MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
JANUARY 22, 2019
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: McKinley L. Price, DDS; Sharon P. Scott, MPA; Tina L. Vick; Dr. Patricia P.
Woodbury; Saundra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Marcellus L. Harris III; and David H.
Jenkins

ABSENT: None

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order, welcomed all, and extended greeting for
a Happy New Year. He 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 Reverend Peggy Langille, Warwick Memorial
United Methodist 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
Mayor Price.

D. Presentations

Mayor Price called Chief Steve Drew, Newport News Police Department
(NNPD), to make a special presentation.

Chief Drew advised upon his arrival to Newport News, his main focus was
youth. Too often the attention was on the negative involvement of the youth in the communities.
He invited a group of young men and their coaches to the podium. Chief Drew advised that the
NNPD established a Police Challenge Basketball League in an effort to revitalize the police
athletically, with the focus on youth. He learned quickly that there was a strong Boys and Girls
Club Foundation in Newport News, with eight clubs throughout the City. Volunteers for coaches
were sought from the Police Department. Police Officers were asked to coach with
representatives from each club. The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was created. The NNPD
hosted an eight-week tournament where each team played. At the end of the tournament, the
team with the best record was crowned the winner. The youth representing the Crossroads
D. Presentations Continued

Village Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula (12749 Nettles Drive) won the League Championship.

Chief Drew advised that the NNPD had its own version of March Madness, with a single elimination. Each team had to win to continue in the tournament. The Crossroads Village Boys and Girls team kept playing, and won the single elimination tournament and were awarded trophies. Chief Drew felt it was good to recognize the good things that youth were doing in the community, as they partnered with the NNPD. Chief Drew shared how proud he was of each of the youth. They were statesmen, played well, played as a team, represented their club well, and was a class act. The members of the Crossroads Village Boys and Girls Club included: Jordan Watlington, a student at Crittenden Middle School; Jayden Spence, a student at Gildersleeve Middle School; Bryce Watlington, a student at Crittenden Middle School; Jamal Carroll, a student at Gildersleeve Middle School. Jamal indicated it was a blessing to have been able to participate in the tournament to keep them busy; Mekhi Wilson, a student at Gildersleeve Middle School. Mekhi indicated the games were fun, as well as interacting with others, and getting to know the police officers; Karen Johnson, graduate of Bethel High School, employee at Crossroads Village Boys and Girls Club; Richard Ruffin, Unit Director at Crossroads Village Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Ruffin thanked the NNPD for affording the boys the opportunity to participate in the basketball league. Officer Joshua J. Black served as the coach for the team.

Mayor Price thanked the youth for their participation. He also thanked the Boys and Girls Club for partnering with the NNPD. Twenty police officers attended the tournament to show their support as well as the referees. It was a pleasure to see the youth and young adults, who were respectful, and represented themselves and the Club well. Mayor Price advised that the community valued the youth and encouraged them to continue to do well in school. Mr. Hal Smith, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula, as well as Mr. Orlando, of the Newport News Police Foundation, were also in attendance.

Mayor Price extended thanks to Councilwoman Cherry who attended all of the games, on each Saturday, to lend her support.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of a Certain City-Owned Property Located at 619-28th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRRHA)

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 NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all
E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of a Certain City-Owned Property Located at 619-28th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) Continued

documents, including deeds, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of a certain City-owned property located at 619-28th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). Consistent with the City’s ongoing Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) efforts, the City planned to convey this City-owned property to the NNRHA. Once conveyed, NNRHA would combine with other vacant lots to create a parcel large enough to accommodate Phase I of the planned development included in the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Ms. Karen Wilds, Executive Director, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 227-27th Street, Newport News, was available answer questions.

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

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

Councilman Jenkins moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vice Mayor Vick expressed concern about the area, particularly at the corner of 28th Street. There had been some discussion about housing for the area, but she was concerned with housing on the small corner, and traffic coming in and out. She was not sure if this would be the best choice as there was not a great deal of land there. There were single one-room apartments across the street; but this was projected to be more than one room. The proximity of that street in the area was of concerned, especially focusing on the safety of the children.

Ms. Wilds responded that the site under discussion had been earmarked under the Choice Neighborhood Program for more than one year. The NNRHA owned just under one acre, but with this site, the total would be 1.1 acre. She shared that she had spoken with the architect and reviewed designs. There would be some green space available on this particular lot, and more green space across the street in the block between 28th and 27th Street. The first phase would be 44 units, and was a part of the Choice Neighborhood Plan that had been under discussion for over one year.
E. Public Hearings Continued

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Councilwoman Cherry indicated that she also had concerns. Looking at moving one set of concerns to two corners – 27th and 28th Streets – there was not quality space to provide quality of life. She continued to advocate for small businesses coming into the Southeast Community. A medical facility was suggested, but thought how many residents in the Southeast Community had medical insurance; and questioned who would come into the Southeast Community to provide free service outside of the Community Free Clinic. Councilwoman Cherry questioned what was being done. She did not think the space was enough space for the children. She advised that she would not vote to continue supporting moving people from one place to another if there was no space provided for recreation or quality of life. She did not think the two sites were enough without providing quality of life and some amenities to make life more pleasurable. Fast food restaurants were great, but understood there would be a survey conducted to determine what residents wanted, and questioned why that was being done.

Ms. Wilds replied that the Consultant did not mention a survey, but would have focus groups, meaning there would be discussions among the residents. Councilwoman Cherry indicated that a survey was already done. She reviewed the survey again, which specified the types of businesses the residents wanted, meaning that more focus groups were unnecessary.

Ms. Wilds recalled that one business wanted an urgent care facility. NNRHA explore the idea since the idea had been raised. Councilwoman Cherry indicated there was also a need for a laundry mat. Ms. Wilds indicated there would be a laundry facility in each individual unit. It was determined this was not only for families being moved from Ridley Circle, but would also include some market-rate units, which lead to the expectation of a place to wash and dry clothes in your own apartment.

Councilwoman Cherry advised the area lacked safety for the children to have a place to play. She advised that she would not support the ordinance, and would rather defer the matter until more information was provided about what would be done on the first levels, whether apartments upstairs, and mixed use downstairs. Councilwoman Cherry needed more definition in order to agree to the plan. The land was there, but what else would be done.

Ms. Wilds indicted it would be approximately two years before the space would be available for commercial users. She could not definitively say who would move in. Restaurants were also a possibility, to include some locally owned restaurants, rather than chains. The total was on 3,600 square feet of commercial space. Ms. Wilds expressed concern that if the City did not move forward with Phase I on Choice Neighborhoods, and were not in a position to tell HUD that an application was made for low-income housing tax credit program, which was due March 14, 2019, that the City would be backpedaling with HUD when they visited when short-listed.
E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of a Certain City-Owned Property Located at 619-28th Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) Continued

Councilwoman Cherry questioned, if HUD visited, and the City was short-listed, whether she should inform HUD of her concerns. Ms. Wilds indicated that a plan had been submitted to HUD, which City Council had approved, which showed the site in question as Phase I. She advised this was not new information. Councilwoman Cherry wanted to find out what else was planned for the commercial use downstairs other than a restaurant and a medical facility. She reiterated small businesses were imperative, and questioned what the City was doing to cause it to occur. Councilwoman Cherry questioned who would see the people, at what time of day would they be available, and who would pay for the people to come to urgent care.

Ms. Wilds advised that would be an ongoing issue with commercial businesses if residents could not afford it due to income issues. Councilwoman Cherry indicated that people would support businesses more so than an urgent care facility. Ms. Wilds indicated market studies would be needed. NNRHA was working closely with the Department of Economic Development, but would mean that businesses must be provided that could pay rent to help support new space. It would be difficult to get a commitment from any business that knew it would be two years before the space was available.

Councilwoman Cherry indicated there was not enough safe space for children to play recreationally. She suggested revisiting what the survey showed that the people in the community wanted. Urgent care was not the only suggestion.

Ms. Wilds reiterated the need to speak with people in focus groups, and not only the residents from Ridley Circle, because there would also be family units and not just one-bedroom units.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether this matter could be deferred. Ms. Wilds replied that NNRHA would not know in one meeting who would be moving in on the first Phase. Councilwoman Woodbury suggested a presentation at a City Council Work Session.

City Manager Rohlf recommended that City Council proceed. The only action taken would be transferring the property to the NNRHA. She would not defer transferring the property to the NNRHA.

Ms. Wilds explained that the NNRHA had to submit the preliminary information to the Virginia Housing Development Authority on Friday, January 25, 2019, showing that NNRHA had control of the property. The application had to be submitted on March 14, 2019. City Manager Rohlf advised that there was more time to have additional conversations.
E. Public Hearings Continued

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Vice Mayor Vick felt HUD would be concerned about apartments for families with children. Ms. Wilds indicated that HUD had already approved the CNI Plan after receiving the grant. That Plan included the site in question before City Council, as the first phase. There were 44 units on this site, but NNRHA would redevelop Ridley Circle, tearing down all of those units, leaving many acres of land to develop. NNRHA would need to be in the position to show HUD that progress had been made on the plan that had been submitted over one year prior.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned, even though the residents may move from Ridley Circle, to these apartments, what would happen when Ridley Circle was redeveloped. The apartments on 28th Street would not be torn down. Ms. Wilds responded no. Councilwoman Cherry suggested making it conducive so that there was recreational and free open space for those residents that would be moved. Ms. Wilds responded that the NNRHA had control of just under one acre, and in order to make the number work, 40-50 units would have to be built. There would be green space on the site.

