

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
JUNE 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He extended a special welcome to Mr. Shawn O’Keefe, Youth Program Specialist, and members of the Mayor’s Youth Commission, who would lead the Pledge. Mayor Price stated that he was impressed with the young people on the Mayor’s Youth Commission, who had great ideas, were full of energy, and represented the City well.

Mayor Price advised that application CZ-16-379, for the Peninsula Airport Commission, had been withdrawn by the applicant, but citizens were more than welcome to speak on the matter if present. The issue was not under consideration at this time.

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.

Mayor Price asked the audience to join him in a moment of silence to honor the victims of the June 12, 2016 shooting in Orlando (49 people were killed at the Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in what has been described as the nation’s worst terror attack since 9/11).

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Mr. Caleb McClure, Pastoral Assistant, Hidenwood Presbyterian 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 members of the Mayor’s Youth Commission. Members participating in leading the Pledge were Mr. Sae Kim; Ms. Taylor Williamson; Mr. Quintin Lassiter, and Mr. Aaron Hodges.

D. Presentations

1. Resolution of Appreciation for Colonel William S. Galbraith

Colonel Galbraith accepted the resolution.

Mayor Price advised that Colonel William S. Galbraith had served as the Commander of the 733rd Mission Support Group Army Element – Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) since June 15, 2013, and was scheduled to transfer command on June 28, 2016. He stated the personnel of the 733rd Mission Support Group Army Element – JBLE provided continuous mission support and quality of life for the U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Headquarters, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), 128th Aviation Brigade, 597th Transportation Brigade, and over 15 other tenant units.

Mayor Price advised that Colonel Galbraith was commissioned in 1990, and his service included various logistics positions at the platoon, company, battalion, and division staff levels. He participated in contingency operations twice in Iraq and twice in Afghanistan. He oversaw facility maintenance, environmental and cultural resource programs, base security, housing, installation supply, transportation and personnel support services for a post community hosting over 22,000 active duty, civilian, and retired personnel. As Commander of the 733rd Mission Support Group, Colonel Galbraith served the City of Newport News, and the Hampton Roads area, by providing leadership and support to military members at all levels, and their families assigned to JBLE.

Mayor Price reminded that Colonel Galbraith had provided expertise, wisdom, and guidance to the military and civilian members of the 733rd Mission Support Group and tenants assigned in the efforts to improve the implementation of JBLE from two separate military installations into one. Due to Colonel Galbraith's unwavering commitment and call to excellence, he left the 733rd Mission Support Group, Army Element JBLE, well positioned to support the Department of Defense and to remain active on the Virginia Peninsula.

Mayor Price, on behalf of the members of the Newport News City Council, recognized and honored Colonel William S. Galbraith for his dedicated and effective service as the 733rd Mission Support Group Army Element-JBLE to the City of Newport News and the Virginia Peninsula. Mayor Price expressed sincere appreciation to Colonel Galbraith for his service to the citizens of Newport News.

E. Public Hearings

None submitted.

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Vick 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 May 24, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 24, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 42, Water Supply; Article I., In General; Section 42-15, Stopping Service through Cut Off or Removal of Water Meter, Generally; and Article III., Water Rates and Fees; Section 42-40, When and Where Bills are Due and Payable; Delinquency

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 42, WATER SUPPLY, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., IN GENERAL, SECTION 42-15, STOPPING SERVICE THROUGH CUT OFF OR REMOVAL OF WATER METER, GENERALLY; ARTICLE III., WATER RATES AND FEES, SECTION 42-40, WHEN AND WHERE BILLS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE; DELINQUENCY. This ordinance amended the City Code to make certain changes to Chapter 42 to bring it into compliance with the State Code, as a result of the passage of House Bill 919 through the State Legislature. Sections 42-15(a)(4) and 42-40(a) reflect changing the words "two months" to "60 days" in reference to the length of time before which water service would be stopped for non-payment. Additionally, Chapter 42-40(a) showed a change to specify when notification would be sent to the customer that a payment was delinquent. Chapter 42-40(a) would specify that at least 10 days prior to cessation of the water supply for non-payment, written notification would be sent to the customer. The Waterworks Department was in compliance with each of the aforementioned changes, and requested adoption of these changes be made effective July 1, 2016. The City Manager recommended approval.

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 42, Water Supply; Article I., In General; Section 42-15, Stopping Service through Cut Off or Removal of Water Meter, Generally; and Article III., Water Rates and Fees; Section 42-40, When and Where Bills are Due and Payable; Delinquency Continued

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Grant Agreement between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Stoney Run Regional BMP Project

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, AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, DATED THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016, FOR STORMWATER PROJECTS TO ADD ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE STONEY RUN BMP PROJECT. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute an amended Grant Agreement between the City and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Stoney Run Regional BMP Project. The project was located northeast of Warwick Boulevard in an area formerly known as the Stoney Run Sand Pits near Courthouse Green. The improvements were intended to expand the capacity of the existing Stoney Run BMP to meet current Stormwater regulations. The City entered into the original Grant Agreement with DEQ in January, 2016. The original Agreement, which previously included improvements at the Glen Allen and Turnberry Channels, were amended to include the Stoney Run BMP project. The City was required to execute the amended Grant Agreement to utilize the SLAF grant funds. City Council previously appropriated a total of \$4,550,400; \$2,275,200 of SLAF grant funds and \$2,275,200 in City matching funds for this project. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Grant Agreement between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Stoney Run Regional BMP Project Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement; Article II., Employees' Retirement Fund, Division 4., Sections 31-40 and 31-42; Division 5., Sections 31-54, 31-62, and Adding New Section 31-64.2, Lump Sums; Article III., Employees' Post-Retirement Health and Welfare Benefits Fund, Division 4., Sections 31-111, 31-112; and Division 5., Sections 31-116 and 31-117

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 31, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND, DIVISION 4., CREDITED SERVICE, SECTION 31-40, CREDITED SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER AND SECTION 31-42, PORTABILITY OF SERVICE; DIVISION 5., ELIGIBILITY FOR, RECEIPT AND AMOUNTS OF, RETIREMENT BENEFITS, SECTION 31-54, RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES; SECTION 31-62, BENEFITS UPON DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT AND BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 31-64.2, LUMP SUMS; ARTICLE III, EMPLOYEES' POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS FUND, DIVISION 4., CITY RETIREES' POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS, SECTION 31-111, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION, SECTION 31-112, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AND DIVISION 5., CITY RETIREES' POST-RETIREMENT DENTAL BENEFITS, SECTION 31-116, FUNDS CONTRIBUTION AND SECTION 31-117, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE. This resolution amended Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement; Article II., Employees' Retirement Fund; Division 4., Sections 31-40 and 31-42; Division 5., Sections 31-54, 31-62, and added new Section 31-64.2, Lump Sums; Article III., Employees' Post-Retirement Health and Welfare Benefits Fund, Division 4., Sections 31-111, 31-112; and Division 5., Sections 31-116 and 31-117. Four proposed changes were recommended by the Retirement Board, to become effective July 1, 2016. The first change, recommended by Police and Fire Chiefs, would increase the mandatory retirement age for Public Safety officers from age 63 to 67. The second recommendation would provide a lump sum option for retirees with small retirement annuities. The third recommendation would eliminate the "alternate schedule" for the City's contribution to retirees' health insurance premiums. The fourth recommendation was a technical correction to address the "Porting" of credited service from one jurisdiction to another. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement; Article II., Employees' Retirement Fund, Division 4., Sections 31-40 and 31-42; Division 5., Sections 31-54, 31-62, and Adding New Section 31-64.2, Lump Sums; Article III., Employees' Post-Retirement Health and Welfare Benefits Fund, Division 4., Sections 31-111, 31-112; and Division 5., Sections 31-116 and 31-117 Continued

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

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the above mentioned suggestions were proposed by the Retirement Board (Board of Trustee – Pensions and Retirement). City Manager Bourey responded yes, the aforementioned suggestions were proposed by the Board of Trustees – Pensions and Retirement.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 through 4, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Coleman.

1. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Category for the HRSD Jefferson Avenue Interceptor Force Main Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$700,000.00) TO HRSD JEFFERSON AVENUE INTERCEPTOR COST PARTICIPATION REIMBURSEMENT (\$700,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$700,000.00 from the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sewer Rehabilitation Category for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Jefferson Avenue Interceptor Force Main Project. On June 25, 2013, the City and HRSD entered into a cost sharing agreement for the construction of a 30-inch diameter HRSD interceptor force main on Jefferson Avenue between Oyster Point Road and City Center Boulevard. The new HRSD interceptor force main would replace a failing City force main. The construction was being expedited by the City's contribution of \$700,000.00, which was budgeted for the replacement. The agreement stipulated the City's reimbursement was to be made upon the substantial completion of the project's construction, which was scheduled for July 2016. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Category for the HRSD Jefferson Avenue Interceptor Force Main Project Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. City of Newport News – Self Insurance Reserves: to Fund FY 2016 General Liability for Settlement Costs and Associated Attorney Fees

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM SELF INSURANCE RESERVE (\$1,600,000.00) TO GENERAL LIABILITY FUND – OTHER CLAIMS (\$1,600,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$1,600,000.00 from Self-Insurance Reserves to fund FY 2016 settlements. Claims and associated attorney fees indicated the need to transfer funds to support the expense from Self-Insurance Reserves. No future financial needs or operational responsibilities were required for these settlements. Approval of this resolution would reduce the Self-Insurance Reserves by \$1,600,000.00 from \$13,154,483.00 to 11,554,483.00. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. City of Newport News – General Fund Reserves: Line of Duty Act (LODA) Liability

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LODA – GENERAL FUND RESERVE (\$2,672,719.00) TO LODA RESERVE (\$2,672,719.00). This resolution appropriated \$2,672,719.00 from the fully funded Line of Duty Act (LODA) Liability in General Fund Reserves to a new Fiduciary Fund to separate and recognize the City's management of the fund. The City became self-insured for the Line of Duty Act responsibilities in June 2012. As part of being self-insured, the City fully funded the liability for the LODA expenses in the General Fund Reserves. The City's external auditors recommended that the annual LODA expenses and corresponding liability be established as a fund separate from the General Fund. It was requested that the full LODA Liability of \$2,672,719.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the LODA fund. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations Continued

3. City of Newport News – General Fund Reserves: Line of Duty Act (LODA) Liability Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. City of Newport News – General Fund Reserves: Emergency Fund for August 2012 Unnamed Storms

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CASH (\$5,285,755.00) TO EMERGENCY CONTRACTUAL SERVICES – AUGUST 2012 (\$5,285,755.00). This resolution appropriated \$5,285,755.00 from the General Fund Reserves to the Emergency Fund to cover the expenses of the August 2012 unnamed storms. In August 2012, the City experienced two unnamed storms that caused substantial flooding and damage, which included the destruction of two sanitary sewer pump stations. The State determined that the storms were local, and that the City would be responsible for the full cost of damage. The City had been reserving cash to fund the replacement and preventative upgrades to the two pump stations. On advice of the City's external auditors, it was recommended that the fully funded emergency reserve for these storms, in the amount of \$5,285,755.00, be reported in the Emergency Fund to close this event. This action would not have an effect on the General Fund Reserves, as it had been recognized in prior fiscal years. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Regarding the Emergency Fund for August 2012 unnamed storms, Councilwoman Vick inquired whether the City had been paying for the Emergency Funds all along, or whether this was the first time addressing the issue. City Manager Bourey responded that the money had been paid so this could be allocated officially to this line item. The City waited to see what would be reimbursed for the unnamed storms from FEMA. He advised that the City of Newport News would not receive funds for any of the storms. The cost had already been allocated.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Ms. Vanita Banks, 203 Old Bridge Court. Newport News, commented about mental health issues she experienced within her community and at work, based on voices she heard, alleged discriminatory practices, threats to harm her, etc. She expressed concerns and requested extra police patrols in her neighborhood.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Mayor Price instructed Mr. Alan Archer, Assistant City Manager, to meet with Ms. Banks, get her information and determine whether there was anything the City could do to assist her.

Councilwoman Vick inquired whether the voices Ms. Banks heard were clear. Mr. Banks responded yes, she could hear some of what was being said, and advised that she was able to record some of the voices.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the voices Ms. Banks heard were inside of her home. Ms. Banks replied that the voices were on the property. She was denied service at grocery stores in her neighborhood.

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 indicated that 2017 would be a prosperous year in recycling. He encouraged everyone to get involved in the Green Revolution of Recycling.

Mr. Thompson warned of more massacres, similar to the terror in Orlando, Florida. He quoted a scripture from the Bible (Leviticus 20:13).

Minister Curtis Harris, Founder/Executive Director, Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S., 1904 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, representing the youth and the advisory board and staff of Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S., announced that the organization would have a Grant Writer in November 2016. On June 2, 2016, the organization had served the City of Newport News for more than nine years, standing against illiteracy, gang violence, and bullying in the schools, homes, and the streets. He shared that the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. began in his house on Orcutt Avenue, moved to Beulah Tabernacle (5862 Orcutt Avenue), then to their first facility on Wickham Avenue, on to Chestnut Avenue, and finally to their on "the front line" at 1904-A Jefferson Avenue. They dealt with a great deal of violence and stress. He received encouragement from Sheriff Gabe Morgan and Mayor McKinley Price. Blood, sweat, tears, time, sacrifice and love had been put into the community. The Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. was dedicated and passionate, and had earned the right to be called "beacons of the community." They requested financial support from the City Council in the amount of \$6,000.00 to cover expenses and supplies; as well as to help start their summer program on Monday, June 20, 2016, and the streets awaited. Mr. Harris shared the words of his son, Mr. Andre Ford, President and Co-Founder, of the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S, "We are here to stay, and we are not going anywhere." Minister Harris stated, "This is not what we do, this is who we are." He expressed appreciation to Mayor Price and members of City Council for their continued support.

Ms. Keuneshia Bacon, 1904 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, spoke on behalf of the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. mentoring and youth outreach program, and the parents that had children in the program. She shared the purpose of the program and how it reached at-risk

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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children to keep them off of the street, and to keep them occupied and more productive. The program offered many opportunities to the children, taught them life skills, accountability and responsibility. They also received a sense of security. It was her prayer that the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. would continue in the community – reaching children in many different ways.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Bourey personally thanked Colonel William S. Galbraith for his tremendous work during the three years he served as the Commander of the 733rd Mission Support Group Army Element – Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) since June 15, 2013.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she and Councilman-Elect Marcellus Harris III attended Books on Bikes on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., at Grissom Library (366 Deshazor Drive). She applauded Epes Elementary School for the initiative, which would go through the summer months. Book donations were welcomed and always needed.

Councilwoman Scott congratulated all of the graduates from Newport News Public Schools. She attended two of the commencement ceremonies. The youth were excited and the ceremonies were beautiful.

Councilwoman Scott met with members of the Newport News School Board between graduation ceremonies. The topic of discussion was the S.C.O.T. Center. Councilwoman Scott asked the City Manager to consider a Joint Meeting between the members of the Newport News City Council and the Newport News School Board regarding the S.C.O.T. Center. She felt it was important that the exchange occur. Councilwoman Scott felt a mutual resolution could be reached sooner together, rather than numerous individual meetings with the City Manager and City staff.

Councilwoman Scott questioned the reasoning behind the Newport News Fire Department wearing the same color as the Newport News Police Department. Their dress shirts were identical to those worn by the Police Department. She indicated, at a glance, one could not tell which was which. City Manager Bourey replied that was an issue which he never had a conversation about. Councilwoman Scott indicated that she had discussed the matter with the Chief of the Newport News Fire Department, and suggested their shirts be red, or any other color other than the color identical to what was worn by the Police Department.

Councilwoman Scott announced that the North District Town Hall Meeting would resume on Monday, June 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). There would be no guest speaker. The agenda would include Open Discussion and Citywide Updates from the City's Department of Planning. All citizens were encouraged to attend and share their concerns.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Vick thanked all of the citizens for their attendance and participation at the meeting to express their points of view.

Councilwoman Vick congratulated all of the graduates from Newport News Public Schools. She attended the graduation ceremony of Heritage High School, on Saturday, June 11, 2016. She further congratulated the students that graduated from 8th grade in Middle School, moving up to high School; as well as the students that graduated from 5th grade and would move up to Middle School.

Councilwoman Vick extended special thanks to Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, and all City staff that were involved in the games and activities during King-Lincoln Park Day, on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at King Lincoln Park (600 Jefferson Avenue). She indicated it was a wonderful event with a great turnout, to include well over 500 participants. She also enjoyed the collaboration with the numerous non-profit agencies throughout the Cities of Newport News and Hampton. They disseminated a great deal of information to the citizens throughout Hampton Roads. The entertainment was great with tremendous bands participating.

Councilwoman Vick extended thanks to all of the citizens that exercised their right to vote during the Primary election earlier on June 14, 2016. She reminded that voting is a privilege that should not be taken lightly.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she missed the May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council while leading a Delegation of 11 people to Newport News' Sister City in Greifswald, Germany, from May 18 -26, 2016. It was a great delegation. She hoped to be able to have the members of the delegation share some of the trip's highlights with the City Council. She advised that the delegation was treated royally.

Councilwoman Woodbury commented about the Books on Bikes Initiative, which began in 2015. It was a tremendous program and she was delighted to see the program being continued.

Councilwoman Woodbury commented on the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. mentoring and youth outreach program. She had visited with Minister Harris and the individuals participating in the program. She stated it was a marvelous program and commended Minister Harris and the board of the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. for everything they do for the students. She was in support of providing the needed funds to continue the program. Councilwoman Woodbury understood some of the challenges faced and the problems the program helped solve.

Councilwoman Woodbury agreed with comments made by her colleague, Councilwoman Scott, regarding the uniforms for the Newport News Fire Department. She had several citizens express the same. Both were wonderful organizations and served the City well, but it was a little confusing to distinguish between the two.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Woodbury attended the graduation ceremony for Menchville High School, on Saturday, June 11, 2016. She was very impressed with the Valedictorian's speech, who spoke about integrity and its importance going through life.

Councilwoman Woodbury congratulated all of the graduates from Newport News Public Schools. She was impressed by the amount of wisdom shown by all of the young people.

Councilman Bateman spoke about the City Council's investment in the Newport News School Division as numerous editorials and articles had been written on the topic. He expressed appreciation regarding the editorial in the Sunday, June 12, 2016 issue of the Daily Press (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). He felt the Newport News City Council had shown a great deal of sensitivity and cooperation in working with the School Division. He reminded when the City moved forward to build Woodside High School and Heritage High School, as well as remodel Deer Park Elementary School, and made investments in the Achievable Dream Academy, and the Aviation Academy. He stated the members of the Newport News City Council and the Newport News School Board had worked together. It was difficult to serve on the School Board and look at the aging investments and the assets in some of the buildings (he, Mayor Price, and Councilwoman Woodbury had each previously served on the Newport News School Board). There was no doubt that there were investments that needed to be made. Councilman Bateman reminded, while working through the Capital Improvement Plan earlier in 2016, that the Newport News City Council had expressed to the School Board that more meetings should be held to discuss these issues and items. He believed that the Newport News City Council could work together with the School Division to understand their priorities and to move the School Division forward in a manner to produce great products for the workforce of the future. Despite articles written to the contrary, Councilman Bateman stated the Newport News City Council and the Newport News School Board could and would work together. The City Manager and the current City Council were committed to doing so, which was the measure of their success. It was vitally important for the City to remain together.

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. She stated that City Council needed citizens to be involved, to be engaged, and to be informed.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for hosting the 28th Annual Clean the Bay Day on Saturday, June 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, on Chesapeake Avenue, and Petersen Yacht Basin.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Ms. Florence Kingston, Director, Department of Development, and staff for celebrating the businesses in Newport News during the 2016 Business Appreciation Barbeque, hosted by the Economic Development Authority, on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She thanked all of the organizations who provided tax dollars, as well as jobs, for doing business in the City of Newport News.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry and colleagues had a great time at “Coffee with a Cop,” at Jim’s Local Market, on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. She encouraged citizens to visit and shop at Jim’s Local Market and see the great things that were happening there. Councilwoman Cherry thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scanlon, who were contributing a great deal to the community.

Councilwoman Cherry and Councilwoman Vick attended the graduation ceremony for Heritage High School, on Saturday, June 11, 2016. The students were very excited. She thanked Dr. Ashby Kilgore, and all of the teachers, staff, and counselors in the Newport News Public Schools for doing such a great job and helping the students to be successful.

Councilwoman Cherry announced a pre-kickoff event for Juneteenth, on Friday, June 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). She thanked Ms. Druscilla Pair for heading this event. She announced that the Annual Juneteenth Freedom Festival would be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Farmer’s Market (28th Street and Jefferson Avenue). The event would be free and open to the public.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meetings would be held on Thursday, June 16, 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. There would be a panel made up of representatives from eight to ten of the City’s Operating Departments. The panelists would share their role and functions. 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.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to her niece, Ms. Shaylin Britt, who graduated from kindergarten at Aberdeen Elementary School (1424 Aberdeen Road, Hampton).

Councilwoman Cherry reminded all residents that we were “One City,” and asked each to be alert and remember their recycling and bulk waste pick-up days.

Vice Mayor Coleman congratulated all of the graduates from Newport News Public Schools. He wished them the best in their future endeavors and reminded, wherever they may go, that they return home to Newport News to start their careers, raise their children, and live out their lives. He congratulated the other students in the School Division, indicating Council looked forward to their progress. His son, Jacob, graduated from first grade at Yates Elementary School (73 Maxwell Lane).

Vice Mayor Coleman reminded that the City had a multitude of programs for youth through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. He reminded of the SPARK program and STEP, both were great successes in 2015. There was a 17% reduction in juvenile crime. It showed the power of engagement.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vice Mayor Coleman wished City Attorney Collie Owens, Happy Belated Birthday! He celebrated his 60th birthday on June 2, 2016.

Vice Mayor Coleman asked the City Attorney to explain the withdrawal of the application by the Developer of the Wegmans grocery store.

City Attorney Owens explained that the Developer filed a letter, more than three days prior to the June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council, addressed to Ms. Sheila McAllister, Director, Department of Planning, withdrawing the application. The application was no longer pending. If it were to be refiled, the developer would be required to go to the Planning Department to file a new application, pay the filing fee, and appear before the Planning Commission, before coming before City Council. The application was no longer pending.

Vice Mayor Coleman reminded residents about the City's curfew for children under 18 years of age.

Vice Mayor Coleman congratulated Delegate Monty Mason on his victory in the Primary Election on June 14, 2016.

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.



Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

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