MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
April 9, 2019
3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Marcellus L. Harris III; David H. Jenkins; McKinley L. Price, DDS; Tina L. Vick; Patricia P. Woodbury; and Saundra N. Cherry, D. Min. 6

ABSENT: Sharon P. Scott, MPA 1

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Rohlf; Collins L. Owens; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Joye Thompkins; Darlene Bradberry; George Parker; Gary Hunter; Terri Best; John Eley; Shelly Simonds; Lisa Surles-Law; Brian Nichols; Rashad Wright; Karen Wilds; Lisa Cipriano; Cory Cloud; Constantinos Velissarios; Maria Abilar; Shelia McAllister; Flora Chiros; Angela Hopkins; Susan Goodwin; Florence Kingston; Matthew Johnson; Marc Rodgers; Mallory Butler; Everett Skipper; Veneria Thomas; Sonia Alcantara-Antoine; Louis Martinez; Jeffrey Johnson; Andre Dorsey; Frank James; Steve Drew; Michael Grinstead; Alan Archer; David Freeman; Cleder Jones; Kim Lee; Eoghan Miller; Stephanie Haultz; Michelle Mitchell; Jane Hammond; Tabethia Gerze; John McMillan; Joanie Ivy; Mary Vause; Andrian Withcomb; Felicia Barnett; JoAnn Armstrong, Kathryn Hermann; Catina Bullard-Clark; Keith Hubbard; Scarlett Minto; Zina Middleton; and Josh Reyes

I. FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget

Ms. Cynthia L. Rohlf, City Manager, reminded that she presented the FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget at the March 26, 2019 City Council Work Session. In keeping with City Council past practices had scheduled presentation related to the budget. She introduced Dr. George Parker, III, Superintendent, Newport News Public School (NNPS).

Dr. Parker indicated he would share the NNPS key accomplishments, key operational challenges and opportunities, moving forward – a vision for NNPS, FY 2019 Operating Budget detail (staffing, compensation, health care, and cash capital – technology, maintenance, and security) and revenue details (a copy of the presentation, “Newport News Public Schools – School Board’s Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget – April 9, 2019”, is attached and made a part of these minutes).
Dr. Parker advised that Newport News Public Schools were preparing students to be graduate college, career and citizen ready.

Dr. Parker noted the college-ready statistics for the Class of 2018 as follows:

- 44% earned Advanced Studies Diplomas
- 85% took Honors, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment or International Baccalaureate Courses
- 3,336 Advanced Placements courses completed
- 82 Early College and Early Career students earned 1,492 college credit hours

Dr. Parker shared the career-ready statistics for the Class of 2018 as follows:

- 1,033 Industry Certifications earned
- 63% held a job while in high school
- 361 students successfully completed Magnet Program requirements in Aviation, Health Sciences, STEM, and the Arts

Dr. Parker shared the citizen-ready statistics for the Class of 2018 as follows:

- 87% participated in clubs, sports, and activities
- 78% performed volunteer work in our community

Dr. Parker advised that the NNPS on-time graduation rate was up to 93% from 72.9% in 2008. Since 2008, the NNPS dropout rate had decreased from 12% to 2.1%.

Dr. Parker indicated that NNPS magnet opportunities were offered to elementary, middle and high school students with the chance to focus in such areas as environmental science, communication and performing arts, aviation, global studies, and STEM through a variety of magnet and specialty program options. The programs:

- Offer a specialized focus in the curriculum or distinctive type of environment or instruction
- Serve children from across the city and every child is eligible to apply
- Transportation for all programs

Dr. Parker shared that 26 of 38 schools were accredited as measured by SOLs (17 high schools, 3 middle schools, and 6 elementary schools). The new accreditation system included
chronic absenteeism and subgroup performance. The proposed accreditation matrix consisted of the following:

- **Academic Achievement (passing rates and progress)**
  - Schools receive credit for students who are making progress in English and/or mathematics and are on a trajectory towards reaching proficiency and for English-language learners making progress towards English proficiency.

- **Academic Achievement Gaps**
  - Schools were evaluated on their success in narrowing achievement gaps in English and mathematics. Under the previous accreditation system, high overall performance could mask underperformance of certain student groups.

- **Graduation Rate**
- **Dropout Rate**
- **Chronic Absenteeism**
  - Schools were evaluated on their success in reducing absenteeism and lowering dropout rates.

- **College and Career Readiness**
  - Effective 2021-2022 high schools would be expected to meet goals for increasing participation and achievement in advanced programs, career and technical education, and work-based and service-based learning.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired as to what grade level and/or schools were the challenges. Dr. Parkers replied all the high schools were fully accredited; however, the middle and elementary schools were where there were challenges. Councilwoman Cherry questioned what was being done at the middle schools not accredited, and what steps were being taken. Dr. Parker replied he would provide City Council with that information at a later date.

Dr. Parker indicated kindergarten readiness and a focus on early education was very important. He stated nearly 70% of NNPS kindergartners received a full day Pre-K education in 2018 as NNPS operated five (5) early childhood centers (Lee Hall Early Childhood Center, Denbigh Early Childhood Center, Marshall Early Learning Center, Watkins Early Childhood Center, and Gatewood Program for Educating Exceptional Preschoolers (PEEP)). These five (5) centers provided services to nearly 1,400 preschoolers.

Dr. Parker noted the students should be reading at grade level by Grade 3. He said a national study released in 2018 showed that students who did not read proficiently by third grade were four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma than proficient readers.
Poverty compounds the problem – students who have lived in poverty were three times more likely to drop out or fail to graduate on time than their more affluent peers. He indicated reports recommended aligning quality early education programs with the curriculum and standards in the primary grades; paying better attention to health and developmental needs of young children; and providing work training and other programs that would help lift families out of poverty. He shared that in 2018 approximately 64% of 3rd graders successfully passed the 3rd grade SOL Reading test.

Dr. Parker advised that NNPS focused on mental health services. Mental Health Services factored into all other areas of academics. With reports of trauma care, reports to Child Protective Services, students struggling academically, truancy and students behavior were symptoms and could lead to larger problems. He advised that mental services was a key focus as well as improving the care that was provided to the students moving forward.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether there was a correlation between those students who received free or reduced lunch with mental health services or whether Dr. Parker was stating all students needed mental health services. Dr. Parker replied students need school counselors which was a support of mental health services, but there were tiers of support needed. There were students with extreme behavioral needs and some of those student were helped through local organizations. That level of support was needed in the schools division, the schools needed psychiatrists, clinical licensed social workers, and those intermediary beyond a school counselor who were not necessarily a mental health provider. He shared that school counselors could obtain that rating, but all school counselor were not mental health providers.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the status of the school division having psychiatrists, clinical licensed social workers, etc. available to students. Dr. Parker replied there were two on staff with their primary wellness support of special education. The school division would like to increase the staff and put a model in place, so there would be resource for not only school counselors but direct support to students and parents. Currently the school system was not adequately supported to deal with the type of need that students required.

Councilwoman Cherry again questioned whether there was a correlation between those students who received free or reduced lunch with mental health services. Dr. Parker replied research had shown that students who lived at or below the poverty level were more exposed to trauma and family crisis, more homelessness, parent(s) who were incarcerated, and death in the family, that students are living that dynamic and not receiving any mental health care when those types of issues occurred. He noted there was some data available. Councilwoman Cherry indicated that she would like that data. Dr. Parker replied the school division had data on
symptoms of mental health needs and would provide City Council with that information at a later date.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether therapeutic day treatment (TDT) existed in the school division. Dr. Parkers replied yes, in all the schools.

Councilman Harris inquired whether H-NNCSB and TDT would be able to work with students that were uninsured. Dr. Parker replied yes, under the TDT, there was an evaluation, and some were referred to outside providers. If a family was not Medicaid eligible, there would be some level of assistance provided.

Dr. Parker indicated there were staffing challenges and NNPS needed to recruit qualified teachers and to retain qualified and experienced teachers. He shared that some of the reasons it was hard to recruit qualified teachers as follows:

- Diminishing pool of teachers in university prep programs
- Hard to fill areas were growing: Math, Special Education, Science, World Language, Technology, Elementary
- Minority candidate numbers were small

Dr. Parker shared as the schools moved forward, the Vision for NNPS was as follows:

- External Curriculum Audit
- Establishing a Profile of a Newport News Graduate
- Establishing Metrics for Kindergarten Readiness
- Improving Remedial Programs for Students who Fall Behind
- Increasing Mental Health Supports (use Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board and Therapeutic Day Treatment as an example)
- Making Schools Safe for all Staff and Students
- Expanding Workforce Development Opportunities

Dr. Parker asked City Council whether they were funding a vision or a budget.

Dr. Parker advised of the school enrollment projections of 27,187 students in FY 2019 and 26,964 for FY 2020, with a decrease of 223. He advised one thing that drove state revenue and most of our cost was the number of students. The state paid NNPS on what they called Average Daily Membership (ADM) through March 31 of each school year. There was a Military – Connected students decrease from FY 2011 – FY 2020 of 2,264.
Dr. Parker shared that the English Language Learners (ELL) Student Growth had increased from FY 2019 to FY 2020 by 232. He informed City Council that the NNPS earned the 2018 English as a Second Language (ESL) Magna Award. The ESL program was to assist with removal of barriers for student achievement.

Dr. Parker indicated, in addition to NNPS student enrollment, other budget drivers were the services provided to students, which are driven by the NNPS strategic plan. The amount of revenue that was expected from the State and locality determined what was able to be accomplished in the NNPS budget. Education was a very labor intensive process. The NNPS compensation strategy was an important budget driver; and health care was part of the NNPS total compensation package, so health cost was a budget driver. NNPS also had non-compensation needs that were budget drivers – technology and maintenance.

Dr. Parker compared staffing services to students from FY 2019 to the proposed FY 2020 NNPS Budget, which included additions and reductions of staff. He indicated the total cost for FY 2020 for the 17 additional positions would equal $1.5 million.

**FY 2019 NNPS Budget**

**Staff Additions (11)**
- 7 ESL Teachers
- 2 Elementary School Counselors
- 2 HVAC Apprentices

**Staff Reductions (39)**
- 2 Media Specialist
- 1 Nurse
- 2 Tech Development
- 4.3 Clerical
- 17.6 Instructional Assistants
- 11.1 Service & Trade Personnel
- 1 Principal

**FY 2020 NNPS Proposed Budget**

**Staff Additions (17)**
- 6 ESL Teachers
- 3 ESL Support Staff
- 2 Elementary School Counselors
- 2 Licensed Social Workers
- 2 Security Officers
- 2 Instructional Technology Coaches

**Staff Reductions (9)**
- 3 Administrative Positions
- 6 Teachers (MS Teacher Staffing Ration Updated)

Dr. Parker advised that the positions funded by Standard of Quality (SOQ) versus not funded were as follows:

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<td>Positions Funded by SOQ</td>
<td>2,460.8</td>
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<td><strong>Total Full Time Equivalents to Fund</strong></td>
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Dr. Parker noted the cost of a 1% raise for all staff would equal $2.2 million. The State raise was provided just for the SOQ positions. The cost of a 1% raise in FY 2020 for the positions not in SOQ was approximately $800,000.

Dr. Parker shared the FY 2020 NNPS Compensation Strategy:

- A salary increase for all employees
- Increase teacher starting pay
- Compression adjustments for teachers
  - Adjust the teacher scales to move closer to the 1.5% between steps which would provide compression adjustments to teachers resulting in an average increase for teachers of 3.1% (ranging from 2.1% - 3.7%)
- Experience adjustments for some support staff groups and increase the starting pay
- Adjust Bus Driver range to improve regional competitiveness
  - With the proposed changes, NNPS starting pay for drivers would be $14.81 next year (that's the move to a higher range 3.5% and the 1% range adjustment made most years)

Dr. Parker noted the most important thing the NNPS could do to improve student learning was to provide great teachers in every classroom – teachers make the most difference. Dr. Parker indicated “We’ve all heard that teachers aren’t in teaching for the money but they certainly
may decide to work where they can make the most money as a teacher,” so we need to be concerned about how NNPS pay compared to that of other divisions in our area. The NNPS had been working on teacher salaries for the past several years (see attached chart – page 15 of the Newport News Public School Board Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget – April 9, 2019).

Dr. Parkers shared “An Analysis of Virginia’s 2017-18 Teacher Salary Schedules” by University of Virginia’s EdPolicyWorks defined returns to experience as “the percentage change in salary associated with an additional year of experience within an educational level.” At the end of each school year, teachers must decide whether to remain a teacher, and if so where to teach. Their expectation for how their salary would change plays a key role in that decision-making process. Returns on experience vary across years of experience with a clear majority of divisions back-loading those returns by awarding the largest salary raises to more experienced teachers.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned, during the comparison of other surrounding localities between teachers and loss of student populations had surrounding localities done to compensate for the loss of students. Dr. Parker replied he had that information and would provide that information to City Council at a later date. The comparison was between the Cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton, which were considered urban school divisions, meaning those schools had the same ratio of funding from the State and locality. The information would show the number of students lost, and local support.

Vice Mayor Vick indicated the need to look at teachers and communities in which teachers worked, because sometimes teachers did not leave because of salaries, rather the community/school in which they taught. She also stated salaries should be on a merit based increase, not across the board. Dr. Parker replied there was an evaluation system in place, the NNPS used the State rating to evaluate teachers. During the evaluation, teachers could be placed on probation for up to five years, or the contract may not be renewed.

Dr. Parker shared the support staff salary comparison for FY 2019 as follows (see attached chart – page 16 of the Newport News Public School Board Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget – April 9, 2019).

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<td>Custodian</td>
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<td>Bus Drivers</td>
<td>14.17 hourly</td>
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<td>Security Officer</td>
<td>15.19 hourly</td>
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<td>School Nurses</td>
<td>27.14 hourly</td>
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Dr. Parker indicated the NNPS had worked on the starting pay for these support groups, but could see the review should be continued. The NNPS salary strategy recommends experience adjustments for employee groups shown above. When the starting pay was raised of employees there would be some compression and that would need to be addressed.

Dr. Parker shared that the NNPS had been working on bus driver pay for several years, but as the market continues to move, NNPS had to keep up, to keep those positions filled. With the changes that were proposed, starting pay for bus drivers would be $14.81 in FY 2020 (that was the move to a higher range 3.5% and the 1% range adjustment made most years). NNPS would not know how that compared to the rest of the market until other divisions shared salary information.

Dr. Parker noted the State salary funding was a 5% increase for SOQ funded positions over a two (2) year period 2019 – 2020, with a maximum credit for raises given in 2019 to equal 3%. He indicated, to receive full State funding in FY 2020 of $5.9 million, NNPS must give at least a 2% salary increase by September 1, 2019.

Dr. Parker advised that the NNPS proposed budget included an increase of $3 million for the employer portion of the health care plan. The attached chart shows NNPS claims and administrative costs in green from 2011 through 2018 (see chart on page 17 attached and made part of the minutes). NNPS had a spike in 2011 claims cost – the 2010 claims number was $26.1 million. At that time, NNPS raised the employer premiums and employee premiums, copays and deductibles. The NNPS claims then dropped in 2012, and from that time through 2017, had been relatively flat. In 2018 NNPS saw another spike in claims, and which drove the need to increase premiums.

Dr. Parker indicated the total claims cost was up $3 million in 2018. He shared that medical was up $1.3 million, Pharmacy up by $750,000, and high cost claims also increased. NNPS total premium collections were $27.7 million, and should claims continue at the same rate 2019, it was projected that the fund balance would be $2.7 million in December 2019.

Dr. Parker shared history on premium changes as employee premiums increased in 2016 by 10% and reduced family premiums by 15% in 2017. The schools gave employees a 3-month premium holiday from December 17, 2018 – February 18, 2019. NNPS had not changed the School Board contribution rate for six (6) years but would to have to increase premiums in 2020. The premium changes would cost the School Board $3 million, while the employee cost was yet to be determined. He stated the health care actions to be taken included:

- Bid Third-Party Administrator (TPA) services
Vice Mayor Vick encouraged Dr. Parker to inquire of other localities to ascertain what health care services they were using and rates. Dr. Parker replied that NNPS would do so.

Dr. Parker indicated, based on conversations with City Manager Rohlf and members of City Council, the NNPS included attrition and turnover in the FY 2020 Budget. The funding was budgeted as cash capital and would allow the NNPS to address unmet technology and maintenance needs. The City funding to NNPS for technology was $2.4 million and had remained at that level for many years. The FY2020 budget included $5.4 million for non-personnel costs. The CIP budget for NNPS averages $9 million for building maintenance needs, which were predominantly system replacements. He noted other capital needs must be addressed in the operating budget. The NNPS discussed all of the technology needs and could see that they totaled $3.7 million and proposed adding $2 million to the operating budget to address capital maintenance projects that were not funded in the CIP budget. He shared the technology and building conditions - $5.3 million:

**Technology**
- Visitor management & security cameras $2.0 million
- Student Computers & Infrastructure $0.8 million
- Fire and intrusion systems $0.4 million
- Public address & clock systems $0.1 million

**TOTAL** $3.3 million

**Maintenance**
- Gym Floors, Loading Dock, Casework, Auditorium Ceiling & HVAC $2.0 million

Councilwoman Cherry questioned why those costs would not go in the CIP rather than the operating budget. Dr. Parker replied that traditionally, the NNPS received $9 million in CIP annually and it did not include those items. He gave an example: the City does inspections at the schools and NNPS were required to replace grease traps at a cost of $25,000 - $50,000, which was not budgeted. Councilwoman Cherry noted that she had never seen grease trap replacement as a line item in the budget, but all the other items were listed (i.e. HVAC, roofs, etc.). Dr. Parker replied the schools had been able to compensate for non-funded capital needs in the school budget.
Dr. Parker shared, the end of the year the surplus was used to pay for non-funded capital needs, so not to borrow money and protect the bond rating. Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether the surplus was used in cash capital and could that surplus be used in salaries. Dr. Parker replied it would not be advisable, from 2009 – 2010, 80% of the NNPS budget was salaries and benefits, which left $60 million for utilities, fuel, construction, etc. and that pool of funding got smaller, meaning some things could not be moved in the budget.

Mayor Price inquired about the about the dollar amount for the smaller pool of funding. Dr. Parker replied it went from $60 million to $42.8 million.

Councilwoman Cherry indicated she had concerns with adding the new line items in cash capital. Dr. Parker replied the funds for cash capital in the NNPS budget were due to attrition, unbudgeted positions, unspent line items, and turnover, which was what the City wanted to see in the budget.

Dr. Parker advised that the State gave additional revenue in the amount of $16 million, current revenue was unrestricted, such as lottery funds; however, part of the funds were restricted for a specific purpose.

Dr. Parker shared the Biennial summary of needs as follows:

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<td>New Horizons</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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<td>Fuel &amp; Utilities</td>
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<td><strong>$17.6</strong></td>
<td><strong>$27.9 million</strong></td>
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Additional State Revenue  
Additional City Revenue 2019  
School Division Reductions  
Additional City Revenue Request 2020  

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Dr. Parker and staff for doing what City Council had requested in the NNPS budget, but had concerns on the cash capital and health care costs. She questioned what would employees pay, so that the schools did not carry the brunt of the costs. Dr. Parker replied, when the schools had increases in health care the costs had been passed onto the
employees, instead of the school division. He stated that NNPS paid much less in premiums than the City. In order to off-set the cost for employees, the school division would pay more into health care. NNPS employees paid a higher rate than the City employees. He indicated under a new plan, adjustments could be made, plans could be more affordable, possible savings could be seen. The NNPS recommended taking on the burden of the cost. He noted the NNPS employees paid significantly more than City employees.

Dr. Parker indicated the NNPS had put together a responsible budget that met the needs of the school division in its current state. The NNPS could not continue to operate at level funding and expect services to continue to increase and meet the needs of students while building a progressive school division, but the City was not willing to invest in that process.

Councilwoman Cherry shared her concerns on the number of unaccredited middle schools. Dr. Parker replied two unaccredited middle schools. Councilwoman questioned what was being done to move those two middle schools forward to be accredited. One of the problems with getting people to move to Newport News was the school system. If the school system was still in a quandary while trying to get the middle schools accredited, what was the school division doing. She asked, with schools requesting more funding, did that mean the schools would be accredited.

Dr. Parker indicated as discussed the NNPS need for additional teachers and support staff, and change in curriculum. The accreditation system had changed to include chronic absenteeism, curriculum, and subgroup performance. The schools division needed to continue with funding for the necessities.

Councilwoman Cherry advised before Dr. Parker came – the City was in the same quandary and the school division in the same state of affairs. There were realtors that did not show properties in Newport News because of the school system. She stated “just because you have more, does not mean you will do better.” The focus needed to be on the children and the City continued to provide the school division with the requested funding, but the middle schools still were not accredited. If the schools asked for funds, the City wanted to see a return on the investment on the children.