Mayor Price affirmed that the only action taken with the ordinance before City Council was to convey the property to the NNRHA. He added there would be ample time to voice concerns.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: Cherry

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Appendix B, Subdivision Regulations; Article IV., General Regulations; Section 4-01 (a), Compliance with Regulations; and Repeal Section 4-01.9, Subdivision Review Board (Subdivision Regulations No. SO-2018-0005)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN APPENDIX B, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 4-01, COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS. This ordinance amended the City Code, Appendix B, Subdivision Regulations; Article IV., General Regulations; Section 4-01 (a), Compliance with Regulations; and Repealed Section 4-01.9, Subdivision Review Board (Subdivision Regulations No. SO-2018-0005). This Subdivision Review Board was an administrative body that provided relief to the strict adherence to the subdivision regulations in the creation of a subdivision lot. The Board was not authorized by the Code of Virginia. The amendment would remove the Subdivision Review Board from the Subdivision Regulations. On December 19, 2018, the City Planning Commission
E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Appendix B, Subdivision Regulations; Article IV., General Regulations; Section 4-01 (a), Compliance with Regulations; and Repeal Section 4-01.9, Subdivision Review Board (Subdivision Regulations No. SO-2018-0005) Continued

voted unanimously 7:0 to recommend adoption of the amendment. 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: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: None

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

Councilwoman Cherry confirmed that Section 4-01.9 was being removed, but inquired, on pages 6 and 7, whether those Sections 4-01.10 through 4-01.13 would be reordained. City Attorney Owens replied that those Sections would be Reserved, and the other Sections would grandfather actions that the Subdivision Review Board had taken in the past.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired for what would those sections be reserved. City Attorney Owens responded those sections would be reserved for whatever City Council may choose to put in at some point in the future.

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

F. Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the Work Session of January 8, 2019

(No registered speakers)
F. Consent Agenda Continued

1. Minutes of the Work Session of January 8, 2019 Continued

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

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019

   (No registered speakers)

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


   A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR THE HONORABLE J.
   WARREN STEPHENS, JR. This resolution recognized the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.
   for his many contributions to the City of Newport News. The Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.
   was born on February 14, 1924 in Newport News, Virginia, and was educated in Newport News
   Public Schools. He served in the U. S. Army field artillery during World War II before attending
   Virginia Military Institute. He went on to receive his undergraduate and law degree from the
   University of Virginia. Judge Stephens began his legal career practicing with the local form of
   Montague, Ferguson and Holt. He practiced at the law firm of Stephens and Wendward prior to
   going on the bench. Judge Stephens was appointed to the Newport News Circuit Court, serving as
   a Judge until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement, Judge Stephens continued to serve
   as a substitute judge and as a mediator and arbitrator for the McCammon Group. Judge Stephens
   participated in numerous professional and community organizations, including membership in the
   American Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association. Judge Stephens was a member of
   St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church where he served as a lay reader on the vestry, and as a senior
   warden in addition to serving as a former chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern
   Virginia. This Resolution in Memoriam recognized all that the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.
   had done to serve the City of Newport News, and for his many contributions to the quality of life
   of this community. The City Manager recommended approval.

   (No registered speakers)

   Vote on Roll Call:
   Ayes: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
   Nays: None
F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution Granting Conditional Approval for ISC Medical Transport, LLC, a Private Emergency Medical Services Agency, to Provide Certain Transport Services Within the City of Newport News, Virginia

A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR ISC MEDICAL TRANSPORT, LLC, A PRIVATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TRANSPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. This resolution granted conditional approval for ISC Medical Transport, LLC, a private Emergency Medical Services Agency, to provide certain transport services within the City of Newport News, Virginia. The City had received a request from ISC Medical Transport, LLC to allow it to provide non-emergency medical transport services in the City of Newport News. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-955, and 12VAC5-31-420, the Virginia Department of Health required applicants for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) licensure to obtain a resolution from the governing body of each locality where the services would be provided. The City Manager recommended approval.

Ms. Denise Thornton, 894 Charlotte Drive, Newport News, was available to answer questions.

Councilwoman Scott inquired, since this business could not serve in the same capacity as the City’s Transport Services, in what capacities would ISC Medical Transport operate other than from nursing home to nursing home. She questioned, if the City’s Emergency Response System requested ISC Medical Transport’s participation, how the City would ensure parity among these type of businesses. She questioned, if the City would enter into a contract with ISC Medical Transport for “overflow work,” whether everyone would be allowed to participate. City Manager Rohlf replied no, this was just a provision in case of an emergency, and the City called on ISC Medical Transport for service. ISC Medical Transport was private and there would be no contract with the City. She advised this was granting conditional approval but ISC Medical Transport was licensed through the State.

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

5. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Blue Crab Boulevard Investors, LLC for General Office/Warehouse Space Located at 802 Blue Crab Road

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN BLUE CRAB BOULEVARD INVESTORS, LLC AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, DATED JANUARY 22, 2019, FOR GENERAL OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE
F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Blue Crab Boulevard Investors, LLC for General Office/Warehouse Space Located at 802 Blue Crab Road Continued

AT 802 BLUE CRAB ROAD IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This resolution authorized the City manager to execute a lease by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Crab Boulevard Investors, LLC for the General Office/Warehouse space located at 802 Blue Crab Road. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism required climate controlled storage space for a variety of equipment and supplies associated with annual events, festivals and related activities. Additional storage space was needed to accommodate new holiday equipment, as well as other supplies previously stored in contracted storage spaces at other locations. The lease, located at City Center, was for approximately 2,000 square feet of store space. The centralized location of the storage space would be convenient not only for access to holiday events at City Center, but throughout other areas of the City. The lease term would be a five-year period from February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2024. Funding for this storage space would come from the special events annual operating budget. The City manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the agreement with regard to the base rent. She was glad to see that the base rent would go down in 2023 and 2024, but inquired about the reason for the reduction. City Manager Rohlf replied, in the first couple of years, some improvements to the building were made, and those improvement were factored into the initial years to assist in paying for the cost. After those improvements, the cost would roll off and the lease would go down.

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

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Receipt of Bids for Granting a Utility Easement on a Portion of City-owned Property Located at 690 Turnberry Boulevard

One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Energy for the grant of a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 690 Turnberry Boulevard for the installation of underground electrical circuits to facilitate construction of a new service center for operations and transportation (SCOT) facilities. The easement would enable installation of underground electrical circuits. The cable would be installed in underground conduit via trenching and horizontal directional drilling. No overhead facilities would be installed. The bid was forwarded to the City Manager for review and evaluation. The required public notice was
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Receipt of Bids for Granting a Utility Easement on a Portion of City-owned Property Located at 690 Turnberry Boulevard Continued

   properly advertised in the Daily Press. A public hearing was also advertised for the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council to consider the ordinance that would grant the actual easements to the successful bidder. A copy of the bid received is attached and made a part of these minutes.

2. Receipt of Bids for Granting a Utility Easement on a Portion of City-owned Property Located at 12601 McManus Boulevard

   One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Energy for the grant of a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 12601 McManus Boulevard for the installation of underground electrical circuits to facilitate construction of a new service center for operations and transportation (SCOT) facilities. The easement would enable installation of underground electrical circuits. The cable would be installed in underground conduit via trenching and horizontal directional drilling. No overhead facilities would be installed. The bid was forwarded to the City Manager for review and evaluation. The required public notice was properly advertised in the Daily Press. A public hearing was also advertised for the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council to consider the ordinance that would grant the actual easements to the successful bidder. A copy of the bid received is attached and made a part of these minutes.

   Councilman Harris inquired whether City Council would receive an update on the SCOT facility. City Manager Rohlfl responded yes, City Council would receive an update on the SCOT facility project.

3. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to Include Parking Rights and Administration Agreement for Phase Four Parking Garage By and Between the City of Newport News (City) and the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 1.555 Acres of Land Located at 11849 Canon Boulevard

