

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
JUNE 14, 2016  
3:30 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman-Elect Marcellus L. Harris; James M. Bourey; Collins L. Owens, Jr.; Cynthia Rohlf; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Darlene Bradberry; Florence Kingston; Derek Perry; and Jennifer Walker.

After ascertaining that proper meeting notice had been provided to each member of City Council, Mayor Price called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held for the following purposes:

- (1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsections: (1) a discussion, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, the subject of which is a discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointments to boards and commissions; (3) a discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, the subject of which is the acquisition of real property in the southern, central, and northern sections of the City; (5) a discussion of a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating a facility in the community, the subject of which is a prospective new business in the southern, central and northern sections of the City; and (7) a consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual and probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating posture of the public body, the subjects of which are cases involving allegations of civil rights violations, contractual claims and tort claims.
- (2) To make appointments to fill vacancies on the City's various boards, commissions, and committees.

Vice Mayor Coleman moved for a closed meeting under sections and reasons cited above; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 3:39 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.)

City Council engaged in a discussion to make appointments to fill vacancies on the following boards:

1. Finance Board (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) – Ms. Cynthia Rohlf (Citizen Member) for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office.

2. Human Services Advisory Board – Mr. Curtis Bethany (General Public Representative) and Mr. Owen Haughton (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a four-year term of office.

3. Newport News Arts Commission – Ms. Jailynn Gaines (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) and Mr. Miles McAllister (Youth Representative – Menchville High School) each for reappointment to serve a one-year term of office.

4. Newport News Human Rights Commission – Ms. Andrea Pierce (General Public Representative), Mr. Owen Haughton (General Public Representative), and Ms. Nath Amy Jones (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Curtis Bethany (General Public Representative) for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Father Ralph Haines, term will expire September 1, 2019. Mr. Sae Kim (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) and Ms. Sohila Elziny (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) each for appointment to serve a one-year term of office.

5. Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees – Ms. Theresa Hammond (General Public Representative), Ms. Kara Akins (General Public Representative), and Ms. Dola Maahs (General Public Representative) each for reappointment to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Xavian Draper (General Public Representative), Mr. Vernon Woodard (General Public Representative), and Mr. Todd Wright (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a four-year term of office. Ms. Sabrina Capps (Youth Representative – Heritage High School) for reappointment to serve a one-year term of office; and Mr. Aaron Hodges (Youth Representative – Menchville High School) each for appointment to serve a one-year term of office.

6. Newport News Wetlands Board – Mr. Richard Barnes (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve a five-year term of office.

7. The Newsome House Musuem and Cultural Center Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors – Ms. DeVeda Owens (General Public Representative) and Ms. Vivian Ashlock (General Public Representative) each for reappointment to serve a three-year term of office. Mr. Christopher P. Brewer (General Public Representative), Ms. LaTonya Denson-Wallace (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a three-year term of office. One appointment (General Public Representative) deferred.

8. Peninsula Airport Commission – Mr. Robert S. Coleman (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve an unexpired term of Councilman Herbert S. Bateman, Jr., term will expire May 23, 2018.

9. Southeastern Virginia Health System – Ms. Dorothy Murray (General Public Representative) for reappointment to serve a three-year term of office.

10. USS Newport News Liaison Committee – Ms. Jean Barnhart Skorupa (General Public Representative) and Mr. Frederick W. Mays (General Public Representative) each for reappointment to serve a four-year term of office. The Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS (General Public Representative) and Mr. Robert S. Coleman (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a four-year term of office. Three appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

11. Community Development Block Grant Application Committee – The Honorable Tina L. Vick and the Honorable Sharon P. Scott (City Council Representatives) each for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office.

12. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission – The Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS (City Council Representative) and Mr. James Bourey (City Manager) for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office.

After reconvening in open session, Vice Mayor Coleman moved to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting by the Council. Motion 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 A2 of Section 2.2-3112 of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for the City Council Closed Session Agenda of June 14, 2016, (i) the City Manager would discuss with the Newport News City Council the sale of private rights/ownership in City Center and some action by the City may be necessary to effectuate the sale; (ii) that TowneBank had the possibility of being the financing agent for the purchaser of the said property; (iii) that TowneBank was a group of three or more persons the members of which are indirectly affected by the transaction in question; (iv) that he was employed as an Executive Vice President of TowneBank, but would not receive any direct compensation from the TowneBank financing previously mentioned, and the purchaser was not a personal client of his at TowneBank; and (v) 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 – June 14, 2016; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Coleman moved that appointments discussed in the closed meeting be ratified pursuant to receipt of notification that a favorable background check was conducted; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:55 P.M.

*Mabel Washington Jenkins*

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING**

**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2016  
**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Robert S. Coleman  
**SECOND:** Councilwoman Tina L. Vick

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newport News has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote as required under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by this City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newport News does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the City Council.

**VOTE**

AYES: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Coleman  
NAYS: None  
ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

ATTEST:

  
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Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk