

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
July 12, 2016
5:20 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: James M. Bourey; Collins L. Owens, Jr.; Mabel Washington Jenkins;
Cynthia Rohlf; Alan K. Archer; Florence Kingston; 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 purpose:

- (1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsection: (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 subjects of which are prospective new businesses in the central and southern sections of the City.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Bateman filed a declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code. He declared, pursuant to subdivision A.3 of §2.2-3112 of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, for the Closed Session Agenda of July 12, 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 is a group of three or more persons the members of which were indirectly affected by the transaction in question; (iv) that he was employed as 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 – July 12, 2016; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

(Closed Session 5:20 p.m. – 6:01 p.m.)

After reconvening in open session, Councilwoman Cherry 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 Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:01 P.M.


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: July 12, 2016
MOTION: Councilwoman Sandra N. Cherry, D. Min.
SECOND: Vice Mayor 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: Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury
NAYS: None
ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

ATTEST:



Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk