

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

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He extended a special welcome to Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, and advised that this was his first meeting of the Newport News City Council.

Mayor Price stated the City Code identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization. He pointed out copies of the ordinance highlighting citizen participation and encouraged citizens to review the document.

Mayor Price requested that cell phones and/or pagers be silenced or turned off.

B. Invocation

Mayor Price provided the invocation. He shared a writing by Mother Theresa, entitled "Life Is."

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilman Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.

D. Presentations

1. Sister Cities – Greifswald, Germany Trip Pictorial Presentation

Ms. Kate Helwig, Executive Director, Sister Cities Newport News, stated that Councilmember Dr. Patricia Woodbury led a delegation to Greifswald Germany during the Spring. She and members of the delegation shared highlights of the trip, along with a slide show presentation.

Members of the delegation that spoke highly of Sister Cities, and the trip, included Ms. Mary Lou Call; Mr. William Eric Eastburn; Ms. Phyllis Ann Kohlman; Mr. Alex

D. Presentations Continued

1. Sister Cities – Greifswald, Germany Trip Pictorial Presentation Continued

Ryan Piacenti; Mr. James E. Taylor; Ms. Virginia Ann Taylor; Mr. Friedgard VB Hodges; and Councilmember Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of Two (2) City-Owned Parcels Located at 606-41st Street and 626-40th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute any and all documents, including deeds, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of two (2) City-owned parcels located at 606-41st Street and 626-40th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA), in support of its continued revitalization efforts in the Southeast Community. NNRHA intended to assemble the properties with abutting NNRHA-owned parcels for the development of single-family homes in the near future. A review by all appropriate City departments indicated there were no objections to the City conveying the requested surplus parcels. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Cherry.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 15, Elections; Article I., Voting Precincts; Section 15-47, Voting Places in Respective Voting Precincts; thereby Authorizing the Relocation of the Jefferson Precinct from Marshall Courts Recreation Center to Huntington Middle School

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 15, ELECTIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., VOTING PRECINCTS, SECTION 15-47, VOTING PLACES IN RESPECTIVE VOTING PRECINCTS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 15, Elections; Article I., Voting Precincts; Section 15-47, Voting Places in respective voting precincts; thereby authorizing the relocation of the Jefferson Precinct from Marshall Courts Recreation Center to Huntington Middle School. The Newport News Electoral Board recommended the temporary relocation of the Jefferson Precinct from the Marshall Courts Recreation Center because the facility was closing for renovations. The Board's proposal was to relocate the precinct to Huntington Middle School. The voters would be notified of the temporary relocation. Proper signage would be placed at the old polling location. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease, By and Between the City of Newport News and the Newport News Police Foundation

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN LEASE DATED THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2016, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE NEWPORT NEWS POLICE FOUNDATION. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute a lease, by and between the City of Newport News and the Newport News Police Foundation (NNPF), to lease land to construct a canine facility. The NNPF was a nonprofit

E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease, By and Between the City of Newport News and the Newport News Police Foundation Continued

organization that provided support for efforts to enhance police and community relations. One of the projects the Foundation initiated was building a facility for the Police Department's canines. Through donations of work and material, the goal of the NNPF was to have the facility completed within a 12-month period. The facility would be located at 561 McLawhorne Drive. The NNPF requested a one-year lease, commencing on August 1, 2016, with the option for two one-year renewals. Upon completion of constructing the canine training facility, the facility and land would become the property of the City. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Joe S. Frank, 2 Madison Circle, Newport News, was present in the audience to answer any questions.

