and some not. To get professional people, at a significant college level, some moderate level of pay was offered.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. City Manager's Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget Continued

Mayor Price provided a summary of the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget:

The Total Budget was 3.6% higher.

The Operating Budget was 3.1% higher, with no tax rate increase.

The City had begun to see results of its Wellness Program, with only a 3% increase in the cost of health care.

Other taxes included Machinery and Tools Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, Sales and Meals Taxes, and Business Professional and Occupational (BPOL) taxes. These taxes totaled \$3,153.00 in increased revenue.

The City met its Annual Required Contribution one year earlier on an eight year plan.

The City's Debt Service was 1.05% lower.

Mayor Price thanked City Manager Bourey, Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Director, Department of Budget and Evaluation, and her staff, for a good budget (a copy of the Mayor's full remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes).

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 6, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 22, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Work Session of March 22, 2016

(No registered speakers)

F. Consent Agenda Continued

2. Minutes of the Work Session of March 22, 2016 Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Resolution in Memoriam: The Honorable John C. Miller

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM for the Honorable John C. Miller, Virginia State Senator. Senator John Miller died unexpectedly on April 4, 2016. Senator Miller spent 18 years at WVEC-TV, reporting the news, spent six years as a top aide to then United States Senator, Paul S. Trible, Jr., and served as an administrator at WHRO, a public broadcasting station, and Christopher Newport University (CNU). Senator Miller was first elected to the Senate of Virginia in 2007, and was re-elected in 2011 and 2015. In the Senate, Senator Miller served on a number of committees, was a dedicated public servant, and was an active member of the local community, participating in a number of organizations, agencies, and boards. He also served for two decades as an umpire in the Warwick Little League. This Resolution in Memoriam expressed, on behalf of the Newport News City Council, its sincere condolences to the family of Senator Miller, and showed its appreciation and respect for the life and legacy of service by the Honorable John C. Miller. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Resolution in Memoriam: Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM for Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer. Trooper Dermeyer died on March 31, 2016, as a result of gunshot wounds received in the line-of-duty. A native of Jackson, Michigan, Trooper Dermeyer served as an officer with the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) from 2003 until 2007. Trooper Dermeyer then returned to Michigan to serve with the Jackson, Michigan Police Department. He returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia and graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in November, 2014. Trooper Dermeyer's original patrol assignment with the Virginia State Police encompassed

F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Resolution in Memoriam: Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer
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the cities of Newport News and Hampton. In early 2016, he transferred to the State Police Terrorism and Criminal Interdiction Unit. He also spent four years as a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, serving his country. Trooper Dermeyer was an outstanding law enforcement officer, having been recognized as "Officer of the Month" on five occasions during his tenure with the NNPD. This Resolution in Memoriam recognized and honored Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer as a dedicated law enforcement officer and a well-regarded member of the community. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. Resolution of Recognition: Paul S. Tribble, Jr., on his 20th Anniversary as
President of Christopher Newport University (CNU)

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR PAUL S. TRIBBLE, JR. This resolution recognized Mr. Paul S. Tribble, Jr. for twenty (20) years of distinguished serve as President of Christopher Newport University (CNU). Mr. Paul S. Tribble, Jr. was appointed President of CNU on January 2, 1996. Under his leadership, CNU had undergone dramatic physical and academic transformations. Mr. Tribble helped the University secure funding to proceed with approximately one billion dollars in capital improvements, resulting in the construction of numerous buildings, and the expansion of CNU. Mr. Tribble's commitment to providing a first-rate liberal arts education led to significant changes and improvements in CNU's academic programs and reputation. CNU was nationally recognized for the quality of its liberal arts curriculum. This resolution recognized Mr. Tribble's valuable contributions to CNU, the City, the Hampton Roads region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Ordinance Authorizing a Boundary Amendment to the Newport News Technology Zone and Adopting Amended Technology Zone Map

