MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
OCTOBER 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

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 Pastor Fred Michaux, City Life Church.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice Mayor Vick.

D. Presentations

None

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement for a 15-foot Easement Across City-owned Property Located at 15402 Warwick Boulevard

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER, DATED THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement for a 15-foot Easement Across City-owned Property Located at 15402 Warwick Boulevard Continued

AT 15402 WARWICK BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a Deed of Easement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power for a 15-foot easement across city-owned property located at 15402 Warwick Boulevard. This easement request would accommodate improvements as part of a larger project to provide the Atkinson Boulevard and Bridge Project. A request to receive bids was properly advertised in the Daily Press on September 26, 2016 and October 3, 2016. City Council received one (1) bid for this easement at its October 11, 2016 meeting. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

2. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment ZT-16-383, to City of Newport News Regarding Real Estate Ownership Disclosure for Change of Zoning, Conditional Use Permit, Special Exception and Variance Applications

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXVII., CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, SECTION 45-2703, APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ARTICLE XXXII., BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, SECTION 45-3203, PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF VARIANCES; SECTION 45-3204, PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; AND ARTICLE XXXIV., CHANGE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-3404, PROCEDURE. This ordinance authorized Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-383 to the City of Newport News, amending City Code, Chapter 45 Zoning Ordinance, Article XXVII., Conditional Use Permits,

E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment ZT-16-383, to City of Newport News Regarding Real Estate Ownership Disclosure for Change of Zoning, Conditional Use Permit, Special Exception and Variance Applications Continued

Section 45-2703, Application Requirements; Article XXXII., Board of Zoning Appeals, Section 45-3203, Procedure for Review and Approval of Variances; Section 45-3204, Procedure for Review and Approval of Variances; Section 45-3204, Procedure for Review and Approval of Special Exceptions; and Article XXXIV., Change of Regulations, Section 45-3404, Procedure. This amendment would require applicants of a change of zoning, conditional use permit, special exception or variance, to disclose all owners in interest of the property in question. Full disclosure would enable appointed and elected officials to clearly determine conflicts of interest. On October 5, 2016, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 7:0 to recommend approval of this request. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

3. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment ZT-16-384, to City of Newport News Redesignating Amusement Arcade as Amusement Establishment and Amending the Permitted Uses in the Oyster Point Urban Core Overlay District

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV., SUMMARY OF USES BY DISTRICT SECTION 45-402, SUMMARY OF USES BY DISTRICT, BY AMENDING USE "I" ENTITLED RECREATIONAL USES. This ordinance authorized Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-16-384 to the City of Newport News, amending the City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance, Article IV., Summary of Uses by District, Section 45-402, Summary of Uses by District; by amending use "I" entitled Recreational Uses. This amendment renamed the use "Amusement Arcade" to "Amusement Establishment" in order to update the terminology. It also added Amusement

E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment ZT-16-384, to City of Newport News Redesignating Amusement Arcade as Amusement Establishment and Amending the Permitted Uses in the Oyster Point Urban Core Overlay District Continued

Establishment and Skating Rink to the Oyster Point Urban Core Overlay District as permitted uses to expand the opportunities for entertainment in City Center. It further deleted the requirement that some uses may only be allowed as accessory uses in the overlay district, so that they may be stand-alone uses in City Center. On October 5, 2016, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 7:0 to recommend approval of this request. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

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

Councilwoman Scott questioned what the City was trying to achieve by this request, and inquired whether this included some of the new initiatives that were slated for the Denbigh-Warwick (DW) Shopping Center in the North District. She further inquired how far the Oyster Point Urban Core Overlay District stretched. City Manager Bourey replied that he was not familiar with the exact boundaries, but stated this ordinance was for the entertainment district, and to help facilitate the district within City Center along the retail street. City Manager Bourey advised that the ordinance was precipitated by the applicant wanting a "break-out room," which was also slated for the DW Shopping Center. He stated that this applied to the City Center direct property. Councilwoman Scott inquired if someone else planned a similar type amusement in a different district, whether a conditional use permit would be required. City Manager Bourey responded yes, a conditional use permit would be required for a similar type of amusement in a different district.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

4. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Make Offers to Acquire by Purchase or Condemnation, Portions of Property for the Atkinson Boulevard Extension Project, to Provide Funds for this Purpose, and to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effect the Purchase

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE OFFERS TO ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION, PORTIONS OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, FOR THE ATKINSON BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZED HEREIN. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to make offers to acquire by purchase or condemnation, portions of property for the Atkinson Boulevard Extension Project, to provide funds for this purpose, and to execute all documents necessary to affect the purchase. The Atkinson Boulevard project scope consisted of a new four-lane divided roadway, to include a 1,600-foot bridge, and would be a critical east/west connection between Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue. The property acquired would be used to construct the proposed road and install utilities in the project area. Funding for these acquisitions was available through previously appropriated State and Federal funds. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Make Offers to Acquire by Purchase or Condemnation, Portions of Property for the Newport News Transportation Center Project (NNTC) Multimodal Station, to Provide Funds for this Purpose, and to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effect the Purchase

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE OFFERS TO ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION, PORTIONS OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, FOR THE NEWPORT NEWS TRANSPORTATION CENTER PROJECT, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZED HEREIN. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to make offers to acquire by purchase or condemnation, portions of property for the Newport News Transportation Center Project (NNTC) Multi-modal Station, to provide funds for this purpose, and to execute all documents necessary to effect the purchase. A property acquisition and permanent easement was required at 13380 Warwick Springs Drive to accommodate a retaining wall and water line relocation. Property acquisitions were required at 482 Youngs Mill Lane, 490 Youngs Mill Lane, and 550 Youngs Mill Lane, as well as 13020 Mitchell Point Road, to facilitate the construction of an Amtrak Maintenance Facility near Sluice Mill Pond. The total appraised value of all acquisitions was $2,423,533. Funding for this acquisition was available through previously appropriated State and Federal funds. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the above ordinance, as revised; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Councilwoman Scott shared that she had posed the question earlier whether any of the properties affected homeowners and was told that the properties did not affect homeowners. The properties were not personal residences. She shared this fact so that citizens could be comfortable with the Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

Councilman Harris inquired about Parcel 01, which mentioned a portion of Youngs Mill Apartments being affected, and the type of affect. City Manager Bourey

E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Make Offers to Acquire by Purchase or Condemnation, Portions of Property for the Newport News Transportation Center Project (NNTC) Multimodal Station, to Provide Funds for this Purpose, and to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effect the Purchase Continued

responded that a small portion of the complex would be affected, but did not include any apartment units. Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, confirmed that no apartment units would be affected.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

6. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of Eight (8) City-Owned Properties to Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents, including deeds, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of eight (8) City-owned properties to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). This action was consistent with the City's ongoing efforts to encourage single-family residential development within the Southeast Community. The City Manager recommended that the City convey eight (8) City-owned vacant lots to the NNRHA. Four (4) of the properties would be combined to create two (2) buildable by-right lots. Upon conveyance, NNRHA would agree to transfer one (1) of the combined properties to Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg to build a Habitat home on the site over the course of the next year. 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: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

6. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of Eight (8) City-Owned Properties to Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) Continued

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

Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether the lots to be conveyed to the Habitat for Humanity were 2001 and 2003 Marshall Avenue. She further inquired whether the addresses for the other two buildable by-right lots were 2606 and 2608 Oak Avenue.

Mr. Eoghan Miller, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, replied that the properties would all be buildable by-right lots, which would be conveyed to the NNRHA.

Councilman Bateman inquired whether these would all be buildable sites. Mr. Miller responded in the affirmative, the lots being discussed, as included in the ordinance, would all be buildable lots.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

7. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 13, Building Regulations; by Adding New Article XII., Identification and Inspection of Rental Dwelling Units

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 13, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE, NAMELY: ARTICLE XII., IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF RENTAL DWELLING UNITS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 13, Building Regulations; by adding a new Article XII., Identification and Inspection of Rental Dwelling Units, to include the establishment of Rental Inspection Districts. City Council was briefed at its September 27, 2016 Work Session on the proposed establishment of a Rental Inspection District in South Newport News. As the Code of Virginia permits localities to create Residential Rental Dwelling Inspection Districts, approval of this Ordinance would establish such. The proposed project area was defined as U.S. Census Bureau Neighborhood Statistical Areas 1, 2, and 3, which made up much of Newport News south of 39th Street. The maps of this area are attached to the City Manager's memo to City Council dated October 19, 2016. As the City's housing stock continues to age, it was extremely important that the City stabilize neighborhoods and improve the condition of its housing stock. Upon approval of this Ordinance, staff would continue its ongoing efforts to communicate with rental

E. Public Hearings Continued

7. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 13, Building Regulations; by Adding New Article XII., Identification and Inspection of Rental Dwelling Units Continued

property owners, citizens, and others, to notify them about the implementation process and their requirements and responsibilities under the program. 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: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

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

Councilwoman Scott questioned why the Rental Inspection Program was being established as a district, rather than citywide. City Manager Bourey replied that the State Statue called for the program to be implemented, i.e. selecting an area with more deteriorated housing units. Councilwoman Scott inquired, once the program was designated, how long would the Rental Inspection Program be in effect. City Manager Bourey replied that changes could always be made. It was anticipated that the program would begin in the South District, but could go to other areas, depending on the circumstances. Councilwoman Scott advised that she had received several e-mail messages from real estate agents expressing concern about the program. Councilwoman Scott personally visited some sites within the district, and was surprised by the conditions of some of the homes. She expressed support for this ordinance, and was happy to see the City implementing the program, which would protect the citizens from living and having to pay rent for such deplorable conditions.

Vice Mayor Vick agreed that the Rental Inspection Program was established to protect the citizens, but expressed some concern that housing may not be as available as a result, and whether this would prove to be cumbersome for people trying to provide affordable rental units. City Manager Bourey advised that new units were exempt. He stated that units that had already been inspected, and passed the inspection, would receive a four (4) year reprieve from additional inspections. Should a property not pass the inspection, the owner would have an opportunity to make corrections. The Program should not have a significant effect on the amount of housing in the South District. This was a protection for the citizens. There was no way to know the condition of the properties inside unless an opportunity to inspect it periodically is afforded. The program was included in the budget, and there would be no additional impact to the City, and very little impact to the public.

E. Public Hearings Continued

7. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 13, Building Regulations; by Adding New Article XII., Identification and Inspection of Rental Dwelling Units Continued

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the program would fall under the Department of Codes Compliance. City Manager Bourey advised that Codes enforcement staff would perform the inspections.

Councilman Bateman questioned what could trigger an inspection. City Manager Bourey responded that Codes inspectors would go around periodically and inspect very systematically, to perform inspections in a very thorough and professional fashion. He reiterated, if a property passed inspection, there would be a 4-year pass from another inspection. Councilman Bateman inquired about a disgruntled tenant that felt their unit was not up to par being able to request an inspection. City Manager Bourey responded that citizens could always request an inspection. Councilman Bateman questioned what differentiated the Rental Inspection Program from the current process. He questioned why the Rental Inspection Program was better. City Manager Bourey responded that the Rental Inspection Program provided the City the right, and process, to enter into every rental unit to inspect it. Currently inspections were only made if there was a complaint. Some citizens may be unaware that they had recourse. Some may not want to report anyone because of fear of retaliation.

Councilwoman Scott advised that the situation she described included a tenant that was fearful of being evicted. Councilman Bateman indicated the message to citizens that wanted to rent in the area designated in the Rental Inspection Program, was that this was a new tool in the arsenal of the City of Newport News, to make sure that we ratchet up the performance and character of the properties for those who lived on the site. City Manager Bourey concurred, and stated that staff was convinced that this program would improve the entire neighborhood. Councilman Bateman stated that the South District seemed to be the most reasonable place to begin with the Rental Inspection Program. City Manager Bourey indicated that the inspections would be performed systematically beginning in the areas needing the most attention. Councilman Bateman advised that there were a number of other cities in the State of Virginia that were taking advantage of the Rental Inspection Program and that the program was helpful and did what was intended. City Manager Bourey stated, as word got around, people would take it upon themselves to rehabilitate units. Councilman Bateman stated that it would be helpful for the City, if able, to be proactive and meet with some of the property management companies who seemed to be afraid of the Rental Inspection Program. He did not sense that their fear was legitimate, but felt if they knew more about the Program, and if their properties were maintained, that they would have a four-year pass from being inspected again.

City Manager Bourey responded that the conversation had taken place with Property Management companies, and stated there was a certain element that did not want any regulation. He stated the program was necessary and it was important that it be implemented.

E. Public Hearings Continued

7. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 13, Building Regulations; by Adding New Article XII., Identification and Inspection of Rental Dwelling Units Continued

City Manager Bourey shared, that there was a provision that "professionally managed properties" could have a pass from being inspected, but stated some of those properties were the worse.

Councilman Bateman inquired whether the performance of the Rental Inspection Program could be tracked. City Manager Bourey responded that the program could be tracked. Councilman Bateman advised, if the program worked, Newport News could be a beacon for someone else. City Manager Bourey advised that staff would report back to City Council within a six month period.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

8. Resolution of the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia Authorizing an Application for a Boundary Amendment of Virginia Enterprise Zone No. 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A BOUNDARY AMENDMENT OF VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE ZONE #3 (NEWPORT NEWS ENTERPRISE ZONE #3 AND #3-A), PURSUANT TO THE VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE ZONE GRANT ACT. This resolution authorized an application for a Boundary Amendment of Virginia Enterprise Zone #3 (Newport News Enterprise Zones #3 and #3-A), pursuant to the Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Act. City Council had been briefed on the need for adjustment of the boundaries to Virginia Enterprise Zone #3 (Newport News Enterprise Zones #3 and #3-A). City Council's approval of this Resolution authorizing the formal application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) was required to accomplish the boundary adjustment. This action was critical to the continued success of our Enterprise Zone Program by removing ineligible properties to ensure that sufficient land was available for future Enterprise Zone additions in support of the business community. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

8. Resolution of the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia Authorizing an Application for a Boundary Amendment of Virginia Enterprise Zone No. 3 Continued

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 5, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of October 11, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 11, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

4. Resolution in Memoriam: Arnold Ron Coates, II

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM IN HONOR OF MR. ARNOLD RON COATES, II. This resolution recorded with deep and profound sadness the tragic and untimely

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution in Memoriam: Arnold Ron Coates, II Continued

death of Mr. Arnold Ron Coates, II, on July 29, 2016. Mr. Coates was born in Bad Kzeuznach, Germany, in 1973, and moved to Virginia with his family, graduating from Denbigh High School in 1992. Mr. Coates served his country in the U. S. Army, including four deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, and he received numerous medals recognizing his service. He was an avid soccer enthusiast, and was involved with the sport throughout his life, mentoring young players as well. Mr. Coates was a generous, caring, and well-regarded member of the community who regularly put the needs of others before his own. This resolution recognized and honored Mr. Arnold R. Coates, II, for all he had done to serve the City of Newport News and the United States. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

5. Resolution Confirming, Ratifying and Terminating the Declaration of a Local Emergency Made Necessary by Hurricane Matthew

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, CONFIRMING, RATIFYING AND TERMINATING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON OCTOBER 8, 2016, MADE NECESSARY BY HURRICANE MATTHEW. This resolution confirmed, ratified, and terminated the Declaration of a Local Emergency issued by the Newport News Director of Emergency Management on October 8, 2016, made necessary by Hurricane Matthew. On October 8, 2016, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) predicted the possibility of significant impacts to the Hampton Roads region due to the predicted path of Hurricane Matthew. As a result of this forecast and Governor Terry McAuliffe's Declaration of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Acting Director of Emergency Management, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency on October 8, 2016. The Declaration was necessary to coordinate local government response, ensure public safety, and adequately manage any emergencies related to the storm. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the governing body had 45 days from the date of issuance to ratify the Declaration. The Declaration was terminated on October 10, 2016. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Resolution Confirming, Ratifying and Terminating the Declaration of a Local Emergency Made Necessary by Hurricane Matthew Continued

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Newport News, Virginia Legislative Program for the 2017 Virginia General Assembly

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS' LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2017 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY. This resolution approved and adopted the City of Newport News, Virginia Legislative Program for the 2017 Virginia General Assembly. The City prepared a State Legislative Package annually for presentation to the Virginia General Assembly. City Council was presented the City's State Legislative Priorities Package to the 2017 Virginia General Assembly at its October 11, 2016 Work Session. The City Manager recommended approval.

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

2. Item 1 of 2: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Agreements or Documents Necessary to Obtain Grant Funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PROGRAMMING OF A PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE DEEP CREEK SHORELINE RESTORATION AT MENCHVILLE MARINA PROJECT SUBJECT TO A GRANT FROM THE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute any and all agreements or documents necessary to obtain grant funding from the Virginia DEQ for the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project. The City had competed for, and successfully secured, the Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) matching grant from DEQ to support the design and construction of the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project. The DEQ required the City to submit a signed grant agreement for use of the funding. The City Manager recommended approval.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Item 1 of 2: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Agreements or Documents Necessary to Obtain Grant Funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project Continued

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

3. Item 2 of 2: Resolution Appropriating $324,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) and the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category for the Design and Construction of the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED ($162,000.00) AND STATE REVENUE ($162,000.00) TO DEEP CREEK SHORELINE RESTORATION AT MENCHVILLE MARINA PROJECT ($324,000.00). This resolution appropriated $324,000.00 from the Virginia DEQ WQIF and the FY 2016 Bond Authorization, Stormwater Drainage Category for the design and construction of the Deep Creek Shoreline Restoration at Menchville Marina Project. The project was located at 494 Menchville Road South, along Deep Creek, adjacent to the Christopher Newport University Sailing Center and Menchville Marina. The shoreline was eroding, causing trees to be uprooted, contained concrete and wood debris previously deposited for protection, and wooden posts and debris from a degraded bulkhead. The proposed improvements would enhance the shoreline through construction of a stone sill, vegetated marsh area, and a riparian buffer with natural vegetation. A portion of stormwater runoff from the marina site would be directed to the improvements to provide pollutant reduction to Deep Creek. This project was considered critical because it provided pollutant reductions required through the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limit set by the DEQ, delegated from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Due to its reduction of pollutant loading, the City was successful in obtaining a WQIF matching grant from DEQ for this project's design and construction. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. Item 1 of 2: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Agreements or Documents Necessary to Obtain Grant Funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PROGRAMMING OF A PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE RICHNECK ROAD REGIONAL WATER QUALITY AND FLOOD CONTROL BMP PROJECT SUBJECT TO A GRANT FROM THE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute any and all agreements or documents necessary to obtain grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project. The City had competed for, and successfully secured, the Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) matching grant from DEQ to support the design and construction of Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project. The DEQ required the City to submit a signed grant agreement for use of the funding. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

5. Item 2 of 2: Resolution Appropriating $1,848,301 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) and from Private Developer Contributions for the Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL REVENUE ($1,280,061.00) AND STATE REVENUE ($568,240.00) TO RICHNECK AREA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY AND FLOOD CONTROL BMP, PHASE 1 PROJECT ($1,848,301.00). This resolution appropriated $1,848,301.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) and from private developer contributions for the construction of the Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project. The project allowed for the construction of a regional stormwater management facility north of Woodside Lane in the Stoney Run Watershed for water quality and quantity control. The BMP replaced an existing embankment with a sub-standard outfall pipe which would alleviate flooding in the existing basin. The BMP would serve as a regional facility, to be expanded in future phases, and shall provide water quality and flooding control benefits to the Stoney Run Watershed to include the Huntington Pointe Development. Due to its reduction of pollutant

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Item 2 of 2: Resolution Appropriating $1,848,301 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) and from Private Developer Contributions for the Richneck Area Regional Water Quality and Flood Control BMP, Phase 1 Project Continued

loading, the City was successful in obtaining a Water Quality Improvements Fund (WQIF) matching grant from DEQ for this project's design and construction. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above resolution, as revised; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the identity of the private developer. City Manager Bourey responded that the private developer was Huntington Pointe.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Vick, Woodbury, Bateman, Cherry, Harris, Price, Scott
Nays: None

H. Appropriations

None Submitted

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

Mr. Sean Devlin, 5918 Marshall Avenue, Newport News, commented about the dangerous situation on Marshall Avenue – a high traffic area, with no sidewalks for pedestrians in a residential area. He stated it was only a matter of time before someone was run over by a vehicle, walking to or from school or a store. Mr. Devlin stated had the area been in Oyster Point, there would have been ten (10) traffic studies and construction underway, regardless of cost. He stated if the area was in the Christopher Newport University (CNU) area, or on James River Drive, the problem would have been corrected. He raised the question, "why not Marshall Avenue?" The Newport News traffic engineers were made aware of the situation and had determined that Marshall Avenue was a residential area, with high traffic and speeding problems by their own studies. Citizens between Briarfield Road and Hilton Avenue had asked for assistance and traffic calming measures, with only bureaucratic regulations delaying the recognized problems of Marshall Avenue being a high traffic race track and a potential tragedy waiting to happen. Mr. Devlin posed the question, "what's the price of life?" He had received updated information regarding the issue, satisfying concerns. He and his neighbors were monitoring the process.

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

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Mr. Devlin for his attendance and for bringing this matter to the attention of City Council. She advised that City Council had some discussion about Marshall Avenue. She was concerned about the areas that had no sidewalks, with people having to walk along the side of the road where posted speeds were not adhered.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that she had spoken with Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, and visited Heritage High School to look at the surrounding areas. She, too, was glad that Mr. Devlin was sharing the concerns about this area. She stated the sense of urgency that was missing was that when the street was constructed, neither Heritage High School, nor Riverlands, nor Windsor Apartment complexes existed. The area had grown and there was more traffic. She asked the City Manager to consider meeting with Engineering and Mr. Devlin to consider pushing the project forward as this was a safety issue for the citizens in that area. Vice Mayor Vick was concerned about the number of high school students with band practice, and after school activities walking home in a high risk area. The students were walking in the street because there were no sidewalks.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned whether anything was being done. City Manager Bourey responded yes, but in an effort to be inclusive of people that may be affected, sometimes the process did not work as fast as one would like. He asked Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, to provide an explanation. Mr. Skipper shared the City agreed there was an issue with Marshall Avenue, and had, together with the neighborhood, designed a proposed approach, which the City Manager had approved, which would include the installation of two sets of speed humps, and would proceed during the spring of 2017. In terms of Heritage High School, Mr. Skipper advised that changes had been made related to crosswalks and signage in the area. He advised that the Department of Engineering would continue to monitor the area, and with the City Manager's permission, would schedule a specific meeting on that particular location.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the ditches, and whether anything would be done about them. Mr. Skipper asked for specific locations so that the Department of Engineering could review each. He stated the City had a number of roads that had ditches running beside them, which were considered normal hazards, but had remarkably few accidents associated with them.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that ditches ran all along Marshall Avenue, and not just one specific location, as well as from Briarfield Road to Mercury Boulevard. Councilwoman Cherry reminded that there were no sidewalks on Marshall Avenue. She also pushed for sidewalks on Harpersville Road. She stated it made no sense that people had to walk in the streets. The installation of speed humps on Marshall Avenue would not stop people from being able to walk on a sidewalk. She stated that the construction of sidewalks on Marshall Avenue was another project to consider as funding was considered, whether it was revenue sharing or something else, it was critical to construct sidewalks in those areas with a presence of

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

high pedestrian traffic. Mr. Skipper stated that the Department of Engineering performed routine studies across the City. He pointed out that the City had an extensive network of roadways that did not have sidewalks, and had deep ditches. He further advised that the City was faced with challenges in terms of environmental organizations that were converting ditches to pipe systems. There was a great deal of environmental regulation that stated that ditches were favored because they provided infiltration, evaporation, and control of stormwater where pipes moved the pollutants faster to the Bay. The regulations had changed substantially and the City was much more restricted than in the past in terms of the ability to pipe. Councilwoman Cherry indicated that she was not so much concerned about the piping than the sidewalks. Council members advised that piping was required with the sidewalks. Councilwoman Cherry asked Mr. Skipper to work on finding what solutions could be brought forward for the sidewalks for Marshall Avenue, as well as Harpersville Road. Vice Mayor Vick added from Roanoke Avenue and Briarfield Road up to Briarfield Road and Jefferson Avenue, where most of the students were walking on rocks and grass, to and from school activities.

Mr. Skipper advised that Engineering would pursue those issues regularly, and were successful in securing a grant from the State, specific to what was called "Safe Routes to School" which was to help identify funding and grants to increase sidewalks, particularly in school areas.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Bourey thanked everyone that was involved in the State of the City, held on Tuesday, October, 18, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel City Center. He specifically thanked Ms. Cleder Jones, Director, Department of Communications, and staff; Ms. Jerri Wilson, Management and Legislative Analyst, City Manager's Office; Dr. Telly Whitfield, Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects, City Manager's Office; and last, but not least, Mayor Price for presenting an outstanding State of the City Address.

City Attorney Owens reminded citizens that the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council was cancelled. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Vice Mayor Vick reminded, due to Hurricane Matthew, her Girls' Camp had been rescheduled to Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School (726-16th Street). Girls Camp was a camp for young girls in Newport News, ages 13 – 18, with a focus on building self-esteem, decision making, and learning essential life skills to help them be more productive in life. The event was free. For additional details, citizens were directed to contact the City Clerk's Office at (757) 926-8634.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vice Mayor Vick thanked and congratulated Transitions Family Violence Services for their hard work. Transitions provided services to both Newport News and Hampton. She advised that October had been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Transitions had been in the community providing outreach and services to help educate the public on what to do when facing domestic violence situations.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked Mr. Devlin for his attendance and participation and sharing his thoughts with the City Council about the dangerous situation on Marshall Avenue.

Councilwoman Woodbury gave a "shout out" to the Honorable David Yancey, Delegate, Virginia General Assembly, who made the motion at a meeting of the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Regional Building (723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake) to open the discussion to address the issue of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel expansion.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had attended the Newport News Adult Drug Treatment Program Graduation Ceremony, held on Thursday, September 16, 2016, in the Council Chambers (2400 Washington Avenue). It was inspiring to listen to the transformational stories shared in the lives of the participants, on their way to once again becoming productive citizens. The City was very fortunate to have such a wonderful program. She encouraged citizens to attend the 2017 Adult Drug Treatment Program Graduation Ceremony.

Councilwoman Woodbury also attended the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Annual Conference, held October 9 - 12, 2016, at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel (3501 Atlantic Avenue). VML is a statewide non-profit, nonpartisan association of City, town, and county governments established to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education, and other services. Councilwoman Woodbury commended Ms. Kimberly A. Winn, Executive Director, VML, for the tremendous work she did on the Conference. There was no electric power due to Hurricane Matthew, but the VML made the adjustments to make things work. Councilwoman Woodbury shared that the Urban Section of the VML had a panel of four, which discussed the decriminalization of marijuana. She stated that a number of young lives were destroyed as a result. They got felony records, and could not get jobs, as a result of a mistake. She promised to write a report and post it on her web page. The other large topic discussed was racism. The panel consisted of a police officer from Roanoke, who discussed Roanoke's Community Policing Program. Councilwoman Woodbury was appreciative for the opportunity to attend the VML Annual Conference and would post a report on her web page at a later date.

Councilman Bateman thanked Mr. Everett Skipper for his work and all that he did. He was a "go to" person for the City Council.

Councilman Bateman thanked Ms. Jerri Wilson, Management and Legislative Program Analyst for all of the legislative work that she did for City Council.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Bateman thanked Assistant City Manager Cynthia Rohlf for her hard work with the Community Maintenance Team to keep the City looking nice.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance at the meeting. She specifically thanked Mr. Devlin for his attendance and for sharing his comments. She reiterated that the citizen's voices mattered. Members of City Council were concerned about the issues presented.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she and Mayor Price participated in the Walk To End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Port Warwick. She recognized the Alzheimer's Association who did a great deal of work in the community. Alzheimer's Disease affected many families. Councilwoman Cherry congratulated the Alzheimer's Association for the successful walk. The theme for the 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's was "The End of Alzheimer's Starts With Me."

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she and Mayor Price participated in the first "Virginia Peninsula Out of the Darkness Walk," held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at Newport News Park. There were approximately 700 participants. This walk focused on the need to raise awareness and funds to fight depression and suicide, to celebrate the lives of those who had lost the battle, and to come together as a community and show support. She expressed support and encouraged the organization to continue to do this important work focusing on suicide prevention.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she, Councilman Harris, and Mayor Price participated in the "1000 Youth Stop Bullying March" on Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2:00 p.m., at Todd Stadium (12465 Warwick Boulevard). There were a number of young people, and wonderful talent that the youth demonstrated. She thanked Ms. Shant'a Miller-Synaker, and members of the "Parents Against Bullying" organization for hosting the event.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the Community Fall Fest would be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., on the lawn of the James A. Fields House (617 – 27th Street). This would be a fun day for children, ages 2 – 12, and dressed in costume. Children dressed in costume would receive a prize. There would be pony rides, face painting, games, and prizes for all. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Citizens were advised to contact the City Clerk's Office for additional details, at 926-8634.

Councilwoman Cherry congratulated Chief Apostle Joseph and Pastor Naomi Snead, on the celebration of their 42nd Pastoral Anniversary at Triumph Pentecostal Church of Deliverance (1811 Wickham Avenue). A ceremony was held on Sunday, October 25, 2016 at the church.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she had an opportunity to celebrate with the City's disability community at the Insight Enterprises Community and Consumer Awards Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). She congratulated Mr. Ralph Shelman, Executive Director, Insight Enterprises, and the disabled community, who showed up in great numbers at the luncheon. Councilwoman Cherry indicated that City Council should celebrate its disabled community. She announced that October was also Disability Awareness Month. She congratulated and thanked the disabled community who were great advocates for their particular issues.