   A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, DATED THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, FOR 1.555 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 11829 CANON BOULEVARD. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a Deed of Lease, to include Parking Rights and Administration Agreement, for Phase Four Parking Garage, by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) and the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 1.555 acres of land located at 11829 Canon Boulevard. In order to facilitate construction of the City-owned Phase Four Parking Garage on EDA-owned property, the City and the EDA needed to enter into a lease agreement. The Phase Four Parking Garage was consistent
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to Include Parking Rights and Administration Agreement for Phase Four Parking Garage By and Between the City of Newport News (City) and the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for 1.555 Acres of Land Located at 11849 Canon Boulevard Continued

with the original City Center Master Plan and was in support of ongoing expansion at City Center. The proposed lease would include a Parking Rights and Administration Agreement as an addendum, which would provide the EDA with the ability to construct, operate, and manage the new parking garage on behalf of the City. The Phase Four Parking Garage would be a part of the existing shared parking system at City enter. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Councilwoman Cherry asked for clarity under the Agreement, with regard to Insurance, Maintenance and Operation, where it was specified, “...with funding support from the Tenant, Landlord agrees to...” Councilwoman Cherry stated the City would be leasing the parking lot from the EDA; and to restore the Phase Four Parking Garage as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of a casualty loss, and questioned whether the City would have to rebuild the facility should something occur. City Manager Rohlf asked Mr. Matthew Johnson, Economic Development Manager, Department of Development, to address the matter. Councilwoman Cherry reiterated, asking under Insurance Maintenance and Operation, “with funding report from the tenant,” the landlord agree to several guidelines. Councilwoman Cherry reminded that the City would be the tenant, and questioned what was meant by the term, “with funding support.” The City would be paying for the garage, but in the event of casualty loss, would the City have to pay for the facility again. Mr. Johnson responded, while he was not legal or insurance counsel, his understanding was that the City would assist the EDA with the insurance covered on the garage. Councilwoman Cherry questioned that the City was paying for building the garage and paying for the insurance, and leasing the property, and would also have to pay if the property needed to be restored. Mr. Johnson replied that the insurance was designed to cover the full build of the garage. City Attorney Owens replied that it was casualty insurance. Councilwoman Cherry advised that the section was not clear, and thought it said the City would pay more money to the project should something occur. Mr. Johnson responded that there was nothing planned beyond regular insurance payments.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: None
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. Resolution Authorizing the City of Newport News, Virginia to Request that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Formally Include Lane Mileage Increases of Identified Streets to the City’s Street Maintenance Inventory for Maintenance Payment Purposes

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, REQUESTING THAT THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE FOR MAINTENANCE PAYMENT PURPOSES THOSE STREETS LISTED HEREIN. This resolution authorized the City of Newport News to request that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) formally include lane mileage increases of identified streets to the City’s Street Maintenance Inventory. The City’s street maintenance was reported to VDOT for State payment to the locality for maintenance purposes and required a resolution of City Council. The streets had been constructed to the standards required by the State and were eligible for State maintenance funds. This resolution complied with VDOT’s requirement and would formally add to the lane mileage additions. The net change requested would increase the revenue by $16,555. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vacant

Vice Mayor Vick.

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

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 41, Vehicles for Hire; Article III, Taxicabs; Division 7., Annual Taxicab Inspections; Section 41-121, Annual Inspections Required; Inspection Procedure; Cost of Inspection Sticker

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 41, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE III, TAXICABS DIVISION 7., ANNUAL TAXICAB INSPECTION, SECTION 41-121, ANNUAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED; INSPECTION PROCEDURE; COST OF INSPECTION STICKER. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 41, Vehicles for Hire; Article III. Taxicabs; Division 7., Annual Taxicab Inspection; Section 41-121, Annual Inspections Required; Inspection Procedure; Cost of Inspection Sticker. The Taxicab Advisory Board (Board) was established on March 11, 2008 to review taxicab regulations. The ten (10) model years old age restriction was adopted by City Council on March 13, 2010 in a concerted effort to improve the condition, appearance and cleanliness of taxicabs, and went into effect on May 1, 2012. Based on NNPD 2019 Annual Inspection Calendar, 109 taxicabs would be more than 10 years old at the time of annual inspection, which was a separate concern from the safety of the vehicle. The cleanliness and condition of the exterior and interior of the vehicle was
Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 41, Vehicles for Hire; Article III, Taxicabs; Division 7., Annual Taxicab Inspections; Section 41-121, Annual Inspections Required; Inspection Procedure; Cost of Inspection Sticker Continued

checked during the annual inspection process. At a Special Meeting on November 7, 2018, the Board voted 2-1 to recommend changed in the age limit of taxicab at the date of annual taxicab inspection. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott acknowledged the presence of Mr. Hassan E. Ali. She indicated that she was very sympathetic to this matter. She advised that she would not vote against the ordinance before the City Council, but expressed concern to the members of the Taxi Advisory Board. She encouraged the Board to look at the year of the taxicab if they were willing to compromise. She recalled that 174 taxicabs had reached their 10-year threshold. The City did not want 25-year old taxicabs at the Airport, which was not the face of the City. She asked Mr. Ali and members of the Taxi Advisory Board to think at what year they thought taxicabs should be retired. This was their business and they knew best what the vehicles would look like in 20 years. She thought about suggesting the threshold for taxicabs be 15 years; but remembered that she drove a 16-year old vehicle, which was in good condition other than vandalism. She did not ask City Council to take additional action, but would ask the City Manager to revisit this matter. Perhaps the Board could decide which taxicabs could remain in the community or which taxicabs could go to the airport. She asked that the taxicab Advisory Board have addition discussions so 174 taxicabs would not be taken off of the street at one time within the near future. Councilwoman Scott realized this was the way the Board made a living, but the Hospitality Association had grave concerns when the ordinance was first implemented.

Vice Mayor Vick recalled the main point of discussion when this issue originally came before City Council, were concern by the Hospitality Association. Vice Mayor Vick advised that she would continue to insist that every taxicab in the City of Newport News was not for hospitality. There were numerous residents in the Southeast Community that used taxicabs for numerous reasons, i.e. getting to doctor appointments, grocery stores, etc. Not saying that taxicabs should be less than but, just because a car has aged did not mean it was not well kept, which is what the inspectors should be for – inspecting on the condition of the taxicab, and not the age. People across America drive vehicles that variced in age, e.g., some antique vehicles were still operable. In her opinion, it was not the government’s role to decide how long a taxicab should be able to function. She suggested looking at the City holistically, particularly in the manner taxicabs serviced the citizens.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 41, Vehicles for Hire; Article III., Taxicabs; Division 7., Annual Taxicab Inspections; Section 41-121, Annual Inspections Required; Inspection Procedure; Cost of Inspection Sticker Continued

Councilwoman Scott responded that was her reason for suggesting the Taxi Advisory Board to decide the year taxicabs should be retired. She cited her experience of catching taxi cabs to the airport rather than leaving her private vehicle, and not taking a cab that was unkempt and dirty.

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

H. Appropriations

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

1. Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) – General Obligation Bond Fund: HVAC Replacement (Jenkins Elementary and Hilton Elementary Schools) and Facility Renovation and Improvement (Lee Hall Elementary School Roof of Replacement)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED ($6,395,578.00) TO HVAC REPLACEMENTS – JENKINS AND HILTON ($5,483,363.00) AND FACILITY RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT ($912,215.00). This resolution appropriated $6,395,578.00 from the General Obligation Bond Fund to Newport News Public Schools for HVAC Replacements at Jenkins Elementary and Hilton Elementary Schools, and for Facility renovation and improvements for a roof replacement at Lee Hall Elementary School. This appropriation would allow the School Division to proceed with projects related to the adopted FY 2019 Capital Improvements Plan using the unappropriated balance of the FY 2018 Bond Authorizations.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: None
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted bible scriptures from I Thessalonians 4:16; Ezekiel 34:29; and Ecclesiastes 34; alluding to United States President, Donald Trump, being the Trump of God; and the raising of a plant renown.

Mr. Thompson further suggested the legalization of marijuana to assist paying the national debt.

Mr. Thompson thanked Councilwoman Cherry for being willing to stand alone and fight for the citizens. He also thanked the entire City Council and Chief Steve Drew, NNPD. He indicated that crime would rise with the government shutdown because people had to eat.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, recalled that City Hall and other facilities were built in bustling Newport News, approximately 50 years prior, as a result of President Lyndon Johnson’s urban renewal plans. Upper Newport News had not been filled in, and Denbigh was a small town. Casey Chevrolet and Hutchens Chevrolet were located in the Downtown area, bringing many people. Mr. Gergely referenced the meetings for the Denbigh - Warwick Plan, which numerous citizens attended. He indicated that people did not come Downtown, due to the distance. He asked City Council to hold Council meetings in other locations throughout the City, i.e. City Center, Britishham-Midtown Community Center, or the Denbigh Community Center. City Council would get more participation if the meetings were held at other locations throughout the City.

Mr. Gergely suggested the agendas be written in layman’s terms so that citizens could understand what was going on in the City.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, congratulated Chief Drew, NNPD, the boys from the Crossroad Village Boys and Girls Club, and other leaders in the community who were involved in the 3-on-3 Basketball League. He attended on Saturday, January 19, 2019, and observed a great deal of enthusiasm. It reminded him when he was involved in coaching Co-ed softball in the 1970s. The team practiced on the playground of the former Jackson Elementary School. He learned a great deal from coaching, particularly teamwork. He observed the same teamwork character in the team from the Crossroads Village Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Whitcomb advised that he had kept in contact with those members of the softball team that he coached. He shared that he came to Newport News originally in an effort to save the playground of the former Jackson Elementary School. He was pleased to report that the property remained, as the 47th and Warwick Mini-Park. He recognized the need for recreation back in the 1970s. The citizens had Huntington Beach, and the waterfront. Citizens in the northern part of the City had to travel to Huntington Park. He urged City Council to hurriedly focus on the process of opening up the former City Farm property, which was a part of Riverview Farm Park, to all of the people.