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING A BOUNDARY AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNOLOGY ZONE AND ADOPTING AMENDED TECHNOLOGY ZONE MAPS. This ordinance authorized a Boundary Amendment to the Newport News Technology Zone, and accepted the amended Technology Zone Map. The staff had identified a need to adjust the boundary of the existing Newport News Technology Zone in order to include additional research and development properties located near Jefferson Lab. City Council approval of the ordinance was the only action needed to accomplish the boundary adjustment. This action would expand the availability of the Newport News Technology Zone Program to new properties and businesses which could assist in further development and growth of technology-related businesses in Newport News. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Coleman moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Ordinance Authorizing Boundary Amendments to the Southeast Community Tourism Zone, Patrick Henry Tourism Zone and Greater Hilton Tourism Zone and Adopting Amended Tourism Zone Maps

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS TO THE TOURISM ZONES AND ADOPTING AMENDED TOURISM ZONE MAPS. This ordinance authorized Boundary Amendments to the Southeast Community Tourism Zone, Patrick Henry Tourism Zone, and Greater Hilton Tourism Zone, and accepted amended Tourism Zone Maps. Staff had identified a need to adjust the boundaries of existing Newport News Tourism Zones in order to include additional commercial properties and businesses that may benefit from the Tourism Zone Program. City Council approval of the Ordinance was the only action needed to accomplish the Tourism Zone boundary adjustments. This action would expand the availability and reach of the Newport News Tourism Zone Program to new properties and businesses which could assist in further development and growth of tourism-related businesses in Newport News. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Ordinance Authorizing Boundary Amendments to the Southeast Community Tourism Zone, Patrick Henry Tourism Zone and Greater Hilton Tourism Zone and Adopting Amended Tourism Zone Maps Continued

Vice Mayor Coleman moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Contracts and Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with Any Governmental Entities or Public Utilities to Facilitate the Completion of the Newport News Transportation Center (NNTC) Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, FOLLOWING REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, ALL CONTRACTS AND MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT WITH CSXT, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK), THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR PUBLIC ENTITY TO FACILITATE THE COMPLETION OF THE NEWPORT NEWS TRANSPORTATION CENTER. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute all contracts and memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with CSXT, the U. S. Corps of Engineers, AMTRAK, VDOT, HRSD, and any other governmental or public entity to facilitate the completion of the NNTC Project. The project consisted of a new multi-modal transportation center at 500 Bland Boulevard with train turning track, and a maintenance facility located at Sluice Mill. The proposed Transportation Center was critical to the public rail transportation needs of Newport News and the region. On May 8, 2012, City Council approved a resolution granting authorization to the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). It was also necessary to enter into agreements with Amtrak, VDOT, HRSD, and other agencies. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether this resolution granted the City Manager authority to sign contracts and not discuss the issue with members of City Council.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Contracts and Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with Any Governmental Entities or Public Utilities to Facilitate the Completion of the Newport News Transportation Center (NNTC) Project Continued

City Manager Bourey replied the contracts in question were specific contracts for Amtrak, VDOT, and HRSD to effectuate the project which would be brought back before City Council for discussion. The agreements did not necessarily need to be discussed, but only to effectuate the project. Councilwoman Scott inquired whether he would discuss the contracts with City Council prior to signing them. City Manager Bourey stated the terms of the agreements would not be talked about, but he could bring them to City Council.

City Attorney Owens advised that real estate acquisitions would need to come before City Council, but the contracts being discussed, were small contracts and proforma and were done on many projects.

Councilwoman Scott did not want the City Manager to do anything on behalf of City Council of which they were not aware.

Councilwoman Woodbury echoed the comments made by Councilwoman Scott. She stated it was important that Council members be informed if there is any agreement which would cost the City money. She asked that City Manager Bourey report to City Council on those contracts that he signs, and the impact, if any, to the citizens. City Manager Bourey agreed to notify members of City Council on those contracts in which he signs that may have an impact on Newport News citizens.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Resolution Accepting Conveyance of Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority-Owned (NNRHA) Properties at 4514 Huntington and 236-23rd Street to the City

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY-OWNED (NNRHA) PROPERTIES AT 4514 HUNTINGTON AVENUE AND 236-23RD STREET TO THE CITY. The City received a request by the NNRHA to transfer two NNRHA-owned properties to the City. The first parcel, 4514 Huntington Avenue, was located adjacent to City-owned property in the parking lot at the former Jackson School site, and the second parcel, 236-23rd Street, was located behind City Hall in the overflow parking area. Both properties were exclusively used for parking immediately abutting the other City-owned parking facilities, and transferring ownership in the name of the City was more appropriate for administrative purposes. The City Manager recommended approval.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. Resolution Accepting Conveyance of Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority-Owned (NNRHA) Properties at 4514 Huntington and 236-23rd Street to the City Continued

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether these properties would continue to be used as parking. City Manager Bourey replied that it was anticipated that the properties would continue to be used as parking. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the City would receive any money as a result.