Dr. Parker noted that the resources were needed to get the work done. The NNPS invested in graduation coaches, retained trained and experienced teachers, and accountability. Lack of funds put barriers up. Councilwoman Cherry replied barriers were placed because of dollars, which should not be the case.
Vice Mayor Vick indicated the NNPS and the City departments all had a budget wish list or the necessities to help make departments run, which, in turn, made the City run. In an ideal world everyone could get funding, but in local government and the business world that was not a reality. She stated she was disturbed to read that 60% of NNPS students qualified for free or reduced lunch and children living in poverty were more likely to experience trauma, and the mental health services were vital to minimizing behavioral disruption for teachers and learning. Just because a student received free or reduced lunch did not mean they would have mental health problems. Dr. Parker replied there was research to support there were issues with trauma in communities of low social economics, and he would be willing to share that information. Vice Mayor Vick shared that she was glad the NNPS had a relationship with H-NNCSB and was told that H-NNCSB could charge Medicaid for the services. Dr. Parker replied the NNPS would certainly look into that as H-NNCSB had increased partnerships. Students and parents would be able to meet with H-NNCSB without going to the Hampton office. The NNPS still needed more licensed support to meet the needs of the students.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the NNPS online budget, as the end of February 2019 showed a surplus of $4 million. She questioned whether Dr. Parker was stating that $4 million would be placed in cash capital. According to the Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-100. "Unexpended school and educational funds. All sums of money derived from the Commonwealth which are unexpended in any year in any school division shall revert to the fund of the Commonwealth from which derived unless the Board of Education directs otherwise. All sums derived from local funds unexpended in any year shall remain a part of the funds of the governing body appropriating the funds for use the next year, but no local funds shall be subject to redivision outside of the locality in which they were raised." The NNPS reallocated the money for other areas within the budget. Once of the options from the City was to have the surplus returned to the governing body and the fund would be offered to reallocate for salaries and wages. Councilwoman Woodbury noted the total school budget went from $304.9 million to $314.2 million which was a 3.1% increase. Why not make the $4 million available to pay for teacher raises. Dr. Parker replied there was a decrease in unassigned items. The school division would have to find funding to meet the needs of the ESL population. With regard to the $4 million, 1.3% of the NNPS operating budget which would be .2 cent or less on a dollar – not a lot surplus, but the City moved $5 million to cash capital last year. The spotlight was on the school division spending, but on not on the City.

Councilwoman Woodbury suggested that school bus drivers would get differential raises, which made sense and asked whether the school board would consider getting taxing authority. Dr. Parker would speak directly to cash capital. City Council was clear and wanted to know whether the dollars were being spent and were dollars being spent appropriately. Dr. Parker stated with the school budget, he had provided City Council with the information requested.
Councilwoman Woodbury advised that the Code of Virginia dictated what should be done with the $4 million, in order for the governing body to reallocate. Dr. Parker stated the funds not spent by June 30th of each year, in accordance with the Code any money unspent goes but to the City. He was concerned with what the code dictated which would create a problem when trying to meet the needs of the of the school division as it limited the operation capacity of the schools (technology, maintenance and repairs) that needed to be taken care of over the summer when the students are not in school.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that salaries were a very important need of the NNPS budget, but had concerns about what was budgeted, actually spent, and the surplus in a number of categories, with a difference of $31 million. Dr. Parker requested details of the findings. Councilwoman Woodbury indicated another concern was there were fewer personnel and fewer students, yet an additional had $2.2 million for a 1.1% was being requested for a raises. Dr. Parker replied salaries and benefits increased.

Councilman Harris shared that he did not understand how City Council and the School Board was in same place as the previous year. He indicated there had to be a better way to go through the budget process. Without good dialogue the City Council and School Board would be at the same place in FY 2021. Councilman Harris thanked the school board for details on the NNPS budget.

Dr. Parker thanked City Council for meeting with the School Board in October 2018 and January 2019 on the Capital Improvement Budget. In February or March 2020 the City and School Budget Directors met and began having dialogue around the operational budget. He would like to have had further discussions before City Manager Rohlf’s FY 2020 Recommended Budget was released.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Dr. Parker for presenting the NNPS budget and being transparent; but advised from the City’s perspective, when looking at the total City operating budget, the NNPS was only one piece of the pie. She stated City Manager Rohlf had to look at all of the departments and their operational needs. The Council was thankful for the work in the NNPS system, but in the mist of that we are all residents of Newport News, and needed to look at the entire City. Decisions had to be made for the City as a whole, which included 180,000 citizens. Dr. Parker indicated he realized there was a border vision for the City and his job was to advocate for the children and school division.

City Manager Rohlf introduced Fire Chief Jeffrey Johnson and Police Chief Steven Drew to provide a presentation on Public Safety and to discuss some of the important initiatives and the budget requests of each department. Fire Chief Johnson would give his 45 day version of
what he had seen. Police Chief Drew gave a press conference where he laid out his plan for FY 2020 and some of the Newport News Police Department initiatives.

Fire Chief Johnson presented a brief overview of the Newport News Fire Department budget and enhancements. The City had funded the NNFD FY 2019 budget which allowed the following:

**To-Date Expenditures**
- $2 million for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
  - the breathing apparatus are very sophisticated with high pressure for 45 minutes verse a 30 minute bottle which gave fire fighters additional work time inside – it was a cutting edge piece of equipment
- Mid-year Public Safety Wage Adjustment
  - Morale booster and good device for recruiting and retention of members
- Community Paramedicine
  - FY 2019 there were 484 interactions – caller who call the fire department on a regular basis that drain resources. Network with the community (with local hospitals, local agencies). Some of concerns of those caller was a simple as the need for their medication, falls, etc.
- Fire Apparatus Replacement
  - Over the past several years the City had aggressively funded the replacement efforts

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether a Community Paramedicine position was being added. Chief Johnson replied yes, an additional Community Paramedicine would be added. City Manager Rohlf indicated a lot of the new initiatives were added as the City was able to do through repurposing existing funds, made cuts and reallocated existing dollars.

**FY 2020 Budget Proposals**
- Additional Community Paramedicine Position
- Re-organization of Command Staff
- Full Year Funding of Wage Adjustment
  - Seen a great discussion on how pleased fire fighters and former fire fighters wanting to return

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about additional Command Staff and whether there was a new position. Chief Johnson replied it was one new position; however, repurposing some of the dollars funded this new position and there was cost savings for cost classification.
Anticipated Outcomes from Budget Proposal

- Greater Service to our Community
- Improved Living Conditions in the Fire Stations
- Greater Effectiveness and Efficiency at Command Staff
- Employee Retention and Enhanced Quality of Work Life

Vice Mayor Vick inquired whether citizens were calling 911 because they needed medication. Chief Johnson replied yes. City Manager Rohlf indicated for some individuals, it was a need and, the City was trying to meet the need, but to do so in a more positive way while connecting those individuals with the services and resources needed. Councilwoman Woodbury understood those individual’s needs, but calling 911 was their resource and the partnership should be a great asset.

Chief Johnson introduced Assistant Chief Dorsey who had been a tremendous help and was a daily driver in the fire department.

Police Chief Drew advised that there had been a 7% reduction in crimes, and 50% reduction in homicides in the City. With reference to a woman shot and killed outside the Newport News Nail Salon in the 6100 block of Jefferson Avenue. There were 20 detectives at the crime scene talking to the surrounding businesses, community, the Cities of Hampton and Suffolk, which was why the NNPD was able to apprehend the suspect quickly. There were request made for the FY2020 budget as following:

- FIOA Position
  - Record Department needed this position as it was behind with data collection. Every officer had the new body camera and more request were made by the media, when individual bought suits against the City. This would be a huge benefit to the department making it more effective and efficient.
- Three (3) new positions
  - Initiative to focus on homelessness, continued youth empowerment, etc.

Chief Drew shared that the starting salary for the City Hampton Police Department was more than Newport News. Once he arrived to the City, he met with City Manager Rohlf and stated the City needed to be competitive with the City of Norfolk. The City of Newport News was now #2 behind the City of Virginia Beach and for the first time since the mid 1980’s—on July 1, 2019, the NNPD would be fully staffed.
City Manager Rohlf advised that City Council had provided $20,000 for a new initiative and asked Chief Drew to provide a brief overview. Chief Drew advised that the funding would be used for the following:

- Relocation of individuals fleeing from a criminal situation, not just from a neighborhood but to another state through partnerships, while creating immediate relief and build trust
- Police Athletic League (PAL) 2019 Summer League

Chief Drew shared other officers would come to Newport News because of the increase in salary; however, that would mean the compression and would need to be addressed.

Vice Mayor Vick indicated she was hearing a lot of people start to think twice about coming to the City of Newport News to commit crimes because criminals were being apprehended quickly.

City Manager Rohlf indicated a main concern of Chief Drew’s was Domestic Violence. Chief Drew and the Commonwealth Attorney’s office had a plan of attack adding a Commonwealth Attorney position dedicated to Domestic Violence. Chief Drew noted that three deaths in Newport News were domestic violence related. The NNPD had reallocated and moved one detective to partner with the Commonwealth Attorney for strictly domestic violence cases.

City Manager Rohlf shared that the salary adjustment were supported by City Council and was greatly appreciated. It was needed for public safety, and there would ultimately be a cost saving through lower overtime costs, and would pay for itself.

Councilwoman Woodbury, a member of the Newport News City Council, filed a declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code. She declared, pursuant to §2.2-3112.B and §2.2-3115.H of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for discussion at the City Council Work Session Agendas of March 26, 2019, April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, for Public Hearings on April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 14, 2019 (i) the City Manager recommended to the Newport News City Council adoption of a City Operating Budget for FY 2020 (the transaction); (ii) the said Operating Budget includes, in small part, funds for organizations, including the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, also known as Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), and such Operating Budget includes charitable contributions to various organizations; (iii) that she represented Newport News on the board of directors of HRT, for which she received minimal remuneration, well below the Conflict of Interest Act threshold; and (iv) that she was able to participate in the transactions fairly, objectively, and in the public interest (a signed written declaration was filed with the City Clerk.
prior to the City Council meetings at which time the transaction was considered – March 26, 2019; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilwoman Cherry, a member of the Newport News City Council, filed a declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code. She declared, pursuant to §2.2-3112.B and §2.2-3115.H of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for discussion at the City Council Work Session Agendas of March 26, 2019, April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, for Public Hearings on April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 14, 2019 (i) the City Manager recommended to the Newport News City Council adoption of a City Operating Budget for FY 2019 (the transaction); (ii) the said Operating Budget includes, in small part, funds for charitable organizations; (iii) that she was on the board of directors of Community Free Clinic, for which she received no remuneration; and (iv) that she was able to participate in the transactions fairly, objectively, and in the public interest (a signed written declaration was filed with the City Clerk prior to the City Council meetings at which time the transaction was considered – March 26, 2019; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilman Marcellus L. Harris, III, a member of the Newport News City Council, filed a declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code. He declared, pursuant to §2.2-3112.B and §2.2-3115.H of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for discussion at the City Council Work Session Agendas of March 26, 2019, April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, for Public Hearings on April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 14, 2019 (i) the City Manager recommended to the Newport News City Council adoption of a City Operating Budget for FY 2020 (the transaction); (ii) the said Operating Budget includes, in small part, funds to pay the salaries of persons employed by the Newport News School Board, which was a group of three or more persons the members of which were affected by the transaction; (iii) that he was employed as a Counselor for the Newport News School Board; (iv) that he was on the board of directors of Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP), which was a charitable organization providing services to Newport News residents, for which he received no remuneration, and which would be a recipient of monies designated to it in the City Operating Budget for FY 2020; (v) that his wife was on the board of directors for the Peninsula Agency on Aging, which was a charitable organization and for which she received no remuneration, and which would be a recipient of monies designated to it in the City Operating Budget for FY 2020; and (vi) that he was able to participate in the transactions fairly, objectively, and in the public interest (a signed written declaration was filed with the City Clerk prior to the City Council meetings at which time the transaction was considered – March 26, 2019; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilwoman Scott, a member of the Newport News City Council, filed a declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code. She declared, pursuant to
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II. Denbigh / Warwick Area Plan

Ms. Cynthia L. Rohlf, City Manager, introduced Ms. Shelia McAllister, Director, Department of Planning and Ms. Angela Hopkins, Senior Planner and Project Manager, Department of Planning, to provide the Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan (DWAP) overview of the existing conditions, planned vision and goals, and big moves and development concepts (a copy of the presentation, “Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan”, is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Ms. Hopkins indicated the Planning Department was the plan sponsor and coordinating entity for the project. As Project Manager, she had coordinated directly with the lead consultants, WRT. Along with the consultants, the Planning Department had established a Core Team consisting of various City departments and other partner organizations, as well as a Citizen Advisory Group to assist with the effort.

Ms. Hopkins noted that the Planning Department was about three quarters of the way through the planning process. It was a very robust process. Since the kick-off in June 2018 there had been several community engagement activities that included stakeholder interviews; core team and citizen advisory group meetings; focus group meetings; community meetings; conducted a community survey; and a two-day community workshop. The consultants were in the process of preparing the draft plan and anticipated a final community meeting in July 2019 where the consultants would present the final draft plan to the community.

Ms. Hopkins shared the goal of the DWAP was to define a long-term vision for Denbigh-Warwick that established an identity for the area, improved health and safety, enhanced
the quality of life, and stimulated economic and investment activity along the Warwick Boulevard corridor.

Ms. Hopkins shared the project boundary: the study area spanned 7 miles along Warwick Boulevard, running east to the CSX tracks, west to the Warwick River, south to Oyster Point Road/Deer Run and north to Oakland Industrial Park. It did not include City Farm.

**Area and Population**

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**Demographics**

- White: 45%
- Black: 40%
- Hispanic (Population on the rise): 12%
- Asian: 5%
- Other: 10%
- Median Age: 34.1
- 65 and Older: 13%

**Employment and Income**

- Median Household Income: $52,373
- Unemployment Rate: 5.3%
- Families in Poverty: 8.6%
- Median Home Value: $207,381
- Median Rent: $964.00

**Housing**

- Housing Units: 78,543
- Median Year Housing Built: 1977
- Homeowners: 45.8%
- Rentals: 46.5%
- Median Home Value: $207,381
- Median Rent: $964.00

**Community**
(Transportation to work)

- Drive Alone 79.1% 83%
- Bus 3.5% 2.5%
- Bike 0.3% 0.0%
- Walk 4.1% 0.8%

➢ Live in Denbigh-Warwick but Work Elsewhere (19,000)
➢ Live and Work in the Denbigh-Warwick (739) – 2010 U.S. Census Data
➢ 32 Walk Score – Car Dependent
➢ One Library Serves Denbigh-Warwick
➢ One Police Station, Two Fire Stations and One Community Center Serves Denbigh-Warwick

Economic Conditions

- Commercial Activity
  ○ Warwick Boulevard and Denbigh Boulevard are the main commercial corridors. Numerous vacancies present opportunities for adaptive reuse and/or redevelopment.

- Enterprise Zone
  ○ In effect since 2015, the Enterprise Zone allows new and existing businesses to receive state grants for job creation and real property improvements.

- Economic Anchors
  ○ Fort Eustis and the Oakland Industrial Park provide opportunities for growth and expansion of supportive services.

Ms. Hopkins noted a look of connectivity to places where people wanted to be, (trend toward parks, trails, and a high level of walkability, making them attractive to investment).

- Parks & Recreation
  ○ Denbigh Community Center and Stoney Run Athletic Complex are neighborhood assets to build upon.

- Bike & Pedestrian Trails
  ○ Explore ways to enhance and expand existing network.

- Other Amenities
Consider ways to create connections between schools, libraries, commercial corridor, and other services.

Ms. Hopkins advised of existing land use in the Denbigh – Warwick Area.

- **Large Residential Areas**
  - Preserve character of existing neighborhoods and improve entrances and connections.

- **Transitioning To Other Uses**
  - Look into ways to expand types of uses along commercial corridors.

Ms. Hopkins advised that there had been community engagement to include:

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Community Meetings
- Community Survey
- Community Workshop

Ms. Hopkins shared there were planned themes throughout the process a survey “Where would you invest?” with the following results:

- Natural Systems 185,000
- Economic Revitalization 170,000
- Placemaking 157,000
- Health and Safety 142,000
- Connectivity 132,000

Ms. Hopkins noted key findings from the January 2019 workshop:

- **How to Make More Reasons To Come To Denbigh - Warwick Area**
  - A craft brewery, diverse restaurants, an art and music venue, and family friendly entertainment.