Councilwoman Bateman moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Cherry.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Harris (Had not been sworn in as a member of City Council at the Special Meeting of June 28, 2016)

F. Consent Agenda Continued

2. Minutes of the Work Session of June 28, 2016

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Harris (Had not been sworn in as a member of City Council at the Work Session of June 28, 2016)

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Harris (Had not been sworn in as a member of City Council at the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2016)

4. Resolution of Appreciation: The Honorable Robert S. Coleman

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. COLEMAN FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL. This resolution honored the Honorable Robert S. Coleman. Since 2012, Robert S. Coleman served the citizens of the City of Newport News as a representative of the North District. On July 8, 2014, he was selected to serve as Vice Mayor by his peers on City Council. Mr. Coleman was a passionate, vocal leader, and an advocate for the citizens of his district, in addition to the citizens of the City as a whole. Mr. Coleman rose through the ranks of the Sheriff's Office, working from Corrections Deputy to his current rank of Major. He was active in several civic organizations, and was a founding member of the Denbigh Youth Alliance. This Resolution of Appreciation was to express heartfelt appreciation to the Honorable Robert S. Coleman for his many contributions to the City, the Virginia Peninsula, the Hampton Roads region, and as a token of respect from the Newport News City Council. The City Manager recommended approval

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 40, Taxation; Article II., Real Estate Taxes, Division 3., Deferral for Elderly and Disabled Persons, Sections 40-46, 40-47, 40-48, 40-49, 40-50; and Adding New Sections 40-51, 40-51.1, 40-51.2, 40-51.3, 40-51.4, 40-51.5; and Deleting Section 40-53, Nullification Upon Change in Status

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 40, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY RECODIFYING ARTICLE 11., REAL ESTATE TAXES, DIVISION 3., DEFERRAL FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 40, Taxation, Article II., Real Estate Taxes, Division 3., Deferral for Elderly and Disabled Persons to allow for, and define a limited Elderly Tax Exemption Program for qualified individuals. On May 12, 2011, City Council adopted Resolution #6786-11, altering the tax exemption program to a tax deferral program. A limited tax exemption program was required to be re-instated for property owners that met program qualifications. The tax exemption qualifications were the applicant must be 65 years or older; own a residence on a one acre parcel or less, have an annual income of \$25,000 or less, and have qualified assets of \$10,000 or less. All other conditions and qualifications for tax deferral remained unchanged. This change would be effective with the adoption of this ordinance. The minimum permanent estimated loss of Real Estate Tax revenue base on this limited tax exemption change was \$255,000.00 to \$500,000.00 annually. The estimate was based on the FY 2016 Real Estate Tax Rate assessment. Annual revenue foregone was subject to the number of qualified participants, the real estate tax rate, and the property assessment. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance as amended; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 and 2, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Department of Engineering – New Townhomes Development and 7-Eleven Developer: Traffic Signal and Pedestrian Improvements

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL REVENUE (\$70,000.00) TO WARWICK BOULEVARD AND INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Department of Engineering – New Townhomes Development and 7-Eleven Developer: Traffic Signal and Pedestrian Improvements Continued