City Attorney Owens advised that the 23rd Street parcel was used for City Hall parking. The other parcel would become a part of what was to be leased to the Newport News Shipyard for their parking. He indicated the City renewed the Lease for the Jackson School Site annually. Councilwoman Woodbury questioned whether the City received some funds from that. City Attorney Owens responded yes, the City would receive some funds.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of Appropriations, Item 1, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

1. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category: Citywide Drainage Stormwater Management Program

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$581,250.00) TO CITYWIDE DRAINAGE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (\$581,250.00). This resolution appropriated \$581,250.00 from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category for the Citywide Drainage Stormwater management program. The Citywide Drainage Program initiative provided City staff the ability to address specific drainage and flooding issues in a timely manner related to permits, regulations, and design standards, along with citizens' concerns. The funding would be used to address the Newmarket Drainage Improvements, Phase 2, Government Ditch Improvements, and the Country Club Road Drainage Improvements projects. The City Manager recommended approval.

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category: Citywide Drainage Stormwater Management Program Continued

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. Antonio Thompson, 1211-25th Street, Newport News, addressed City Council on the topic of the City's treasury enrichment, public safety and security, as well as the importance of recycling. He discussed the legalization of marijuana and prostitution in an effort to help build up the City's treasury.

Mr. Thompson encouraged citizens to support the Newport News Police Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the Newport News Police Foundation and mailed to P. O. Box 11092, Newport News, VA 23602. He advised that the Police Foundation had reserved finances to help support the work of the Newport News Police Department, and that of the Newport News community, which they would have to do collaboratively in the new era of terrorism and terrorist threats on the horizon.

Mr. Thompson commented on the "Green Revolution," hoping for a record flow of aluminum, iron, and steel.

Mayor Price clarified that Mr. Thompson encouraged financial donations to be sent to the Newport News Police Foundation as opposed to Mr. Thompson's personal address.

Mr. Doug Peterson, 5 Quail Place, Newport News, commented about the proposed Wegman's Grocery Store project. He asked, why locate a Wegman's near the Airport. He stated there were already one dozen grocery stores within one mile of the proposed Wegman's location. Mr. Peterson advised that he lived within two miles of the proposed site, and there were 10 traffic lights between his house and the proposed Wegman's site. He lived four miles from the Farm Fresh on Route 17 in Yorktown, where there were only two traffic lights between his house and that Farm Fresh. He chose to shop there because there was no traffic congestion. Adding another grocery store near the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport would not improve the current condition. Mr. Peterson questioned adding a new shopping center anchored by a grocery store, with competition from two European chains within two miles. He questioned whether there had been a population explosion in the City which would create the demand for the extra food. He stated that sales at existing grocery stores would more than likely diminish as people migrated to new stores; some of which may close. There would be no net increase in the

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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amount of groceries available, and there would be no additional revenue for the City. Shifting grocery stores around would not increase the number of people employed.

Ms. Christine Teece, 929 Willow Point, Newport News, commented about the proposed Wegman's Grocery Store project. A single woman and small business owner in the area of the proposed site for a Wegman's grocery store, Ms. Teece advised, over the course of the past 18 years, development had built up and increased around her. Traffic had grown, and had become a huge problem in the past five years. The entire area was gridlocked on most days. She called the City's Traffic Engineers frequently. Customers would not frequent her salon, causing her to renovate it twice, and ultimately selling it, taking a huge loss. Ms. Teece advised that she had downsized and relocated to another location. Clients refused to visit the salon between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. The traffic study performed approximately one year previously showed 80,000 vehicles per day in the area of Jefferson Avenue between Denbigh and Oyster Point Road. Traffic Engineers had done what they could to fix the flow of traffic on Bland Boulevard. Traffic blocks the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Bland Boulevard so badly that emergency vehicles could not get through at certain times of the day. The traffic study was old – having been done before the 400-unit apartment building was constructed, and prior to the Tech Center, and before the SCOT Center was relocated off of Bland, which meant the real traffic numbers would be in excess of 80,000 vehicles per day. The proposed project would draw an additional 8,000 vehicles per day in a 10-12 hour timeframe, which was a 10% increase in traffic based on inaccurate numbers. Ms. Teece referenced a letter written to City Council, from Mr. David Peebles, of Ferguson Enterprises, which referenced the activity in the proposed corridor, which would be “devastating.” Ms. Teece further referenced a letter written to City Council, from Mr. Al Riutort, the former Director of Planning, who also referenced similar traffic issues to Mr. Peebles. Ms. Teece felt the proposed project had been misconstrued in presentation. She had attended three public meetings with the Kiln Creek Homeowners, and indicated that she had been told three different scenarios. She also requested a copy of the traffic study. The Attorney, Mr. Timothy Trant, offered Ms. Teece an incentivized location for her salon in the Shopping Center.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Bourey referenced the proposed re-zoning at Brick Kiln Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, on airport-owned property, and announced that there had been a request for deferral until the May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council (a copy of the letter requesting a deferral is attached and made a part of these minutes). He further announced there would be a City Council Work Session to discuss the re-zoning issue and the land-use change, scheduled for April 26, 2016.

City Manager Bourey advised that there was a Hard Hat Construction Tour of Jim's Local Market (3101 Jefferson Avenue) on Monday, April 11, 2016. The store would officially open on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, beginning with a celebration at 2:00 p.m., followed by the official opening of the grocery store in the Southeast Community. City Manager Bourey

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thanked members of City Council for their incredible support – the unanimous financial support, and support by staff, for making it happen in such a short period of time.

City Manager Bourey had Chief Richard Myers, Newport News Police Department (NNPD), to stand and be acknowledged. City Manager Bourey announced that the NNPD received an accreditation for not only the law enforcement operations, but also for the Training Academy, and the communications systems (9-1-1). This was three separate systems of law enforcement. City Manager Bourey stated that it was very rare for an agency to hit this gold standard for three different areas. He congratulated Chief Myers and commended him and the members of the NNPD, who had done a great job, not only with the accreditation process, but in everything they do.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had received complaints from some of her constituents about members of City Council reiterating their schedules and events attended during the New Business and Councilmember Comments item of the Regular Meetings.

Councilwoman Woodbury indicated that she participated in the Hard Hat Construction Tour for Jim's Local Market, as she had been very supportive of the project. She advised that Jim's Local Market was wonderful, and may have to bypass grocery stores in her area, to shop at Jim's Local Market. She too advised that she wanted to be added to those being notified of "Specials" at Jim's Local Market. She announced that Jim's Local Market was not only a "gem" for the Southeast Community, but for the entire City – anything that happened in one part of the City was an integral part of the whole City.

Councilman Bateman congratulated City Manager Bourey and his colleagues on City Council as it was no small task to accomplish all that was done to lay the ground work to bring Jim's Local Market to the Southeast Community. A grocery store was needed in the Southeast Community, and it was accomplished.

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

Addressing complaints received by Councilwoman Woodbury, Councilwoman Cherry stated City Council received pay to do their jobs, and she felt it was important for the citizens to realize that the Newport News City Council was busy, and was a working Council. She advised the citizens that City Council was available for the citizens and were doing what they were called to do, and what citizens elected them to do.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked all of the citizens that contributed to the Easter Basket Give-a-way on Saturday, March 26, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at 617-27th Street. The goal was to give away 250 Easter baskets, which was met. She expressed appreciation for the NNPD and everyone that participated, including the German teacher from Menchville High School, and

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members of the German delegation from Griefswald, Germany, who assisted in making Easter baskets. She specifically thanked Officer Donald Greathouse and Captain Eric Randall of the NNPD for their assistance and support.

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to the family of Senator John C. Miller. Senator Miller died unexpectedly on April 4, 2016, but left a legacy of service to the City of Newport News, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to the family of Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer. Trooper Dermeyer, also a former Newport News Police Officer, died unexpectedly on March 31, 2016, as a result of gunshot wounds received in the line-of-duty.

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to Mrs. Roberta McMillan, on the untimely death of her husband, Mr. Willie Joe, on April 11, 2016. Mr. McMillan was a friend of the James A. Fields House, a Virginia Landmark and National Historic Site, located at 617-27th Street.

Councilwoman Cherry stated it was exciting to be at the Hard Hat Construction Tour at Jim's Local Market (3101 Jefferson Avenue), on Monday, April 11, 2016 to witness the great work that could be accomplished when City officials collaborated and worked together. She stated Jim's Local Market would be a "working grocery store." She extended thanks to Mr. Jim Scanlon for coming into the Southeast Community. She further expressed thanks to Bayport Credit Union for coming into Jim's Local Market in an effort to provide financial literacy, and to the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, who would come in and provide nutritional training. She hoped the citizens would join in the excitement. Mr. Scanlon's vision was to hire workers from within the Southeast Community. Councilwoman Cherry announced that there was a great turnout for candidates interested in being interviewed.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Newport News Healthy Families Initiative's Community Advisory Board would sponsor the 6th Annual Silent Children's Garden to raise awareness and support prevention of child abuse. Once again, silhouettes and pinweels would adorn the corner of J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, also known as the Avenue of the Arts, and Warwick Boulevard at Boulevard Park. The Opening Ceremony for the Silent Children's Garden would be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Citizens were invited to join Newport News Healthy Families Initiative's Community Advisory Board and the Blue Ribbon Committee, to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and the opening of the Silent Children's Garden.

Councilwoman Cherry and colleagues participated in the Newport News Child Advocacy Team's Annual Celebrity Night, to benefit Child Abuse Prevention, on Thursday, April 7, 2016, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m., at Salsa's Mexican Grill, 704 Mariner's Row, Newport News. Funds raised allowed the Child Advocacy Team to support projects that advocate for children's rights, parenting support programs, programs for at-risk families, and supported self-help groups for parents.

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Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting usually held on the second Thursday of every month would be held at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard), 7:00 p.m. She reminded that their voice still mattered, even at the Budget Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Cherry reminded residents in the South District, that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meetings would be held on Thursday, April 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. She reminded that these meetings were a collaborative effort of the Newport News Police Department, the Newport News School Board, and the Newport News City Council.

Vice Mayor Coleman thanked everyone that attended the funeral services for Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016; at Liberty Baptist Church (1021 Big Bethel Road, Hampton); and that of Senator John Miller, on Friday, April 8, 2016, at First Baptist Church Denbigh (3628 Campbell Road). He stated it was a tough week, not only for the City of Newport News, but for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He thanked the NNPD for their show of support for Trooper Dermeyer and his family. It was an amazing show of support with law enforcement from all over the country in attendance. Vice Mayor Coleman reiterated that not only was Senator Miller a great Senator; but was a good friend to many. Senator Miller was a true public servant. His life was cut short too early. He felt the past 2016 General Assembly Session was probably Senator Miller’s most successful session, getting true education reform done, and our children, for years to come, would benefit from Senator Miller’s hard work. Vice Mayor Coleman extended appreciation to First Baptist Church Denbigh, and to Pastor and Mrs. Ivan Harris, for the services performed in the Homegoing Celebration for Senator John Miller.

Vice Mayor Coleman and his colleagues attended the Annual Service Awards Receptions for City employees that had worked for the City between 5 and 40 years. The Reception for the employees working five to ten years, was held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). The Reception for the employees working fifteen plus years, was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016, 2:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). He expressed a sincere thank you to City employees and City staff for everything they do, making City Council look great in their day-to-day interaction with the citizens.

Vice Mayor Coleman visited the Communications Center (9-1-1) to wish a Happy Telecommunications Week to the City’s Dispatchers. He indicated that Dispatchers had a tough and thankless job. The Dispatchers kept the First Responders in check and safe, and took care of the citizens. He urged citizens to thank Dispatchers for the job they did each and every day.

