

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Marcellus L. Harris III; McKinley L. Price, DDS; Sharon P. Scott; Tina L. Vick;
Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; and Sandra N. Cherry, D.
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ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

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

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

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Rabbi Gershon Litt, United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula.

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 Harris.

D. Presentations

1. Proclamation: Honoring Carmine McDaniel

Mr. Carmine McDaniel, accompanied by his mother, Ms. Terra McDaniel, and grandmother, Ms. Anna McDaniel, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Price shared that Carmine McDaniel, an 8-year old, 3rd grade student at Richneck Elementary School, made national news for a kind and huge humanitarian gesture. Carmine wanted to help his mailman, Mr. Henry Bailey, on one of the hottest days of the year, and left a note directing him to a cooler filled with water and Gatorade. On Thursday, July 14, 2016, the security camera at his mother's home captured the mailman's reaction to the thoughtfulness exhibited by Carmine. Mr. Bailey could be heard saying, "Oh man, water and Gatorade, thank God! Thank you."

D. Presentations Continued

1. Proclamation: Honoring Carmine McDaniel Continued

President Barack Obama took to Facebook to recognize Carmine, and noted in a post that Carmine's gesture was "not just a nice thing to do – it was more important than a lot of people probably realize." Mayor Price stated that it was truly worthy of recognition when an 8-year old child displayed such genuine and heartfelt compassion for another human-being. He continued, stating that Carmine's actions demonstrated his deep empathy, love, and concern for his fellowman. His willingness to care about the personal health and safety of his mailman, Mr. Bailey, was commendable. Mayor Price advised that it was fitting to publicly recognize and show appreciation to Mr. Carmine McDaniel for his goodwill and outstanding citizenship.

2. Resolution of Recognition: Honoring Mr. Julius Green

Mr. Julius Green, accompanied by his wife Rosalyn Green, accepted the resolution.

Mayor Price shared that Mr. Green, having only completed a 10th grade education, went on to have a successful military and civilian career, earn two college degrees, and made history as the U.S. Army's first African-American Master Diver. He joined the U. S. Army in 1951, and was stationed in Germany for three years after basic training. Following his time in Germany, he was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he applied, and was accepted, to train to become a U. S. Army Diver even though, at the time, he did not know how to swim. Upon completing his training at the U. S. Army Diving School at Fort Eustis, Virginia, Mr. Julius Green became only the second African-American Diver in the U. S. military, and the first in the U. S. Army.

Mayor Price stated, after 12 years as a Sergeant First Class (E-7), Mr. Julius Green applied, and was accepted, to the U. S. Army Marine Engineering Warrant Officer Basic Course. Following graduation, he became the Army's first African-American diving officer. Mr. Green served as an instructor in the Army Diving Training Program at Fort Eustis until his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 in 1973. His army service included two tours in Vietnam, and following his retirement after 22 years of service in the U. S. Army, Mr. Green was employed by the College of William and Mary for 23 years, retiring as the Director of Operations for the College. During that time, Mr. Green went on to earn an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree from Saint Leo University.

Mayor Price advised, in addition to his military service and civilian employment, Mr. Julius Green became active in his community. He was Chairman of the Deacon Board at Wesley Grove United Church of Christ. He was a life member of the Sigma Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, was a Freemason since 1956, and was a Past Master of Pioneer Lodge No. 315, and held other local, state, and national offices. Mr. Green also served as President of the U.S. Army Divers Association.

D. Presentations Continued

2. Resolution of Recognition: Honoring Mr. Julius Green Continued

Mayor Price, on behalf of the members of the Newport News City Council, recognized the history making-service of Mr. Julius Green, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Green for his dedicated service to the City of Newport News and the United States of America.

Mayor Price modified the agenda to entertain a matter of New Business – Ivy Tower Apartments, formerly known as the Towers.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Bourey indicated that many citizens in attendance were interested in the Ivy Tower Apartments issue. He reminded, at the August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council, an item appeared on the agenda related to a request by a potential purchaser of the Ivy Tower Apartments to have a tax exempt bond. That bond was approved by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA), but also needed to be approved by the Newport News City Council. Prior to the August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council, the applicant withdrew the request, and asked that he have the opportunity to bring the matter back before City Council. City Manager Bourey stated, over the past two weeks, that that he had numerous conversations with the potential purchaser, who made many representations about his company, and about what would be done to renovate the building. City Manager Bourey advised that he believed the company would provide an outstanding renovation to the apartment building, and would provide great management for the apartment building. The potential purchasers had agreed to invest a minimum of \$10 million for the renovation of the apartment building, to include replacement of the elevator system, and the HVAC system, the flooring, appliances, provide a total renovation to the outside of the building, and the entire first floor making it ADA accessible, as well as the addition of a community room. City Manager Bourey advised that the potential purchasers had committed to an upgraded level of the management of the building. Mr. Michael Packard, a representative of Weston Associates, Inc., made a presentation earlier at the City Council Work Session (September 13, 2016), allowing members of City Council the opportunity to ask questions. There was such a level of comfort that City Manager Bourey recommended approval of a resolution, which had stipulations of what would be done to the building. He felt it would be a first-class renovation and good for the residents.

Vice Mayor Vick stated that City Council wanted to ensure that the renovations made to the Ivy Tower Apartments would be of top quality. She advised that she was pleased with the presentation made by Mr. Packard at the City Council Work Session presented earlier. She shared that Mr. Packard had met previously with several members of City Council to clarify what would be done.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vice Mayor Vick presented A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA FOR JURISDICTIONAL APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ITS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF IVY TOWER APARTMENTS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TOWERS) LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This resolution approved the jurisdictional issuance of Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16 million for Ivy Tower Apartments. Ivy Tower Associates, Limited Partnership, desired to acquire and renovate an existing 140-unit apartment complex, known as The Towers Apartments, at 700 Waterfront Circle. In order to assist with the financing of the project, Ivy Tower Associates, Limited Partnership, sought NNRHA's issuance of the Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16 million. NNRHA approved a resolution at its July 19, 2016 Board Meeting for issuance of the bonds for the benefit of Ivy Tower Apartments and held the required public hearing. Since NNRHA was the issuer of the bonds, and the project was located in Newport News, City Council was required to consider the NNRHA's request for approval or denial of the bond issuance. Since the City was awarded a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhood Initiatives Grant (CNI), a planning process to engage citizens in the Southeast Community would begin to formulate a transformation plan that would serve as a guide for future revitalization efforts. The Ivy Towers housing complex was within the boundaries of the CNI planning area and given the City's initiative to develop a transformational community driven short and long range plan, it would be premature to make a long-term commitment to the Ivy Towers project.

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

Councilman Bateman expressed appreciation for the presentation made by Mr. Packard at the earlier City Council Work Session. He stated that members of City Council were able to learn a great deal about what the Ivy Towers Project entailed. There was much chatter around town, but City Council had not had the benefit to discuss the matter. He commended City Manager Bourey for helping the project become a better project, and for invoking the conversation about how to make housing better. Councilman Bateman advised that he was in support of the project.

Councilwoman Scott commended the developer on the proposed renovation of Ivy Towers. She shared that she met with Mr. Packard prior to the controversy, and advised that everything discussed in their meeting was exactly what was presented to members of City Council at its Work Session earlier (September 13, 2016). She was happy to know there would be a lifestyle change for the residents of the Towers. Mr. Packard described how old the carpet, windows, and façade were in Ivy Towers and those items that would make one feel better about where they lived. She indicated, when people had nice things, they tended to take better care of those items. She hoped the residents would be appreciative of all that the developer would do and the investment made. Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and letting their voices be heard.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry also commended the City Manager for scheduling the presentation made by Mr. Packard of Weston Associates, Inc., at the earlier City Council Work Session (September 13, 2016). She shared that she too had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Packard previously, and shared her concerns, to ensure that the residents had a quality product and that Weston would be there for sustainability of the building, and not just for the façade. She further shared with Mr. Packard, that in order for her to support the Ivy Towers project, that he speak with the residents. It was critical that the residents understand what would be expected of them in this new project. Councilwoman Cherry expressed appreciation to the developer for wanting to make a change and adding a quality of life for the citizens in Newport News.