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (\$35,000.00) AND WARWICK BOULEVARD AND CENTER AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (\$35,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$70,000.00 in funds from the developer of the new townhomes development and the developer of the 7-Eleven at 9512 Warwick Boulevard, for the traffic signal and pedestrian improvement projects at the intersections of Warwick Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive, and Warwick Boulevard and Center Avenue respectively. The developer of the new townhomes development and the developer of the 7-Eleven at Warwick Boulevard and Center Avenue were both contributing \$35,000.00 each for the construction of these two projects at their respective intersections. To date, City Council appropriated \$300,000.00 of State Revenue Sharing Program funds, and City matching funds, on a 50/50 cost sharing basis, for each project. The funds being contributed would fully fund the construction phase of both projects, which were estimated at \$335,000.00 each. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Department of Engineering – Federal and State Grant Funding: Newport News Transportation Center (NNTC) Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE – CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ), REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) (\$10,748,986.00), STATE REVENUE – CMAQ/RSTP (\$2,687,246.00), STATE REVENUE – INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL OPERATING COSTS (\$6,000,000.00) TO NEWPORT NEWS TRANSPORTATION CENTER PROJECT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (\$19,436,232.00). This resolution appropriated \$19,436,232.00 of Federal and State Grant funds for the Newport News Transportation Center (NNTC) Project. The City had secured funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), and Intercity Passenger Rail Operating Costs (IPROC) Program for the final design and initial construction phase of this project. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. David Niesel, 178 Normandy Lane, Newport News, commented on the proposed traffic calming initiatives on Maxwell Lane. He reminded members of Council that he addressed them on the same matter in January 2016, when he shared percentages about people violating the speed limit on Maxwell Lane, which is a 25 mph zone. Mr. Niesel advised, based on the 2012 traffic study, 300 people per day travel in the 35-40 mph range; 600 people per day travel in excess of 40 mph between Normandy Lane and Warwick Boulevard. The proposal for speed bumps was discussed, but speed bumps would not be an option, with the Police Department and the Fire Department voting against it. Citizens were misled thinking that speed bumps would be in a one block stretch, because speed humps not bumps, were to be all the way down Maxwell Lane. The Yacht Club, which had speed bumps on its property, also spoke against speed bumps on Maxwell Lane. Mr. Niesel advised that the latest round of testings from the City's Department of Engineering had been successful, and included medians and islands in the middle of the street and bump-outs at the curbs, forcing people to stop at stop signs, and reduced the speed overall. The residents were told that their voices and concerns would be heard and given equal value, which did not appear to have occurred.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about Mr. Niesel's source for his statistics. Mr. Niesel responded that his statistics were from a 2012 Traffic Study conducted by the City's Department of Engineering. The amount of traffic and the number of people violating the speed limit, qualified the Maxwell Lane area for the traffic calming initiative. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the school zone. Mr. Niesel replied that the effected school zone was from Lolos to the corner of Maxwell and Normandy, and the school zone fell out of the affected area.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that most travelers were respectful of a school zone. Mr. Niesel advised that was not true. He had seen otherwise firsthand.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the final verdict. Mr. Niesel advised that it was determined that something needed to be done, but the residents on Maxwell Lane were voted down. The second round of testing ended early due to the receipt of too many complaints by the City Manager. Councilwoman Scott expressed concern and hope to reach resolution to the matter. She asked City Manager Bourey to get involved in the process and find out what traffic calming measures would be taken.

Councilman Bateman understood that sandbags had been used to outline other additional traffic calming measures; but did not work, and rubber was then poured in molds. He inquired where the Engineers were in the process regarding the traffic calming measures on Maxwell Lane, and questioned whether there was some hope that something would be done and be something to which everyone could agree.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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City Manager Bourey responded that he was hopeful that something would be done. He stated that staff was in the process of obtaining recommendations from the Department of Engineering, and he would share the information with City Council during a Work Session. This was an issue about which the public was very concerned, and should receive Council input. He explained that the Department of Engineering would make some proactive recommendations to address the traffic issue. City Manager Bourey indicated that no measure would please 100% of the residents. He stated staff would find something that satisfied the need to address speeding and the concern of some citizens.

Councilwoman Scott indicated that this matter was similar to the issue in Colony Pines years prior, at Red Oak Circle, and went on for years before anything was resolved. She hoped this matter would not take years before a resolution was reached. She invited the residents on Maxwell Lane to the Work Session to sit in and hear the discussion to receive firsthand information from the Engineers.

Mr. Lee Peddicord, 411 Bryan Court, Newport News, petitioned City Council to assist with the proposed alteration to the soundwall on City Center Boulevard. He lived on Bryan Court, in the neighborhood behind the soundwall. He advised that the neighbors were concerned about the potential for increased traffic, crime outlets, trash, and a number of other things that could potentially occur. He advised there was no need or desire, on behalf of the residents, to have the soundwall altered to justify the expense.