Vice Mayor Coleman congratulated Sheriff Gabriel Morgan. Sheriff Morgan was recognized as the Role Model of the Year by the 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula, at the

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24th Annual Black Tie Gala, held Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). Sheriff Morgan was a true public servant who has dedicated his life not only to the citizens, but the children, trying to bring them up through mentoring programs. This was a great honor, and well deserved. He commended Sheriff Morgan for the inspirational speech given at the Gala.

Vice Mayor Coleman bid farewell to Mr. Elliott Gruber, President of the Mariners' Museum, who was moving on to another chapter in his life. Vice Mayor Coleman commended Mr. Gruber for his fantastic job in bringing the Museum out to the community, getting away from the Country Club feel and increasing participation. He wished Mr. Gruber and his wife Elinor the best in their future endeavors. They jumped into the community and became a part of the City of Newport News.

Mayor Price extended condolences to Sharron and the Miller family on the passing of Senator John Miller. Senator Miller died unexpectedly on April 4, 2016, but left a legacy of service to the City of Newport News, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mayor Price also extended condolences to the family of Virginia State Police Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer. Trooper Dermeyer, also a former Newport News Police Officer, died unexpectedly on March 31, 2016, as a result of gunshot wounds received in the line-of-duty.

Mayor Price also expressed his excitement, having attended the Hard Hat Construction Tour at Jim's Local Market (3101 Jefferson Avenue), on Monday, April 11, 2016. He felt Jim's Local Market would be a great asset to the Southeast Community.

Mayor Price also congratulated Sheriff Gabriel Morgan. Sheriff Morgan was recognized as the Role Model of the Year by the 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula, at the 24th Annual Black Tie Gala, held Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). He commended Sheriff Morgan for the emotional and very inspirational speech given at the 24th Annual Black Tie Gala.

Councilwoman Scott extended condolences to Sharron and the Miller family on the passing of Senator John Miller. Senator Miller died unexpectedly on April 4, 2016. Councilwoman Scott mentioned how their lives paralleled – both were journalists prior to becoming elected officials. She would keep the family in her prayers.

In an effort to take a bite out of hunger in the North District, the monthly Zumbathon would be held on Friday, April 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). All citizens were invited to attend and bring non-perishable food items to support the efforts of the food pantries in the North District, and the Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula. The monthly Zumbathon was headed by Ms. Candice Alexander, and other colleagues, who have a great deal of fun. The event was scheduled monthly, on the third Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Councilwoman Scott announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for on Monday, April 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). Mr. Harold Roach, Director, Department of Codes Compliance, would be the Guest Speaker.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she also thoroughly enjoyed the Hard Hat Construction Tour at Jim's Local Market (3101 Jefferson Avenue), on Monday, April 11, 2016. The way the store was configured would create an awesome experience for the citizens in the South District. Opening a grocery store in the Southeast Community went along with the City's theme of being "One City." Every district in the City would have a grocery store once Jim's opened on May 10th. She was in awe of what had been done, and expressed appreciation to City Manager Bourey and City staff for their leadership and all that was done to bring Jim's Local Market to the Southeast Community.

Councilwoman Vick expressed her excitement, having attended the Hard Hat Construction Tour at Jim's Local Market (3101 Jefferson Avenue), on Monday, April 11, 2016. She felt Jim's Local Market would be a great asset to the Southeast Community.

Councilwoman Vick stated that she could not thank Budget Director Lisa Cipriano enough for her hard work over the years on the City's Operating Budget, particularly during the economically challenging years. Ms. Cipriano was instrumental in helping the City of Newport News weather the storm by keeping a balanced budget. Councilwoman Vick reiterated her appreciation for Ms. Cipriano and staff. She recalled when first elected in 1998, when there was an unfunded pension, and the struggle of learning about it and what was needed to fund it, City Council did not have to make the commitment to add an annual \$38 million to fund the pension; but now it was funded and she expressed excitement that City Council was able to do so.

Councilwoman Vick thanked her colleagues on City Council for their hard work and support to bring Jim's Local Market to the Southeast Community. She recalled Mayor Price saying that Council's passion about the City could create conversations and make things happen. She thanked City Manager Bourey for his hard work and thoughts. She would be shopping at Jim's Local Market on May 10, 2016.

Mayor Price reminded citizens of the Budget Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

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 8:03 P.M.



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