Mayor Price shared that members of the Newport News City Council had shown a great deal of empathy and concern for the citizens, and had been very thoughtful and meticulous in trying to negotiate the best product and deal that could be made. He stated, contrary to what citizens read in the Daily Press, which may not always be accurate, members of City Council always tried to do what was best for the citizens of Newport News.

Vice Mayor Vick added, given the residents' concern about safety and what the property owner referred to as "illegal tenants," that the developer promised to renovate the lower floor and make it more secure for the residents, and would add security cameras.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing Conditional Use Permit No. CU-16-371, to the Newport News School Board to Allow for the Expansion of the Lease Area of an Existing Communications Tower to Accommodate a Second Service Provider on Property Located at 259 Denbigh Boulevard (Denbigh High School) and Zoned P1 Park

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER CU-16-371 FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A COMMUNICATION TOWER/ANTENNA ON A SITE ZONED P1 PARK. This ordinance granted Conditional Use Permit No. CU-16-371 to the Newport News School Board and N8+C, LLC., for expansion of the lease area of an existing Communications Tower, located at 259 Denbigh Boulevard, and zoned P1 Park. The existing communications tower was approved by City Council on August 14, 2007, and contained a condition regarding the lease area for the ground equipment. A second service provider wished to co-locate on the tower and required an additional lease area to accommodate new equipment. The request was consistent with the Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan land use map and surrounding uses. On August 3, 2016, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 9:0 to recommend approval of this request, with conditions. The City Manager recommended approval.

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing Conditional Use Permit No. CU-16-371, to the Newport News School Board to Allow for the Expansion of the Lease Area of an Existing Communications Tower to Accommodate a Second Service Provider on Property Located at 259 Denbigh Boulevard (Denbigh High School) and Zoned P1 Park Continued

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

After reading through the excerpts from the Planning Commission Minutes, Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether the second carrier had to talk to the first carrier about the communication tower/antenna, and questioned whether there would be a new tower.

Mr. Jeff Holland, T-Mobile representative, 536 Warrick Road, Chesapeake, replied that T-Mobile had to negotiate with the owner of the Communications Tower, and not the first provider in terms of locating their equipment on the tower. Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether a new tower would be constructed or whether an antenna would be placed on the existing tower. Mr. Holland replied that an antenna would be added at 118 feet and would be located below the existing antenna.

Councilwoman Woodbury reminded that she would not support this ordinance. She was on the School Board when this project was first introduced. There was a great deal of concern by the citizens in that area. She did not support the project then, and she could not support it tonight.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Harris, Price, Vick, Bateman, Cherry

Nays: Scott, Woodbury

E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-380, City of Newport News to Add a New Section for Rezoning to City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance; Article XXIX., Non-Conforming Uses; Section 45-2903

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXIX, NONCONFORMING USES, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 45-2903, FILING FEE WAIVER FOR REZONING, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS. This ordinance authorized Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-380 to the City of Newport News, amending the City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance; Article XXIX., Nonconforming uses; by adding new Section 45-2903, Filing Fee Waiver for rezoning, Conditional Use Permits and Special Exceptions. This amendment was needed to comply with new State Code changes passed by the 2016 General Assembly. It provided, if a use was nonconforming, and if a business license was issued for the use, the holder of the business license had operated continuously in the same location for at least 15 years, and paid all taxes, then the City must allow the holder of the business license to apply for a rezoning, conditional use permit, or special exception without charge for that use. On August 3, 2016, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 9:0 to recommend approval of this request. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-381, City of Newport News, City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance; Article XXXI., Overlay Zoning Districts and Regulations; Division 8., Lower Jefferson Avenue Urban Corridor Overlay District; Section 45-3161.1, Signs

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXXI., OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS, DIVISION 8., LOWER JEFFERSON AVENUE URBAN CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT, SECTION 45-3161.1, SIGNS. This ordinance authorized Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-381 to the City of Newport News, amending the City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance, Article XXXI., Overlay Zoning Districts and Regulations, Division 8., Lower Jefferson Avenue Urban Corridor Overlay District, Section 45-3161.1, Signs. This amendment allowed for one (1) freestanding sign in the Overlay District for a shopping center containing 50,000 square feet or more of gross leasable area. On August 3, 2016, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 9:0 to recommend approval of this request. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

After reading through excerpts of the Planning Commission minutes, Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the signage that would be used for this particular business, and whether other businesses coming into Brooks Crossing would be allowed to put the name of their business on the same sign, or whether it was only for one particular business under the Conditional Use Permit. City Attorney Owens replied that the shopping center would be able to use the sign, and there would be a certain square footage, and depended on what the owner of the shopping center allowed. He stated as long as it was in that square footage, more than one business could use the sign.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned, with one sign, and other businesses coming into Brooks Crossing, whether three businesses could be located on the same sign. City Attorney Owens replied, yes, if the shopping center owner allowed it. The sign would belong to the shopping center. The City did not own the shopping center. City Attorney Owens replied that there would only one sign, but there may be different messages on that one sign, but that

E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Test Amendment No. ZT-16-381, City of Newport News, City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance; Article XXXI., Overlay Zoning Districts and Regulations; Division 8., Lower Jefferson Avenue Urban Corridor Overlay District; Section 45-3161.1, Signs Continued

would be up to the owner of the shopping center, as long as it did not exceed the maximum square footage for the sign.

City Manager Bourey responded there would be only one sign for that shopping center. City Attorney Owens reiterated that there would only be one sign.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of 29th Street at Jefferson Avenue (Brooks Crossing)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STREET KNOWN AS 29TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN. This ordinance authorized the vacation of a portion of a 36,800 square-foot portion of 29th Street at Jefferson Avenue. In order to facilitate the next phase of development in the Brooks Crossing Project, a portion of 29th Street at Jefferson Avenue needed to be vacated. Information regarding vacating the relevant right-of-way had been circulated for interdepartmental review, to which no objections were noted. The requested vacation allowed continuous advancement of infrastructure improvements in this area of the Southeast Community. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement and Lease, both by and between the City, and Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. (Legends Grille) at Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run for the Operation of a Restaurant and Concessions

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, A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND LEASE, BOTH BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA HOSPITALITY SERVICES, INC., AND BOTH DATED THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute a settlement agreement and lease, both by and between the City of Newport News and Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. (Legends Grille) at Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run. In July 2012, the Pavilion at the Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run was destroyed by fire. At that time, Virginia Hospitality was under contract with the City to provide food and beverage catering services. Since the fire, and without the rental of the Pavilion as a revenue source, they had struggled to meet their contracted payments. The lease expired in December, 2015. The City advertised for a new food services contractor at the golf course, and Virginia Hospitality responded. Negotiation of a new contract, while out of compliance with the current contract, was an impediment to recommending them as the new food service contractor. It was recommended that the City grant some payment relief and consideration to Virginia Hospitality that would be incorporated as part of a new lease. The proposed action included forgiveness of approximately \$20,000 owed to the City. The lease would include a promissory note executed and recalculated at four percent (4%), which amounted to \$9,579.06 due to the City. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Councilwoman Scott inquired, since Virginia Hospitality Services already experienced challenges, and the City was renewing the contract, whether there were other businesses that applied or was Virginia Hospitality Services awarded the contract as the lowest bidder.

E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement and Lease, both by and between the City, and Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. (Legends Grille) at Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run for the Operation of a Restaurant and Concessions

Assistant City Manager, Cynthia Rohlf, advised that two other businesses had applied, but Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. was deemed the most responsive and the best able to meet the requirements of the proposal.

After looking at the background materials, Councilwoman Cherry stated the recommendation was to grant payment relief to Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. She inquired whether this was the same organization of which the City would forgive their \$20,000 debt. City Attorney Owens replied yes. Councilwoman Cherry questioned, Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. would not be required to pay \$20,000 in debt and the City would enter into a new contract with the organization. City Manager Bourey replied, yes, and then explained, that the Pavilion burned down. Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. operated under a certain economic premise, but could not deliver on it, because no one would want to use the Pavilion as they had in the past, and Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc.'s margins "went out of the window," and they were not able to have the business they had in the past and were unable to stay in profitability. The City felt this was most fair to grant this relief.

Assistant City Manager, Cynthia Rohlf, advised that Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc./Legends Grille would be awarded a new contract that stipulated the continuation of the \$500 in fixed rent and 4% (instead of 7%) of gross sales moving forward. It would take a number of years to get the new facility built.

Councilwoman Scott questioned, once the new facility was built, the contract would be revisited. City Manager Bourey stated, this was an annual contract, and once the Pavilion was rebuilt, the rent fee would be renegotiated.

Councilman Harris inquired about the starting point for the new contract. City Manager Bourey responded that the contract would start immediately, at a reduced rate of four percent (4%). The fee would be renegotiated once the Pavilion was rebuilt.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the fee could be revisited sooner, should they begin to generate more revenue/income since this was a one-year contract. Assistant City Manager, Cynthia Rohlf, responded yes, the City would have the opportunity to revisit the fee.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she would vote in favor of the resolution because the contract could be renewed annually, but advised that she had concerns that the City would forgive an entity for \$20,000 in debt, when there were other things occurring in the City where that \$20,000 could be used.

E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement and Lease, both by and between the City, and Virginia Hospitality Services, Inc. (Legends Grille) at Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run for the Operation of a Restaurant and Concessions

City Manager Bourey stated that he understood Councilwoman Cherry's concerns. He felt the issue should have been brought up much sooner.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 8, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of August 9, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 9, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution of Recognition: Trinity United Methodist Church on its 130th Year Anniversary

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON ITS 130TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. This resolution honored Trinity United Methodist Church on its 130th Anniversary. In 1881, a small congregation began meeting on the docks of Newport News to worship. They then moved their services to the Union Chapel, which was shared by all denominations. In 1886, a Methodist Society was formed and approved at an annual conference. In 1887, the cornerstone was laid for the Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The first service was held there in January 1888. In the 1890s, Reverend James Cannon, Jr. initiated the building of housing for men working in local industries, enabling them to bring their families to Newport News and live together. In 1900, the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built, and dedicated in the 200 block of 29th Street, which remained the home of what is known as Trinity United Methodist Church. Trinity United Methodist Church served the Newport News community since its inception and continued by providing contributions and a facility to feed the hungry through Teens Opposing Poverty, and providing Youth Challenge women with food, supplies, computer classes, and Bible studies. This resolution recognized the Trinity United Methodist Church family on its 130th Anniversary, and acknowledged the many individuals who had supported the church and its leaders in its commitment to mankind. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Resolution Expressing Approval for the State Biennial Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) Performance Contract

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPROVAL OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL FOR THE STATE BIENNIAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND FISCAL YEAR 2018 HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD PERFORMANCE CONTRACT. This resolution expressed approval for the State Biennial Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) Performance Contract. Community Services Boards (CSBs) were required to submit Performance Contracts to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) on a biennial basis. The Performance Contracts served as a performance and accountability document between the DBHDS and CSBs for the localities served. The DBHDS established deadline for the H-NNCSB to submit its State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017 Performance Contract was September 30, 2016. The City Manager recommended approval.

F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Resolution Expressing Approval for the State Biennial Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) Performance Contract Continued

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article XX., Office of Purchasing; Division 1., Generally; Section 2-554, General Procedure; Section 2-561(a), Notice Inviting Bids., and Section 2-569.2, Public Notice; to Align with Recent State Code Changes

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XX., OFFICE OF PURCHASING, DIVISION 1., GENERALLY, SECTION 2-554, GENERAL PROCEDURE; DIVISION 2., COMPETITIVE BIDDING, SECTION 2-561, NOTICE INVITING BIDS AND DIVISION 3., COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION, SECTION 2-569.2, PUBLIC NOTICE. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article XX., Office of Purchasing; Division 1., Generally; Section 2-554, General Procedure; Section 2-561(a), Notice Inviting Bids; and Section 2-569.2, Public Notice; to align the City Code with recent State Code changes. In the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly, revisions to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) were approved, and became effective July 1, 2016, which required the City of Newport News to align its code. The first change allowed transportation-related construction projects not exceeding \$25,000 to be procured through small purchase procedures. The second change allowed electronic posting and removed requirements of posting Invitation to Bids and Request for Proposals on the Purchasing Office physical bulletin board. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

7. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 11, Watercraft, Docks, Piers and Waterways; Article I., In General; Section 11-16, Storing, Painting, and Repairing Watercraft Upon the Public Beaches and Shore Lines of the City

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 11, WATERCRAFT, DOCKS, PIERS AND WATERWAYS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., IN GENERAL, SECTION 11-16, STORING, PAINTING AND REPAIRING WATERCRAFT UPON THE PUBLIC BEACHES AND SHORE LINES OF THE CITY. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 11, Watercraft, Docks, Piers and Waterways; Article I., In General; Section 11-16, Storing, Painting and Repairing Watercraft upon the Public Beaches and Shore Lines of the City; to allow personal watercraft users to pull up their small unmotorized watercraft for a limited time, and in designated areas. Section 11-16 prohibited personal watercraft users, canoers, kayakers, and others from pulling up their watercraft, even temporarily, onto public beaches and shorelines. In reality, most watercraft users temporarily pulled their watercraft onshore to rest, access park concessions, use park restrooms, etc. This Amendment would officially allow watercraft users to temporarily (for periods of no more than three hours) pull up their watercraft onto areas of public beaches and shorelines that the City designated for this purpose. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

8. Resolution Accepting a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Planning Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Agreements with HUD for Acceptance of Grant Award

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PLANNING GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH HUD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD. This resolution accepted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CNI Planning Grant and authorized the City Manager to sign agreements with HUD for acceptance of the grant award. The grant was a planning grant that was to be used for the development of a Transformation Plan for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood area. The CNI planning process would leverage public and private investment, and partnerships with a range of community stakeholders to bring together resources to support and transform the Marshall-Ridley area to a neighborhood of choice. The City was one of ten communities throughout the country that was selected for this grant award. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

F. Consent Agenda Continued

8. Resolution Accepting a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Planning Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Agreements with HUD for Acceptance of Grant Award Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. 1 of 2: Support for the Arts – The Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT (\$5,000.00) TO VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS (\$5,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$5,000.00 of State Grant Revenue from the Virginia Commission for the Arts for allocation by the City to local performing and fine arts organizations. The Virginia Commission for the Arts awarded the City a \$5,000.00 Local Government Challenge Grant. These grant funds would be used in conjunction with the \$154,879.00 approved in the City's FY 2017 Operating Budget for Support of the Performing Arts. The City's matching funds to this grant in the amount of \$154,879.00 were budgeted in the FY 2017 General Fund Operating Budget. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2017 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with various organizations to include the terms and conditions under which said organizations may expend the grant monies. Such terms and conditions were developed in conjunction with the Newport News Arts Commission. This resolution appropriated \$159,879.00, which was allocated to specific grant awards to various local performing and fine arts organizations in accordance with the recommendations from the NNAC. Through an annual competitive application process, NNAC made recommendations to City Council for allocation of combined City and State grant funds to various local performing and fine arts organizations. The combined funding available for FY 2017 was \$159,879.00; City Council approved \$154,879.99 in the FY 2017 General Fund

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2017 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations Continued

Operating Budget for Support for the Performing Arts. This amount provided the local match required for the \$5,000.00 Virginia Commission for the Arts grant recommended under the previous separate action. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the amount funded to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC), stating that they sought the \$12,000 for assistance in meeting normal operating costs. She inquired what percentage of the \$12,000 received from the City would be used for operating costs, and what percentage was for programming.

Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Director, Department of Budget and Evaluation, responded that the total recommended funding for the PFAC was \$15,240; and of that, \$3,240 was for programs. The \$12,000 was for operating expenses. Councilwoman Cherry questioned that the City would allocate the PFAC \$3,000 for programming, and expressed concern that only \$3,000 of the \$15,000 was being used for programming, with the remaining \$12,000 for operating costs. She inquired what would happen should the PFAC come back, and questioned what they would do for sustainability. Ms. Cipriano stated that she could only offer the past history, and reminded that PFAC also received support from the City's Operating Budget. Councilwoman Cherry understood that PFAC would move to Christopher Newport University (CNU) and inquired of what timeframe they would move to CNU. Ms. Cipriano responded that would be in 2017 or later.

City Manager Bourey added that the State had funded a project that would include the building of a new World-Class Arts Museum at CNU. CNU was working with the State to discern what that funding would be and the timeline for the same. He stated that the PFAC would move to CNU in 2018 or later.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that the City was helping to keep PFAC alive until 2018. City Manager Bourey replied that the City had been helping to sustain the operations of the PFAC, who had several challenges with their building, and HVAC. Councilwoman Cherry stated that she truly believed the PFAC to be an asset, but would like to see more funding put into the programming for the youth. It would have been great to see the opposite - \$12,000 for programming, and \$2,000 for operating costs.

Councilman Harris inquired what went into determining the amount that the City funded to each program. City Manager Bourey advised that the Newport News Arts

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2017 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations Continued

Commission received applications and they selected the organizations that were funded, making judgements about what they felt would further the Arts in Newport News. Councilman Harris inquired how the amount of money to be funded was determined. City Manager Bourey indicated that the Newport News Arts Commission also determined the amount. They attempted to allocate funds to many different organizations, with many applying for funds greater than they would actually receive. The Arts Commission attempted to spread the funds around to help each organization.

Vice Mayor Vick added that the Newport News Arts Commission had done this for years, spreading funds throughout the different cultural arts organizations so that there would be different arts activities throughout the City.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(3) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article XI., Additional Fine for Exceeding the Maximum Speed on Designated Residential Through Streets; Section 26-240, Designated Additional Fine Streets to Add a Portion of Maxwell Lane

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XI., ADDITIONAL FINE FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM SPEED ON DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL THROUGH STREETS, SECTION 26-240, DESIGNATED ADDITIONAL FINE STREETS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article XI, Additional Fine for Exceeding the Maximum Speed on Designated Streets; Section 26-240, Designated Additional Fine Streets to Add a Portion of Maxwell Lane from Normandy Lane to Warwick Boulevard. Maxwell Lane was identified for inclusion into the Traffic Calming Program. As part of the program, an additional speeding fine of \$200 was recommended. This ordinance added Maxwell Lane, between Warwick Boulevard and Normandy Lane to the Traffic Calming Program, Designated Additional Fine Streets. Violations of the posted speed limit in this segment would be a traffic infraction of an additional \$200 fine. All costs associated with adding Maxwell Lane were included in the operating budget. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. A. C. Pulliam, Jr., 239 Falcon Drive, Newport News, stated after much concern about the Maxwell Lane problem, he was convinced that there were only a couple of citizens that were complaining. He indicated that the amount the City had spent had made the road look nice, and he felt that was all that was needed. Mr. Pulliam further indicated that the \$200 additional fine was unfair to people who travelled the road daily. He felt the speed limit

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (3) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article XI., Additional Fine for Exceeding the Maximum Speed on Designated Residential Through Streets; Section 26-240, Designated Additional Fine Streets to Add a Portion of Maxwell Lane Continued

was too low and suggested it be increased to 30 or 35 mph. He advised that he had lived on Maxwell Lane for 12 years and observed occasional speeders, which could not be stopped no matter what. He indicated if members of City Council were to vote in favor of the additional \$200 fine, they would be voting against those residents of Maxwell Gardens that elected them to office. He suggested if the additional \$200 fine were to be placed on Maxwell Lane, that the same sign should be placed on every residential street in the City of Newport News.

Ms. Elizabeth Bessel, 2 Jonquil Lane, Newport News, addressed members of City Council with a series of questions. She did not understand how the suggested traffic calming measures that went from speed humps, to raised medians, and to the parking lanes with the prospect of the additional fine for speeding. Her question to Council: (1) how would one determine whether the new modifications produced the acceptable results; and if not; (2) what are the other plans to lower speeding on Maxwell Lane. She suggested a trial period to determine whether the modifications produced the desired results prior to raising the fines to \$200. Ms. Bessel indicated that she did want the speeders on Maxwell Lane to be caught because she did have a child attending Yates Elementary School, and felt the speeding in the school zone was a matter of great concern.

City Manager Bourey responded, in conversation with the City Council, he and the City's Department of Engineering, believed that the traffic control measure, with the parking lanes, would not be satisfactory to stop the speeding on Maxwell Lane, and determined that there needed to be additional enforcement and the best way to help the additional enforcement was with an additional fine. These measures were recommended, and City Council felt comfortable with the recommendations. City Manager Bourey advised that a survey would be conducted to determine whether the traffic calming measures made a difference in the speeding on Maxwell Lane. It was his belief that the measures would make a difference.

Vice Mayor Vick warned there would be no additional fine imposed if drivers did not speed. The sign about the additional fine should serve as a deterrent to warn drivers against speeding. She saw no harm in the sign, and felt it would result in a safer neighborhood. Ms. Bessel understood, but added, unless the sign was placed on multiple sections of the road, anyone who was not a regular driver on Maxwell Lane, may not see the sign. She felt speed humps would have been a wiser decision.

Mayor Price advised that the additional fine for speeding was what City Council agreed upon. He advised that eight (8) signs would be placed along Maxwell Lane regarding the additional \$200 fine for speeding.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (3) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article XI., Additional Fine for Exceeding the Maximum Speed on Designated Residential Through Streets; Section 26-240, Designated Additional Fine Streets to Add a Portion of Maxwell Lane Continued

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

Councilwoman Woodbury added, the more she gave the matter thought, she wished the City had tried one traffic calming measure at a time; for instance, the new blocks, and the raised bumper strips. She wished the traffic calming measures could have been implemented in increments. She shared that she was in other neighborhoods and observed additional fines for speeding. She commented that this was not unprecedented, and felt torn about the matter. She asked that the matter be reviewed within three (3) months to determine whether the measures were working and made a difference.

Vice Mayor Vick reminded, that Council came to a consensus to support the additional \$200 fine.

City Manager Bourey advised that there would be an evaluation and he would check with the City's Department of Engineering and the Police Department to ascertain what would be an appropriate timeframe to have the matters take place.

Councilwoman Scott mentioned that similar signs were in the Beechmont area. She paused when travelling through communities that post signs for additional fines for speeding. She concurred, the signs were deterrents, and raised awareness. She reminded that citizens that commented in the previous months that the matter was deliberated an indicated their focus was on safety. Councilwoman Scott indicated that she looked forward to hearing the results of these traffic calming measures.

City Attorney Owens, at the request of Councilwoman Woodbury, pointed out that the streets already covered by the \$200 additional fine were: Beechmont Drive from Lucas Creek Road to Loraine Drive/Loraine Circle; Bellwood Road from Jefferson Avenue to the Hampton City Line; Brick Kiln Boulevard from Jefferson Avenue to Kiln Creek Parkway; and Kiln Creek Parkway from its northernmost intersection with the York County Line to its southernmost intersection with the York County Line. The Ordinance being considered added Maxwell Lane from Normandy Lane to Warwick Boulevard to the list of designated additional fine streets.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (4) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IV., Operation of Vehicles Generally; by Adding Section 26-80, Obstructing Intersection or Marked Crosswalks

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., OPERATION OF VEHICLES GENERALLY, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 26-80, OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTIONS OR MARKED CROSSWALKS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IV., Operation of Vehicles Generally; by adding Section 26-80, Obstructing Intersections or Marked Crosswalks. A common cause of congestion was the blocking of intersections increasing travel time, wasting fuel and increasing air pollution. This ordinance would allow for the posting and enforcement of “Don’t Block the Box” signs at critical intersections. This ordinance also aimed to educate drivers that it was illegal to enter an intersection without blocking the advance of other vehicles or pedestrians. The penalty for violations was a fine up to \$200. Direct costs for intersection signage would be the operating budget expenses associated with the cost of sign materials, installation and maintenance. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott observed many near miss accidents at the intersection of Bland Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, particularly when turning right on Jefferson Avenue from Bland Boulevard, heading East. She suggested, since improvements would be made at this intersection, that the lines be painted more boldly to make it clear which lane drivers were in before there was a critical accident. Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, advised that he would take care of the matter.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the method of enforcement. City Manager Bourey advised this would be observed closely during periods of heavy congestion, and a police officer would pull the vehicle over once it had cleared the intersection. Councilwoman Scott shared that Bland Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue was the second worst intersection in the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether there would be signs. City Manager Bourey responded yes, signs would be installed. This practice was known as “Don’t Block the Box.”

Councilwoman Cherry advised whether there would be additional intersections included. She advised that this happened often at the Riverside Wellness Center. City Manager Bourey replied more signs could be added, as needed. City Attorney Owens added

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (4) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IV., Operation of Vehicles Generally; by Adding Section 26-80, Obstructing Intersection or Marked Crosswalks

that the City Manager's memorandum to City Council, dated September 7, 2016, identified the worst intersections, but the ordinance did not limit intersections, the ordinance prohibited the practice at any intersection.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (5) Resolution Requesting the General Assembly and Governor of Virginia to Fully Accept Federal Medicaid Funds and Implement Expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

A RESOLUTION BY CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA TO FULLY ACCEPT FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDS AND IMPLEMENT EXPANSION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA). This resolution by City Council requested that the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to fully accept Federal Medicaid funds and implement expansion of the ACA. The ACA initially required States to provide Medicaid coverage for all adults with an income less than 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, regardless of their age, family status, or health. Several states, including Virginia, filed lawsuits questioning the constitutionality of several provisions of the ACA, namely the mandate that States expand Medicaid or lose all Medicaid funding, and the requirement for individuals who could afford health insurance to purchase it or pay a fee to offset the costs of caring for uninsured Americans. The U. S. Supreme Court rendered its opinion in June 2012 upholding the individual mandate to purchase insurance, but ruling that state Medicaid expansion was voluntary. To date, Virginia had not expanded its Medicaid program despite federal funding that would cover 100% of the State's Medicaid expansion costs from 2014 through 2016. As of May 2016, approximately 7,100 Newport News citizens could potentially be eligible for Medicaid should the State pass legislation to expand the program, thereby providing much needed healthcare coverage to low income citizens. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she would not support this resolution as there had been no discussion about this matter with City Council. City Manager Bourey advised that the City Council had not, but there had been a great deal of discussion across the State.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (5) Resolution Requesting the General Assembly and Governor of Virginia to Fully Accept Federal Medicaid Funds and Implement Expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Continued

Councilwoman Woodbury stated, to put this resolution forward when City Council had not discussed the issue as a body was inappropriate, and she would not support it. She felt there were many resources available in Virginia. The states that had already expanded the ACA had accepted the money from the federal government and were saying they wanted out, because the money from the feds goes away, leaving the municipality with an unfunded mandate to cover. She felt there were numerous resources in the community, to include the Southeastern Virginia Health System, the Lackey Free Clinic, and the Newport News Free Clinic.

Councilman Bateman suggested that the resolution be pulled from the agenda until City Council could have a more in depth conversation as it related to the specifics of Newport News. He would like to have the discussion in greater depth.

Mayor Price stated the resolution laid out the specifics, in that 7,100 Newport News citizens without insurance could potentially be eligible for Medicaid should the State pass legislation to expand the program. Regarding Councilwoman Woodbury's comment, the Governor had guaranteed if there was any cost to the State, he would pull it. Mayor Price served on the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Board and knew exactly what could be done with the money. Seven Billion Dollars had been left on the table since 2012, and the State was looking at a shortage of funds. He stated there was no reason not to support this resolution.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: Woodbury

- (6) Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of City-owned Property Located at 12005 Canon Boulevard to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Newport News, Virginia

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, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of City-owned property located at 12005 Canon Boulevard to the EDA of Newport News. A large portion of this City-owned property was to be reserved for the potential future expansion of the Jefferson Lab campus. Transfer of ownership of be approximately 18-acre City-owned parcel addressed as 12005 Canon Boulevard

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (6) Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of City-owned Property Located at 12005 Canon Boulevard to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Newport News, Virginia Continued

to the EDA would allow the EDA and staff to undertake the complex coordination necessary to help successfully mesh public improvements with the proposed Jefferson Lab expansion. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the property would be sold or given. City Manager Bourey responded the property would be sold. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the property would be sold for a fair market price according to assessments. City Manager Bourey confirmed that the property would be sold at fair market price according to an appraisal.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Bateman (His employer, TowneBank, had a relationship with the Developer, which he managed)

H. Appropriations

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 and 2, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

1. Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney – U. S. Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY ASSET FORFEITURE FUND (\$60,000.00) TO EQUIPMENT OTHER (\$60,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$60,000.00 from the U. S. Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Newport News Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the purchase of computers, related peripheral equipment, and office furniture. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney received federal asset treasury funds that would be used to replace computer equipment and purchase office furniture. The unappropriated asset forfeiture balance was approximately \$152,287.78. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney – U. S. Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Department of Engineering – FY 2016 Bonds Authorized and Unissued, Sewer Rehabilitation Category: Citywide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$4,570,000.00) TO CITYWIDE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM (\$4,570,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$4,570,000.00 from the FY2016 Bonds Authorized and Unissued, Sewer Rehabilitation Category for the Citywide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program. This sanitary sewer program initiative provided City staff the ability to address specific conditions found during field work as a result of prime program investigations. The improvements would reduce storm water and ground water infiltration into the City's sanitary sewer system, correct known sanitary sewer defects, and provide reliable sanitary sewer service to project area residents. This funding would also address small localized and/or emergency repair projects. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of Appropriations, Item 3, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she would not support this resolution because a number of her constituents had contacted her about the matter since it appeared in the Daily Press about the City of Newport News supplementing the Developer, when many of the other Developers used Revenue Sharing Bonds as a match, which was not available for this particular project. She reiterated that she received so many calls that she felt it was best that she vote against the resolution.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she would not support this resolution because she was not pleased with what she heard from the Director of Development during a presentation made earlier at the Council Work Session (September 13, 2016) regarding the numbers and the revenue sharing coming up for FY 2018, and where the funds were coming from for this project, but the City was moving forward to support a project for \$5.6 million. She did not feel this was something that the City should do.

H. Appropriations Continued

3. Department of Development – FY 2016 Bonds Authorized and Unissued, EDA Land Development and Public Infrastructure & Facilities Incentive Contribution: Tech Center at Oyster Point/Jefferson Lab Research Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$5,600,000.00) TO EDA LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES INCENTIVE CONTRIBUTION (\$5,600,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$5,600,000.00 from the FY 2016 Bonds Authorized and Unissued to the EDA Land Development and Public Infrastructure & Facilities Incentive Contribution for the Tech Center at Oyster Point/Jefferson Lab Research Project. Marketplace at Tech Center, as well as the Venture Apartments, continued toward full build-out, with the first residents moving into the apartments in September 2016. City Council took action in June 2016 to approve the Master Plan for the initial, and adjacent, Tech Center Corporate Research Building, and the developer proceeded with the building design. It was critical to appropriate funds to the EDA to meet the necessary timelines for accomplishing the first phase, in concert with the developer. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Harris, Price, Scott, Vick

Nays: Woodbury, Cherry

Abstention: Bateman (His employer, TowneBank, had a relationship with the Developer, which he managed)

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

Ms. Christina Reece, 12760-C St. James Place, Newport News, presented a petition to the members of City Councils and Boards of Supervisors for the Cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and the County of York, seeking a ban on the adoption of black cats during the month of October of each year. Ms. Reece stated the Halloween season caused feelings of superstitions and influenced behavior patterns leading to abuse, torture, and/or the possible killing of black cats after being used in Halloween pranks, haunted displays, and/or sacrificial rituals (a copy of the petitions are attached and made a part of these minutes). Ms. Reece reiterated the request that the City Councils and Boards of Supervisors timely act on this petition to ensure that the ban on black cat adoptions during October was in effect by October 1, 2016.

Ms. Linda Seely, 118 Horsley Drive, Hampton, congratulated Councilman Marcellus Harris III on his election to the Newport News City Council. She further congratulated Councilwomen Vick and Woodbury on their re-election to the Newport News City Council. She wanted Councilman Harris to know that his father, Reverend Marcellus Harris II, helped in his

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election to the Newport News City Council. She shared that Councilwoman Woodbury and Vice Mayor Vick had many followers and were equally loved in the City of Hampton and commended them for that.

Ms. Seely indicated that there was a severe cat problem in the City of Newport News. She contacted the Regional Animal Shelter about the cat problem, and was advised that there was no more room for additional cats. She expressed her displeasure that an \$11 million facility could not make room for additional cats. She urged members of City Council to continue the trapping of cats.

Mr. Charles H. Jackson, Jr., 23 Salem Street, Hampton, commented about the injustice, humiliation, and degradation that he suffered at the hands of the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter. He shared that individuals with knowledge and experience to help the shelter move in the right direction were denied employment. The shelter experienced major problems with animal care staffing and operations. Mr. Jackson stated that the animals suffered the most. The Director, Mr. Roger Iles, came from Petco, with no shelter experience or knowledge. Mr. Iles wanted no employee at the Shelter that had more knowledge than he. He also denied the Program Volunteer, Ms. Jean Nohle access to the Shelter. Assistance was sought from Ms. Nohle on all levels and from all employees. Mr. Jackson applied for a position, met with Mr. Poplawski on numerous occasions, but was told by Mr. Iles that he did not meet the profile. He offered to meet with members of City Council about the matter.

Mr. Frederick C. Johnson, 826-24th Street, Newport News, advised that there was a problem with the 9-1-1 system. He shared a personal emergency that occurred at his residence on August 26, 2016, in which his daughter experienced complications with asthma. Mr. Johnson further advised that seven calls were made to 9-1-1, receiving no answer until the seventh call. His daughter died as a result. Mr. Johnson commended the first responders, who did an excellent job once the call went through successfully. Three different individuals attempted to get through to 9-1-1 from three different phones, only reaching personnel on the seventh attempt.

Mr. Johnson suggested that citizens call the non-emergency number, which received the over flow calls once in the queue, allowing the calls to be answered at all times. They were also sharing 9-1-1 services with the City of Hampton. Mr. Johnson suggested that it be put in motion when call volumes were high.

Mayor Price questioned whether Mr. Johnson's situation occurred while 9-1-1 was down. Mr. Johnson replied, no, the 9-1-1 system issues were realized during the week prior to his daughter's death. Mayor Price apologized, and gave his condolences. He advised that Mr. Johnson's concerns and suggestions would be looked into.

City Manager Bourey advised that a thorough analysis had been done of all of the calls coming into 9-1-1 and what happened in this circumstance. There were a number of things

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that contributed to the factor. He understood Mr. Johnson's loss and felt very bad about the tragedy. The calls were ended before staff could pick them up. Staff immediately returned calls, but received busy signals. Staff frantically attempted to get in touch with the callers, but the calls were not sustained long enough for the operators to answer them. The calls repeatedly came in, but only for a short time. A thorough analysis was done of what went wrong in the 9-1-1 Center. He advised that additional follow-up would be done and he would forward the information.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether there was a difference when a call came in to 9-1-1 from a cell phone versus a land line. City Manager Bourey asked Chief Richard Myers, Newport News Police Department, to address the matter. Councilwoman Scott questioned whether the calls came from a cell phone or a land line.

Ms. Jaime Peller, who accompanied Mr. Johnson, advised that she had been calling from a cell phone. She advised that three phones were trying to get through to 9-1-1. She explained that the hang-ups occurred as a result of hearing her own voice echoing over the ring. There was a sound of dead air on the second phone, and the third heard another conversation over the ring. There was interference on the line, but no incoming calls to her cell phone were received from 9-1-1. She tried to save the 7-year old child, and tried CPR until the EMTs arrived.

Chief Myers, having raised three daughters, and having called 9-1-1 on emergencies, extended his condolences to the Johnson family. He explained, when experiencing an emergency, five (5) seconds seemed like one (1) hour. Records reflected that three different phone numbers were called in repeatedly, and disconnecting as the dispatchers tried to answer. There was a queue when 9-1-1 was called, but before the dispatchers could connect with the call, it would disconnect. The dispatchers then receive prompts to call the number back after the call was disconnected. Cell phones are different, but rings may be heard. The analysis showed that after three rings and the phone disconnected, and the dispatcher tried to call back, the caller was again attempting to dial 9-1-1 again. The outgoing call by the dispatcher would not connect with the phone while the caller was attempting to call back in. This was exacerbated by having three distinct lines calling in, disconnecting, and calling back. Once a dispatcher was able to speak to the callers, it took less than two (2) minutes before the emergency vehicles were rolling and help was on the way. The Internal Affairs Investigator that researched the incident, suggested inviting the Johnson family to the Communications Center to physically show what the research showed, and how the system works. Chief Myers stated that nothing could reverse the tragedy, but if this incident could become an example to help educate people that when you call 9-1-1, do not hang up, and remain on the line. The dispatchers will answer the phone while it rings. Regarding the interference on the line, we forget that cell phones were radio devices, not a telephone in the traditional sense. No one knows what happens between that device and going to the cell site, and eventually connecting to the land line. Adding this confusion in an emergency situation resulted in a tragedy in this case. He hoped the Johnson family could come to the Communications Center to review what the computer analysis showed, review what happened, and to have a better understanding.

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Councilman Harris inquired whether there had been more instances of this occurring with citizens having trouble getting through to 9-1-1.

Chief Myers responded that anytime calls disconnect before the dispatcher answered the call, undue delays occurred. He further shared an example of a car crash at Mercury Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, and numerous calls from cell phones, at one time, attempted to get through to 9-1-1, and the system became jammed. Because the calls were placed in a queue, if people remained on the line, the calls would get answered. Supervisors step in to assist in answering 9-1-1 calls if the phones get jammed with calls. Eventually, radio dispatchers also pick up calls in an effort to maximize the ability to process a high volume of calls.

Councilwoman Cherry extended her condolences to the Johnson family. She indicated that she received a call from Mr. Johnson when she was out of town, but was able to send an e-mail message to Police Chief Myers, with a copy to City Manager Bourey about the incident. She shared Mr. Johnson's concern was that he wanted to hear back from someone. It had been three (3) days since his daughter's death, and he had not heard from anyone. A communication should go back to the family or families, explaining what happened in such incidents. She asked Chief Myers to be cognizant of the trouble that Mr. Johnson experienced with 9-1-1, and that the matter be addressed from a City perspective, that respect be shown to the family or families, and that someone contact them as expeditiously as possible.

Chief Myers advised that the personnel from the Communications Center had attempted to reach out to Mr. Johnson. Chief Myers asked to meet with Mr. Johnson to ensure that he had the proper contact information.

Mr. Michael Crichlow, 962 Hollymeade Circle, Newport News, expressed his condolences to the Johnson family on their loss. He further advised that he loved cats and had recently adopted a black cat, and expressed his support for the 30-day ban during the month of October as presented by Ms. Reece.

Mr. Crichlow shared that he was the owner of Michael's Bail Bond Company, and had been providing commercial bail bonds for the City of Newport News for approximately 13 years. He referenced a bail bondsman by the name of Ms. Jennifer Anderson that approached City Council in 1998 about the issue of Pre-Trial Services being funded by the City. The City's response to Ms. Anderson was that the City would end their funding of Pre-Trial Services. He indicated that the City would fund \$52,000 for Pre-Trial Services in FY 2017. The City funded \$189,000 for Pre-Trial Services in FY 2011. Mr. Crichlow referenced an article written by Mr. Dave Ress earlier in 2016 about Pre-Trial Services, screening 4,900 people and only put 728 on pre-trial release. Mr. Crichlow thought this was unsatisfactory when there were a number of Bail Bondsmen in the City of Newport News. He advised there were approximately 50 Bail Bondsmen between the cities of Newport News and Hampton, and indicated that they could provide the service at \$0, not costing the taxpayers any money. The program was funded for

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approximately \$200,000 in 2011, but \$50,000 in 2017. Mr. Crichlow felt that the money being spent on the program was a waste, and would like to see the funds not allocated to Pre-Trial Services.

City Manager Bourey advised that Pre-Trial Services was funded until the State took the program over. The City provided no funding for pre-trial services to-date.

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, commodity investment and the legalization of marijuana. Profits in Portland, Oregon, doubled following the legalization of marijuana. He encouraged Newport News to follow suit and he volunteered to lead the Adult Division for Leisure Activities under the City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. He stated that the legalization of prostitution should also be reviewed, as well as lowering the cost for a Vendor's License.

Mr. Thompson stated that Treasury Enrichment would lead Newport News into the Green Revolution. He further advised that he and his wife had taken up bicycling, and asked those driving vehicles to grant them consideration.

Mr. Andrew Shannon, 210 Hahn Place, Newport News, representing the Southeast Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), honored and congratulated The Honorable Marcellus L. "B2" Harris III on his election to the Newport News City Council, thanking him for his leadership, applauded him for his commitment (Mr. Shannon made mention of Councilman Harris defeat over Former Councilmember Robert S. Coleman in the North District in May 2016). Mr. Shannon presented Councilman Harris with a plaque. He thanked Councilman Bateman and Chief Myers, NNPD, for participating in the 26th Annual Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival, where Councilman Harris served as Co-Grand Marshall.

Mr. Shannon advised that the SCLC had received a call from Ms. Annie Jones, seeking assistance for residents of Ivy Tower Apartments, located at 700 Waterfront Circle, Newport News. With reference to the controversy over the newspaper articles about the denied renovation of the Ivy Tower Apartments where Mayor Price and City Manager made "disparaging remarks" about the residents, Mr. Jones wanted citizens to know that this was a loving community, with hard working, blue collar individuals. Members of the SCLC were present to support the residents of the Ivy Tower Apartments. The SCLC and residents of the Ivy Tower Apartments were present in support of the Weston Associates, Inc. Renovation Project for the Ivy Tower Apartments.

Mr. Bernard Orie, 700 Waterfront Circle, Apt. 505, Newport News, stated that he was born in Newport News. He commended members of City Council for their hard work, and was appreciative of their support of the Weston Associates, Inc. Renovation Project for the Ivy Tower Apartments. He stated that he played as a child by the waterfront and found it to be a place of tranquility. Mr. Orie indicated that his heart and soul was in Newport News.

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Ms. Gloria Deloatch, 700 Waterfront Circle, Newport News, stated that she was appreciative of City Council's support of the Weston Associates, Inc. Renovation Project for the Ivy Tower Apartments. She thanked City Council for listening to the residents. She indicated that no fighting or harsh words were said. She felt this was a start to getting along and bringing the community together as a whole.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris thanked all of the citizens for their attendance and participation at the meeting to receive their valuable feedback. He advised that the City Council was here to serve the citizens and anytime they could receive information, it helped them to enhance the City of Newport News.

Councilman Harris extended heartfelt condolences to the Johnson family on their loss. He shared that he had a 6-year old daughter and could not imagine what the family was experiencing. He urged all to keep them in prayer. He further stated, as things came to light, changes could be made to help ensure that nothing similar occurred again.

Councilman Harris acknowledged that the week of September 5, 2016, was the first week of school and it was good to see the children go back to school excited and encouraged. He asked that the citizens be available – getting involved in the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and being a part of the programs in the Newport News Public Schools throughout the year. He also encouraged citizens to be a shining light for the school children. He stated they would experience challenges, but the adults should be there to pick them up with hope and encouragement.

Councilman Harris indicated that it was troubling to hear the news about the death of another child. He reminded at the August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, that there had been a shooting involving young children. He prayerfully looked forward to a day when there would be no guns on the streets, and in the hands of the youth.

Councilman Harris stated that a good time was had by all at the 26th Annual Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival, September 9 – 11, 2016. It was great to see people out, enjoying themselves, and celebrating things going on in the community. It was great to see the Denbigh High School Band and other High School Bands participating, particularly the Heritage High School Band, "The Marching Hurricanes."

Councilman Harris expressed appreciation to Mr. Andrew Shannon for his hard work. He stated that Mr. Shannon's personality was often on display, but encouraged everyone to remember the purpose behind what he does – bringing the citizens together for the greater good.

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Councilman Harris advised that City Council had a good discussion at the earlier City Council Work Session (September 13, 2016), and he looked forward to moving forward together, doing bigger and better things in Newport News.

Mayor Price thanked the organizers of the 9-1-1 Ceremony, "In Remembrance of September 11, 2001." The organizers were the United States Navy, and members of the City's Department of Communications. The ceremony was held on Friday, September 9, 2016, at the Newport News Victory Arch, located at 25th Street and West Avenue. He advised that it was an excellent ceremony commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the tragic terror attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. The City joined with the United States Navy ships currently in Newport News Shipyard and Joint Base Langley-Eustis to hold a memorial ceremony and parade.

Mayor Price attended the Peninsula Korean Women's Thanksgiving Celebration on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Columbian Center, 12741 Nettles Drive. The event was sponsored by the Korean Women's Association of the Peninsula.

Councilwoman Scott offered condolences to Mr. Frederick Johnson and family, on the passing of his 7-year old daughter. Her heart was heavy hearing the news. Knowing it won't bring his daughter back, she hoped that he would accept the invitation to visit the Communications Center. She would also like to see the Communications Center to gain a better understanding of the 9-1-1 operation. She advised that she called 9-1-1 often, and she really needed them when she called. She maintained a land line for that purpose.