Ms. Katie Peddicord, 411 Bryan Court, Newport News, advised that she had lived on Bryan Court for 16 years, through the fruition of City Center Boulevard. She referenced the proposal to open a pedestrian access directly behind her house. She understood that there were plans to construct a parallel soundwall, with a door in the paralleled area. The residents were worried that the space would be unmonitored. Police would not be able to see what went on, and this was scary as the mother of two young girls. She stated it would cost \$100,000 to open the proposed pedestrian access, and felt it was unnecessary. There were not enough people to warrant the expense required to open the pedestrian access. Ms. Peddicord stated that it would be easier to monitor the main roads, rather than having to worry about the empty space created by the parallel wall. Residents were worried about an abundance of litter and trash, with a 7-Eleven being constructed at the corner of Nettles Drive and City Center Boulevard. She advised that the property values had already taken a hit with the construction of City Center Boulevard. Residents once had a view of trees, but that had changed into a view of a soundwall. There was a proposal to construct a parallel wall with access and a sidewalk. Ms. Peddicord advised that the plans sent to the residents did not make sense until the Public Hearing to receive public input, at Yates Elementary School (73 Maxwell Lane), on Thursday, June 30, 2016. She further advised that the letter was sent to only eight residents, which was not fair to the taxpayers, knowing that the project would cost \$100,000 to construct.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Councilwoman Scott inquired about the number of affected citizens. Ms. Peddicord replied that there were 10 duplexes in her Circle, but many others beyond. This would affect all residents at the front of the Glendale neighborhood.

City Manager Bourey responded that he requested the Public Hearing to obtain citizen input. The Public Information Session was held on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at Yates Elementary School. He advised that there was more opposition than not. It was clear that there was overwhelming opposition, i.e. 37 home owners were represented at the Public Hearing, and 34 expressed opposition. He advised that he had no intention of proceeding with making changes to the soundwall along City Center Boulevard. The public comment period was extended until July 18, 2016, and he did not want to preclude that; however, he stated the alteration of the soundwall was not a good idea, nor was the solution a good idea. There had been some interest by a few parties in the neighborhood to have a cut through. He reiterated that it was clear that an overwhelming number of citizens expressed opposition and he did not intend to proceed with a cut through unless a member of Council had a difference of opinion.

Councilwoman Woodbury stated that she did not. She had attended the Public Hearing on June 30, 2016, at Yates Elementary School (73 Maxwell Lane) and saw the number of citizens and families that expressed concern and would be affected. She advised that only three people at the Public Hearing thought the cut through was a good idea. Councilwoman Woodbury stated it would not be a good use of taxpayer funds to construct a cut through in the soundwall. She was appreciative of the City Manager's decision not to proceed with the cut through in the soundwall.

Councilman Bateman explained why he was unable to attend the Public Hearing on June 30, 2016, as he was on vacation. He advised that he and Dr. Woodbury were in agreement with regard to the opening in the soundwall.

City Manager Bourey stated that it was clear that no member of Council objected to his decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall. He advised citizens that they could go home with assurance and comfort that nothing would be done to the soundwall.

Ms. Brooke Barbir, 412 Bryan Court, Newport News, chose not to speak on the topic expressing her opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall.

Ms. Suzanne Epperley, 413 Bryan Court, Newport News, chose not to speak on the topic expressing her opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Mr. Chris Epperley, 413 Bryan Court, Newport News, chose not to speak on the topic expressing her opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall.

Mr. Orlando Alvarez, 2629 Spring Road, Newport News, chose not to speak on the topic expressing her opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall.

Ms. Barbara Alvarez, 2629 Spring Road, Newport News, chose not to speak on the topic expressing her opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, presented petitions signed by citizens in opposing the construction of an opening in the soundwall and chose not to speak on the topic expressing his opposition to construction of an opening in the soundwall along City Center Boulevard after hearing City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall (a copy of the petitions are attached and made a part of these minutes).

Ms. Christine Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, advised that she and her husband had resided on Winterhaven Drive for approximately 40 years and in the neighborhood since 1968. She shared that the Glendale and Winterhaven neighborhoods were terrorized in 1991 by a string of burglaries, whose origin began at the apartments at 400 Turlington. As a result, fear overcame the neighborhood, and families moved out of the area. Her home was burglarized in broad daylight, and they waited for three hours for the police to arrive. Ms. Gergely stated that this was the beginning. She did not want anyone to experience the horror she felt. Crime statistics in the area was approximately 26 pages, which came mostly from the apartments at 400 Turlington. Neighbors feared that this would access the opening in the soundwall. The soundwall protected them from some of the crime, but could not be monitored or protected if a pedestrian access was constructed in the soundwall. She was appreciative of the City Manager Bourey's decision not to proceed with alteration of the soundwall because they were trying to make their neighborhood safe for their young children.

Mr. Antonio Thompson, 1211-25th Street, Newport News, asked for a moment of silence in honor of the slain police officers of Dallas, Texas (a heavily armed sniper turned a demonstration against fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana from a peaceful march into a scene of chaos and bloodshed. The sniper gunned down police officers in downtown Dallas, killing five.)

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Mr. Thompson addressed City Council on the topic of the City's treasury enrichment, public safety and security, as well as the importance of recycling and the legalization and cultivation of marijuana. He encouraged citizens to support the Newport News Police Foundation – www.newportnewspolicefoundation.com, or P.O. Box 11012, Newport News, Virginia 23601.

Mr. Thompson asked the City Council to authorize him to have a gun since his rights were restored by Governor Terry McAuliffe. He could vote, run for office, serve on jury duty, or other Council appointed boards.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Bourey congratulated Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury on her re-election to the Newport News City Council and stated that he looked forward to working with her over the next four years.

City Manager Bourey welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. City Manager Bourey commended Councilman Harris who had worked very hard to meet with all of the departments and spend a tremendous amount of time learning about the City of Newport News.

City Manager Bourey congratulated Councilwoman Tina Vick on her re-election to the Newport News City Council and on being elected as Vice Mayor. He stated that he looked forward to working with her over the next four years.

City Manager Bourey announced the rescheduled World Arts Celebration, on Saturday, July 16, 2016, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., at City Center at Oyster Point (735 Town Center Drive). He advised that many diverse cultures would be represented. He encouraged all citizens to attend this spectacular event. International food vendors, free children's activities, cultural exhibits, and three stages full of non-stop entertainment would make the event fun for all. The event was presented by the City of Newport News, Newport News Sister Cities, and the Virginia Arts Festival.

City Clerk Mabel Washington Jenkins, congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. She also congratulated Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury and Councilwoman Tina Vick on their re-election to the Newport News City Council, and Councilwoman Vick on being elected as Vice Mayor. She looked forward to working with each of them again.

Councilman Bateman congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. He also congratulated Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury and Councilwoman Tina Vick on their re-election to the Newport News City Council.

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J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Council, and Councilwoman Vick on being elected as Vice Mayor. He looked forward to working with each of them again. He promised to live up to his commitment to his constituents to not filibuster and embellish longer than three minutes under Councilmember Comments.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation at the meeting to share their views. She reminded them that their voice did matter to City Council. She thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gergely and neighbors for sharing their concerns regarding the soundwall along City Center Boulevard. It was very important for all citizens to know the importance of attending City Council meetings and sharing their concerns.

Councilwoman Cherry congratulated Councilwoman Dr. Patricia Woodbury and Councilwoman Tina Vick on their re-election to the Newport News City Council, and Councilwoman Vick on being elected as Vice Mayor. Councilwoman Cherry congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. She looked forward to working with each of them again.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to Mr. Everette “Teddy” Hicks on his retirement from the Newport News Public School Board. She had the pleasure of attending a retirement reception in his honor on Monday, July 11, 2016, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center, Ivy Baptist Church (50 Maple Avenue).

Councilwoman Cherry thanked City Manager Bourey and the staff of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism for the great 4th of July Stars in the Sky celebration and fireworks on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Councilwoman Cherry and colleagues participated in the Historic Hilton Village 4th of July Parade on Monday, July 4, 2016. This annual Hilton community event was sponsored by Historic Hilton Village, Inc. and focused on youth and families.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meetings would be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham Midtown Community Center (570 MacLawhorne) for residents from Mercury Boulevard South to the waterfront; and on Thursday, July 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. A presentation would be provided by School Board member, Mr. Carlton Ashby. His presentation would be on the new Discovery STEM Academy, formerly the Magruder Elementary School.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she was preparing for the 2016 Back to School Community Festival, on Saturday, August 20, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., 617-27th Street. The event was for Newport News students only, grades K – 12. All children under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult in order to receive school supplies. Approximately 500 backpacks were distributed in 2015. She hoped to distribute at least 500 during the 2016 Community Fest. Donations for school supplies were encouraged. The event was in partnership

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

with the Downtown Newport News Merchants and Neighbors Association, Inc. and the James A. Fields House, Inc.

Councilman Harris thanked his colleagues for their support. He stated that he was eager to learn more about the City of Newport News and looked forward to working with each of them.

Councilman Harris thanked City Manager Bourey for scheduling meetings on his behalf with all of the City's Department Heads.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to Mr. Everette "Teddy" Hicks on his retirement from the Newport News Public School Board. He was unable to attend the retirement reception in his honor on Monday, July 11, 2016, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center, Ivy Baptist Church (50 Maple Avenue). Councilman Harris shared that he respected and looked up to Mr. Hicks for many years as he had served his community greatly.

Councilman Harris acknowledged Mr. Carl Francis, and Mr. Vernon E. Lee, Sr., from the Hampton Roads Youth Foundation, who sponsored the Hampton Roads All-Star Football Camp, Saturday, July 8-9, 2016, at Christopher Newport University. The camp was very well attended, with over 200 children in attendance on both days. The event was free of charge.

Councilman Harris shared that he and his family had the pleasure of attending the 4th of July Stars in the Sky celebration and fireworks on Monday, July 4, 2016. He commended the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) for their hard work and attention to the crowds. He shared that a young lady was in distress, but officers were on the scene to help alleviate the situation.

Councilman Harris commended Mr. Alan Archer, Assistant City Manager, and Ms. MaRhonda Echols, Youth Gang and Violence Prevention Coordinator, for their outstanding work on the Summer Training and Enrichment Program (STEP). He had spoken to and interacted with a number of youth, who were very excited about the program.

Councilman Harris encouraged the citizens to read Newport News Police Chief Myers' article, published in the July 11, 2016 edition of Newport News NOW. His thoughts and perspective on the NNPD in relation to what had occurred in Louisiana and Minnesota were well articulated.

Councilman Harris acknowledged the presence of Ms. LaTonya "Abys" Wallace, a community organizer who put together a "peaceful protest" on Sunday, July 10, 2016, at 7:57 p.m. He commended her for putting the event together in less than one day. He also thanked Chief Myers, and the NNPD for their help with this protest.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris announced that Pastor Willard Maxwell, New Beech Grove Baptist Church (326 Tabbs Lane), would host an “In Touch Community” Basketball Tournament, on Friday, August 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). Admission was free. The Tournament, “Bringing Us Together” in an effort to promote love and unity, was open to all, ages 12 – adult. The Newport News Police Foundation, NNPD, NNFD, Sheriff Department, and other organizations would be present to discuss opportunities for employment and educational scholarships. There would be demonstrations by the fire and police departments, performances by local groups and organizations, music, food and fun. He encouraged the citizens to participate and get involved in this event.

Councilman Harris stated that he was honored and humbled to be on the Newport News City Council and looked forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Price congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. He also congratulated Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury and Councilwoman Tina Vick on their re-election to the Newport News City Council, and Councilwoman Vick on being elected as Vice Mayor. He looked forward to working with each of them.

Mayor Price extended congratulations to Mr. Everette “Teddy” Hicks on his retirement from the Newport News School Board. He attended the retirement reception in his honor on Monday, July 11, 2016, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center, Ivy Baptist Church (50 Maple Avenue). Mayor Price advised that Mr. Hicks had been a strong role model for the Southeast Community and the City of Newport News as a whole, serving many dedicated years on the School Board.

Mayor Price reiterated comments about the World Arts Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2016, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., at City Center at Oyster Point (735 Town Center Drive). He advised that many diverse cultures would be represented. He encouraged all citizens to attend this spectacular event.

Mayor Price encouraged citizens to join him on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the War Memorial Stadium (1889 West Pembroke Avenue, Hampton), when the Peninsula Pilots would host an Alzheimer’s Awareness Night Game. Attendees were asked to wear purple in support of Alzheimer’s awareness.

Mayor Price announced that there would be a Peninsula Walk to End Alzheimer’s, on Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m., in Port Warwick. He encouraged all to join in taking the first step to a world without Alzheimer’s.

Mayor Price reminded there would be no meeting on July 26, 2016. The next Regular Meeting of City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. She looked forward to working with him in the North District in an effort to make Newport News “One City.”

Councilwoman Scott extended congratulations to Mr. Everette “Teddy” Hicks on his retirement from the Newport News School Board. She commended him for his many years of service. She also congratulated her son, Mr. Darian Scott, and commended him for his four years of service to the community. She was fondly reminded and encouraged citizens to serve in public office at least once. Serving was rewarding and provided the opportunity to do something that was impactful, not only to the City, but would affect the lives of others. She advised that Darian enjoyed his service on the School Board so much, that he would be back to serve the community in some capacity.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she was also collecting school supplies at the Denbigh Community Center. She stated the 3rd Annual Community Fest Back to School celebration, held in partnership with Restoration Christian Church, Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, the Denbigh Deltas, and the Newport News-Hampton Continentals was scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016, and had drawn over 1,000 each year. School supplies and donations of any size were welcome. She welcomed citizens to contact the City Clerk’s Office for additional information at (757) 926-8634. Former Vice Mayor Robert Coleman was in the dunking tank in 2015. She challenged Reverend Marcellus Harris III to volunteer for the Dunking Tank at the 2016 Back to School Community event.

Councilwoman Scott extended special thanks to Ms. Kate Helwig, Executive Director, Sister Cities of Newport News, Inc., for her leadership with Sister Cities. She advised that the Sister Cities program had turned out to be more than she ever imagined. She encouraged citizens to apply for the slots to travel as a part of a delegation. The trips would prove very rewarding to experience the cultures of other countries. The red carpet was rolled out for each delegation travelling abroad to Neyagawa, Taizhou, or Greifswald, and hopefully, St. Nazaire in France.

Councilwoman Scott announced that the 8th Annual Sister Cities International Breakfast would be held on Friday, July 22, 2016, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., in the David Student Union Ballroom on the campus of Christopher Newport University (CNU) - 1 University Place. Citizens were welcome to attend, and invited to contact Ms. Kate Helwig at (757) 926-1348 for additional details. She advised that the Annual International Breakfast was the Sister Cities largest fundraiser, and encouraged citizens’ support.

Councilwoman Scott advised that there was no North District Town Hall Meeting during the month of July.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked her colleagues on City Council for their vote of confidence in her leadership by electing her as Vice Mayor.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vice Mayor Vick congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III to the Newport News City Council. She stated that she looked forward to working with him.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked the citizens of Newport News that attended the Organizational Meeting as members of the Newport News City Council were sworn in to serve in their new roles for a four-year term. She commended and thanked members of the City staff that helped plan the Organizational Meeting.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked her Pastor, Reverend Rashad Cartwright, Experience Life Church, Hampton, for administering her oath of office.

Vice Mayor Vick suggested that all citizens say special prayers for the City of Newport News, for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America, as we experience so much racial unrest. She reminded that the violence was not helping. Individuals must love, rather than shoot and kill one another. She asked that citizens be in prayer for a cease fire so that the violence would cease across the nation.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens and her colleagues for their support and well wishes. She stated that she looked forward to continuing to work with the newly elected Councilmember, Reverend Marcellus L. Harris III.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that great things had happened during the past week, advising that she began with the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Knight of Columbus; on to participate in two parades – the Historic Hilton Village 4th of July Parade on Monday, July 4, 2016, followed by the 50th Annual Brandon Heights Parade. She loved all of the events.

Councilwoman Woodbury felt assured that Newport News, with prayer, would be able to come together to understand and see one another's view, and see it through another's eyes. She stated a lot could happen by stepping into another's place.

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 8:18 P.M.

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