Mr. Ernest Thompson, 645-19th Street, Newport News, advised that he had attended the Joint Meeting of the Newport News City Council and the School Board, held earlier,
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council Continued

January 22, 2019, 4:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), and was thrilled hearing the news of the idea and reality that Huntington Middle School would be rebuilt. He was also excited about hearing of the idea of the campus of Huntington Middle School site, which Mayor Price advocated. He hoped that City Council would direct the City Manager to bring this to fruition within three to six months in an effort to work out the concept.

Mr. Thompson commented on the CNI project, in which he was involved with from its inception. He expressed concern about green space, in the first phase of the project. He observed that the facilities that were built from 25th Street to 26th Street, when children exited, they could only come out directly onto the street. He questioned where the children would go safely. Mr. Thompson asked City Council to consider finding a piece of property, in close proximity, for green space, to afford the residents a place to relax and enjoy themselves in a safe space.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Mayor Price extended congratulations to the football team of The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding (A Division of Huntington Ingalls Industries), who won their first National Championship in the 99-year school history, on Saturday, December 1, 2018, in Wheeling, West Virginia, defeating Oakland University 56-14. The team was honored during half-time at the Apprentice School Basketball Game on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m., with a 87-73 victory against Warren Wilson. The football team would receive a championship ring. Several members of the Newport News City Council were on hand to lend their support.

Mayor Price extended condolences to the family of former Newport News Vice Mayor, the Honorable Joseph C. Whitaker, on his passing on January 8, 2019. He mentioned previously that he was at the NNPD and Boys and Girls Club basketball tournament on Saturday, January 19, 2019 and chose not to attend the funeral because he knew that Mr. Whitaker would have wanted him where he was - serving the youth. Vice Mayor Whitaker had a tremendous respect and desire to help youth in the community, and he hoped the Whitaker family would understand.

Mayor Price shared that he and others participated in the MLK, Jr. Day of Service Food Drive to benefit the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, held Monday, January 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., which was tremendous. With the poundage and the monetary donations collected, preliminary numbers showed that the collection were equivalent to 26,730 meals. He thanked the community and those partners with the City to make the event a success.

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to Newport News Mayor, Dr. McKinley Price, DDS, for hosting the MLK, Jr. Day of Service Food Drive to benefit the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, held Monday, January 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. She had the opportunity to stop by briefly, reminding that food insecurity and hunger abatement was one of
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

her favorite philanthropies. She commended Mayor Price on his efforts and everyone who came out to support the community of elected officials and other leaders in the community.

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, and the Carrington Group, for the presentation at the January 22, 2019 City Council Work Session, on the Building Better Futures Initiative. It was an awesome presentation, with so much information. She liked the direction the Initiative was taking and looked forward to being a part of the solution.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she enjoyed the exchange of information with the Newport News School Board, held earlier at the Joint Meeting of the Newport News City Council and the School Board, at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), 4:00 p.m. She believed the leadership paradigm was changing in the City by being proactive, meeting and doing things collaboratively. She looked forward to continuing to work with the Newport News School Board.

Councilwoman Scott reminded that the first North District Town Hall Meeting would be held on Monday, January 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). The agenda would be Open Discussion. All citizens were invited to attend, voice their concerns, and share their suggestions and recommendations.

Vice Mayor Vick extended congratulations to Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, on an outstanding Press Conference, held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at the Newport News Police Headquarters (9710 Jefferson Avenue). She expressed appreciation for the advance notice given to members of City Council. Regarding information report, she believed that Newport News was going in the right direction, and commended him as leader in the effort to reduce crime and to help make the neighborhoods safer; i.e. by being proactive, earmarking communities with the most crime to figure out a strategy to decrease crime and provide a better quality of life.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that she attended the Hampton-Newport News Chapter of CHUMS-33rd Annual “Dr. Martin Luther King” Memorial Scholarship Breakfast, on Monday, January 21, 2019, at the Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). Proceeds from the ticket sales go toward scholarships for the youth. Vice Mayor Vick indicated there were amazing youth present. Kudos to CHUMS, Inc.