Councilwoman Scott offered congratulations to Mr. Julius Green on his Resolution of Recognition. His accomplishments were magnificent, lending hope and encouragement to others. With a 10th grade education, he went on to become the Diving Instructor at a time when it was unusual for men of color to be in such positions.

Councilwoman Scott announced that residents in the Denbigh community were within a 10-mile radius of the Surry Nuclear Power Station, and indicated there would be a test of the Emergency Response Center on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. She alerted the citizens that the sirens sounded would be quite loud, but there would be no emergency, but only a test of the Emergency Response Center.

Councilwoman Scott announced that the Denbigh Community Center would host its free monthly movie night on Friday, September 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. (15198 Warwick Boulevard). The movie "The Jungle Book" would be shown on a large projector screen. Free popcorn would be offered while supplies lasted. Citizens were invited to register in advance, or the day of, by stopping by the Denbigh Community Center, or by calling (757) 812-7900.

Councilwoman Scott invited citizens to attend the Denbigh Day Parade and Festival, Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., hosted by the Denbigh Lions Club. The

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theme for this year's Festival was "Denbigh Day Backs the Red, White, and Blue." Individuals or organizations were welcome to participate in this fun-filled day.

Councilwoman Scott announced the 3rd Annual Virginia Brazilian Festival would be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m., at City Center. The event would help showcase Newport News as a City that celebrated international culture. The Band Caique Vidal & Batuque would be introduced at the Festival. The event was free and open to the public.

Councilwoman Scott announced that the next North District Town Hall Meeting would be held on Monday, September 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). Ms. Sheila McAllister, Director, Department of Planning, would be the Guest Speaker to talk about some of the things going on in the North District, and across the City as a whole.

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for voicing their concerns. She advised that, it may appear to be easy, but members of City Council worked hard to reach a consensus to come up with ordinances, resolutions, and measures to address the needs, and the lifestyles that would impact the entire City of Newport News.

Vice Mayor Vick extended condolences to Mr. Frederick Johnson and family, on the tragic loss of his 7-year old daughter.

Vice Mayor Vick congratulated Mr. Julius Green on his Recognition.

Vice Mayor Vick commended Mr. Carmine McDaniel, the 8-year old that provided relief to his mailman. It made her feel good that a young person realized the importance of doing a good deed.

Vice Mayor Vick reiterated comments by Councilman Harris, stating that it was good to see the children go back to school during the week of September 5, 2016. She advised that she was able to go out to some of the schools. She indicated that she was biased as two of her grandchildren attended the new Discovery STEM Academy (1712 Chestnut Avenue). It was a joy to see the newness and the excitement on the kid's faces. She advised that she and Councilwoman Cherry were also able to visit students at Newsome Park Elementary School (4200 Marshall Avenue). She also visited Booker T. Washington Middle School(3700 Chestnut Avenue).

Vice Mayor Vick reiterated the remarks made by Councilwoman Scott, inviting citizens to attend the Denbigh Day Parade and Festival, Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., hosted by the Denbigh Lions Club.

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Vice Mayor Vick reiterated the remarks made by Councilwoman Scott, inviting citizens to attend the 3rd Annual Virginia Brazilian Festival to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. at City Center.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended condolences to Mr. Frederick Johnson and his family on the loss of his 7-year old daughter. She empathized with him – as her grandson has asthma, and knew how scary it could be. She, too, had lost a child, and understood the pain the Johnson family felt.

Councilwoman Woodbury asked Councilwoman Scott whether she had received her iodine pills. Councilwoman Scott replied that she had not received her iodine pills. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that Councilwoman Scott had advised; if there was a nuclear concern, citizens, 30 years of age and younger, needed iodine pills.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished every student that had started school, the best school year ever. She urged them to sign up for the Virginia Municipal League (VML) “If I were Mayor Contest.” The contest was open to all 7th graders. There had been no winners from Newport News. She asked that all 7th grade teachers in the Newport News Public Schools to encourage their students to enter the contest.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens that attended and expressed concern about pets in the City of Newport News. She felt it was important that citizens were aware of our duty as a Regional Shelter to ensure that everyone could feel comfortable about the situation at the facility.

Councilwoman Woodbury also thanked her supporters in the City of Hampton.

Councilman Bateman expressed sympathy to Mr. Frederick Johnson and family on the loss of his 7-year old daughter.

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. Members of City Council were concerned about the issues presented.

Councilwoman Cherry congratulated Mr. Julius Green. She shared that his wife Rosalyn, was a member of her congregation at Restoration Christian Church, and always spoke highly of her husband. It was great to see the family celebrate his Recognition together.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that the 2016 Back-to-School Community Fest, held on Saturday, August 20, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., on the lawn of the Historic James A. Fields House, 617-27th Street, was a huge success. She thanked all citizens for their support of the event. She advised that approximately 619 draw-string back packs were prepared and distributed.

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The event was in partnership with the Downtown Newport News Merchants and Neighbors Association, Inc. and the James A. Fields House, Inc.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that the 16th Annual James River Regional Clean-Up Day held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and was sponsored by the James River Advisory Council was a huge success. The Clean-up involved the community in cleaning more than 75 miles of the James River from Appomattox County to Newport News. Huntington Park was one of the many Clean-up sites.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she and Councilwoman Scott were pleased to attend the Go Green Newport News Master Gardeners Expo, held, Saturday, September 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). The event was hosted by the Newport News Master Gardeners Association. She extended thanks to all of the vendors that participated in the Expo.

Councilwoman Cherry reiterated that she and Vice Mayor Vick attended the new Discovery STEM Academy (1712 Chestnut Avenue). It was a joy to see the newness and the excitement on the kid's faces. She thanked Dr. Ashby Kilgore, Superintendent of the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS), and members of the School Board, who were out at several schools on the first day, offering a handshake to each student as they got off of the bus. She had the privilege of joining them at the Discovery STEM Academy, and at Newsome Park Elementary School (4200 Marshall Avenue) to provide a handshake and to wish them a great day and school year.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she attended the Commencement Ceremony for the 5th graduating class of the Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula. She advised that their Culinary Program was excellent. She encouraged interested citizens to apply to that program. The program was very structured and strenuous, but a job was guaranteed at the completion of the program. The program was free.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked citizens for their attendance and participation at the South District "Your Voice Matters" Town Hall Meeting, held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne), for residents from Mercury Boulevard South to the waterfront. Ms. Deborah Foley, from the Small Business Development Association, was the Guest Speaker. She would also be the Guest Speaker at the South District "Your Voice Matters" Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 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. The topic of discussion would be Steps to Business Ownership. All citizens were welcome to attend, particularly those that had a business, or were interested in starting a business.

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Councilwoman Cherry announced that “Coffee With A Cop,” for the South District, was scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m., at Jim’s Local Market, 3101 Jefferson Avenue.

Councilwoman Cherry shared that Jim’s Local Market was open for business. She advised that it was a great store in the Southeast Community. She encouraged all residents to support the supermarket. Residents asked for a great supermarket, and needed to lend its support to Jim’s Local Market.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that there would be a Voter Registration Rally on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). She advised that there were new rules that would apply for the November 8, 2016, election. All citizens were invited to attend.

Councilwoman Cherry asked everyone to save the date for Saturday, October 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., for the Community Fall Fest. Free pumpkins would be available for all children. Children were welcome to attend, and dressed in costume. There would be games and prizes for all. The event would be free and open to all children. Citizens were advised to contact the City Clerk’s Office for additional details, at 926-8634.

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 9:04 P.M.



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