Councilman Harris thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation and for voicing their concerns, and to those watching from the comfort of home.

Councilman Harris gave a "shout out" to the Courthouse Green Community's Neighborhood Watch. He met with the group on Friday, October 21, 2016, to listen to their concerns and questions in relation to happenings in their neighborhood. He hoped to continue the conversation and work together to help solve some of the issues experienced in the Courthouse Green community.

Councilman Harris commended Ms. Venerria L. Thomas, Director, Department of Human Services, on an amazing Resource Parents Appreciation Recognition Dinner, held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the Mariners' Museum (100 Museum Drive). It was well attended and was great to see all of the parents that took care of children in the community as foster parents.

Councilman Harris reiterated the remarks made by Councilwoman Cherry, about the "1000 Youth Stop Bullying March" on Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2:00 p.m., at Todd Stadium (12465 Warwick Boulevard). It was great to see all of the youth sharing their wonderful gifts of talent about something that was occurring in the community and to stand up and help bring awareness to bullying.

Councilman Harris thanked Mayor Price for reminding him to wear his pink tie in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October). He stated that he had been affected by breast cancer, having lost his Mother to the disease. He was happy to help bring awareness to Breast Cancer.

Mayor Price also thanked Ms. Venerria L. Thomas, Director, Department of Human Services, who chaired the Anti Bullying Committee, which had grown. They had partnered with the U. S. Conference of Mayors, the BULLY Project, and the Parents Against Bullying.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Mayor Price referenced the "1000 Youth Stop Bullying March," the Alzheimer's Walk, and the "Virginia Peninsula Out of the Darkness Walk." It was good to see the number of people affected by the issues and it was great to bring awareness to them. He clarified that the "1000 Youth Stop Bullying March" was held at Dr. Todd Stadium (He pointed out that the stadium was named after Dr. John B. Todd, who was a Dentist).

Mayor Price thanked everyone that was involved in the State of the City, held on Tuesday, October, 18, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel City Center. He specifically thanked Ms. Cleder Jones, Director, Department of Communications, and staff; Ms. Jerri Wilson, Management and Legislative Analyst, City Manager's Office; and Dr. Telly Whitfield, Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects, City Manager's Office. Citizens were not aware of the amount of hard work that went into that Address, stating that we were victims of our own success. He expressed appreciation to the staff.

Mayor Price announced that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Price reminded that the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of City Council was cancelled. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Price stated that Halloween was Monday, October 31, and residents were reminded that trick-or-treating activities were for children 12 years of age and younger. While the City Code did not specify a start time for trick-or-treating, traditionally it began at dusk. All trick-or-treating activities must end by 8:00 p.m. He urged everyone to be safe, have fun, and follow the rules.

Councilwoman Scott thanked all of the citizens for their attendance and participation at the North District Town Hall Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). There was no guest speaker, but the meeting was very interactive. Captain Elizabeth "Jill" Daszkowski, Commander, North Precinct, Newport Police Department (NNPD), attended to show her support. Captain Daszkowski shared a great deal of valuable information with the attendees. Councilwoman Scott commended the members of the NNPD for the number of grants being pursued for Community Policing. She gave kudos to the NNPD on their hard work to make an impact on potential criminal activities, and to address present criminal activities occurring throughout the City.

Councilwoman Scott advised, because Gwynn Circle was closed, there was extra traffic on Tabbs Lane. Citizens had informed her that their travel had been impacted as a result. Councilwoman Scott inquired whether Traffic Engineers could assist by adjusting the timing of the traffic lights. She reminded Mr. Skipper that a number of elderly citizens lived in that area. Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, advised that Engineering staff would look into the matter.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott encouraged citizens to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m., at the American Legion Post 368 (368 American Legion Drive). She advised that the event was always a nice event. She was always honored to be in the presence of those honoring Veterans and thanking them for their service.

Councilwoman Scott reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October), Councilwoman Scott advised of her winter pink hat. She knew of many families impacted by breast cancer. She indicated it was always good to bring awareness to issues that needed to be addressed in our society.

K. Adjourn

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, "May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News."

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

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Mayor
Presiding Officer

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