Vice Mayor Vick announced that the City’s Department of Human Services would host a Poverty Simulation event at the South Morrison Family Education Center (746 Adams Drive), on Thursday, January 24, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The theme was “Poverty Isn’t a Game,” where citizens would be able to see how families who experience poverty live from day to day. The event was free with limited space available. Interested citizens were asked to register. She

With reverence to Mr. Gergely’s suggestion, Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she too had attended the meeting on the Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan, and the newspaper
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

suggested it would be great if citizens were more involved. She reminded, since her election to
the Newport News City Council in 2008, that she presented the idea for City Council meetings to
be held in different parts of the City, e.g. the James Room at City Center, the Brittingham-
Midtown Community Center, and the Denbigh Community Center. She advised that City
Council owed it to the citizens to make the meetings more accessible to more people.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended condolences to the Deans family, on the
death of Mr. Robert “Bob” Deans, II (Mr. Deans passed away on January 6, 2019). He served his
country in the Navy and taught for over 32 years at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School, as
well as the Newport News Public Schools. Known as “Mr. Civics,” Mr. Deans was a great
advocate of the City Farm, and often spoke of the importance of that historical site.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that there would be a
Building Wealth Seminars and free life insurance quotes, as well business opportunity for those
interested, which began Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at Charm’d Lounge,
25 Wythe Creek Road, Hampton. The seminars would continue every other Tuesday.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that there would be a
free rabies clinic immunization on Saturday, March 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Piggly
Wiggly (3101 Jefferson Avenue). For additional details, citizens were asked to contact Ms.
Olivia Lane, Medical Reserve Coordinator, Health Department, at (757) 594-7076.

Councilwoman Cherry announced there would be a Faith, Justice & Community
Meeting, hosted by the Newport News Police Department (NNPD), was scheduled for Tuesday,
February 5, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Newport News Police Headquarters (9710
Jefferson Avenue). All faith communities were invited.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to Crossroads Village Boys and
Girls Club for winning the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. She advised that all of the teams
played hard. She believed the relationships built between the police officers and the children
would be life changing. She extended thanks to Chief Drew, NNPD, and Mr. Hal Smith,
President and CEO, Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula.

Councilman Harris thanked Mayor Price for allowing some of his students from
Denbigh High School to volunteer in the MLK, Jr. Day of Service Food Drive to benefit the
Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, held Monday, January 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

As was his practice to recognize youth, Councilman Harris indicated that Ms.
Sirata Fox, Professional School Counselor, Lee Hall Elementary School, recommended
recognizing the following students who showed leadership at Lee Hall Elementary School: First
Grade – Jediani Velazquez France, Sanyi Johnson, Marcus Atwater, and Demani’e Doles;
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Second Grade – Denver Brown, Qayden Rhodes, Raleigh Brooks, Za’Nasia Blackwood, and Shawn Randall; Third Grade – Keyira Rhodes; Fifth Grade – Elijah Milligan.

Councilman Harris acknowledged a Menchville High School graduate, Mr. Kwame Lassiter. He had an opportunity to watch Mr. Lassiter while growing up. Mr. Lassiter paved the way for Newport News. Councilman Harris advised that Mr. Lassiter passed away. A celebration of life would be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Although Mr. Lassiter lived in Arizona, he did quite a bit to help youth in the Newport News community. A member of the NFL Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals, was big in the Hampton Roads Youth Foundation, related to holding free football clinics in Newport News for more than 20 years. Many citizens may recall legendary athletes from Huntington High School included Walter Bowers, Leroy Keyes, and Ray Pilot; but he recalled Kwame Lassiter, who paved the way for the newer athletes, to ensure they could come out of Newport News, Virginia, and tout athletes like Michael Vick and Aaron Brooks, who made it to the next level. Mr. Lassiter touched many lives by how he lived and gave back once he finished his career in the NFL. Councilman Harris extended condolences to the family of Mr. Kwame Lassiter.

Councilman Harris announced the 2nd Annual Re-up School Supply Distribution Event, if there were students in need of school supplies, scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at The Boathouse Live, at 11800 Merchants Walk, #100. Young performers would take the stage to display their talents, other activities would include face-painting, and free hair-cuts. Staff from the Newport News Department of Human Services would be on hand to provide valuable resources for families.

Councilman Harris advised that later in the evening, Newport News Public School employees would come together for a concert, 7:00 p.m., at The Boathouse Live, Music would be provided by the United Souls Band, a popular local reggae group, who wanted to give back to the community.

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 8:10 P.M.
Mabel Washington Jenkins
Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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