- **Do not Forget The North End**
  - Everyday services and amenities and housing near Shellabarger Drive and Oakland Industrial Park much needed.
Ms. Hopkins indicated the question was proposed “Should the Grissom Library be moved?” and results were as follows:

**Yes (55%)**
- Sherwood Shopping Center
- Denbigh Community Center
- Old K-Mart Site

**No (45%)**

Ms. Hopkins advised of the Issues & Opportunities for each planned theme as follows:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**
- Resident, Employee, & Visitor Safety
- Police & Emergency Services
- Resident Health
- Supportive Services

**Vision**
- Denbigh-Warwick is a safe, healthy, and inviting community for all residents, including young professionals, families, empty nesters, and retirees. Entrepreneurs and small business owners are attracted to the area’s diversity and flourishing local business climate.

**Goals**
1. Improve overall appearance and sense of safety
2. Establish a modern police, fire, emergency, and community services facility
3. Foster a healthy environment for residents of all ages with access to quality health care
4. Build on the area’s agricultural history by integrating a farm stand or market

**PLACEMAKING**
- Area Character
- Gateways & Activity Centers
- Accessibility
- Community Facilities

**Vision**
- Distinct from the other parts of Newport News, Denbigh-Warwick is vibrant, green, and diverse with dynamic civic spaces like the Grissom Library, Denbigh
Community Center, parks, and public plazas. There is always something to do from festivals to farm markets, outdoor concerts and movies, which create a warm sense of community. A hip foodie culture is also evolving around the entrepreneurial, tech hub that is taking shape alongside Oakland Industrial Park

**Goals**
1. Establish a series of pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use village centers along Warwick Boulevard
2. Define and enhance character areas throughout Denbigh-Warwick
3. Identify major entrances to and within Denbigh-Warwick and create a consistent set of welcoming gateways

**CONNECTIVITY**
- Regional
- Local/Intra-Neighborhood
- To Community Amenities

**Vision**
- Residents, businesses and employees find Denbigh-Warwick an appealing area to locate as it is well-connected to the city and larger region. Multiple bus routes, a network of bike lanes, and enhanced walkability provide transportation alternatives. An interconnected system of sidewalks and crosswalks allow residents of all ages to safely access and take advantage of the community's schools, parks, waterfront, shopping, services and civic amenities.

**Goals**
1. Reduce traffic congestion, improve connectivity, and create transit choices.
2. Improve pedestrian and bike connections for residents between neighborhoods and community amenities
3. Ensure that all neighborhoods are within a 10-minute walk of a park or green space

**ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION**
- Business Improvements & Opportunities
- Services & Entertainment
- Housing

**Vision**
Denbigh-Warwick has a varied and supportive employment base that benefits from proximity and relationships with Fort Eustis and Oakland Industrial Park, as well as the larger Hampton Roads region. In addition to quality employment, retail, restaurants, and community services that catered to the area's diverse residents, employees, and visitors, Denbigh-Warwick's diversified housing makes it livable at every stage of life.

**Goals**
1. Support local small business growth and encourage expansion of existing home-based
2. Create opportunities for new job creation, education, and training that allow community interaction
3. Encourage new supportive uses within and near Oakland Industrial Park that cater to employee needs
4. Ensure a wide range of housing options

**NATURAL SYSTEMS**
- Resiliency & Green Infrastructure
- Preservation & Stewardship
- Community Access To Nature

**Vision**
- Denbigh-Warwick's agricultural roots are still evident today through its mature trees, natural corridors, parks, and other green spaces that are integrated into its public places. The area greatly respects its location along the water, preserving its edges with natural buffers. Park and recreational spaces protect the area’s natural resources while encouraging physical activity and wellness. Resilient design and stormwater management features create additional green elements while reducing the environmental impact of the built environment.

**Goals**
1. Preserve green corridors and a natural buffer along
2. Strive to provide a park or green space within 10-minute walk (1/2 mile) of all neighborhoods
3. Encourage new development and significant redevelopment to incorporate resilient design

Ms. Hopkins advised of the BIG MOVES for each planned theme as follows:
CONNECTIVITY

- **Enhancing Regional Access**
  - Creating more transportation choices by maximizing east west connections, and enhancing routes between employment centers, major thoroughfares, and the commercial corridor.

- **Improving Local Access To Community Assets**
  - Increasing pedestrian and bike connections from neighborhoods to schools, community facilities, natural resources, and the commercial corridor.

NATURAL SYSTEMS

- **Expanding Green Spaces & Protecting Resources**
  - Denbigh-Warwick enjoys a "green" heritage treasured by residents. The plan strives to preserve and enhance these resources.

- **Increasing Access And Enjoyment**
  - Residents would like additional recreational opportunities and more green spaces. The Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan is exploring ways to improve access to and awareness of available resources by expanding existing resources and trails.

PLACEMAKING

- **Gateways**
  - These are areas of arrival, marking major entrances and points of interest in Denbigh-Warwick.

  1. Enterprise Drive
  2. Fort Eustis Boulevard
  3. Atkinson Way
  4. Denbigh Boulevard
  5. Bland Boulevard
  6. Oyster Point Road

- **Village Centers**
  - These are centralized character areas and locations of activity accessible to the community.

  1. Shellabarger Drive
  2. Denbigh Community Center
3. Old Kmart Site
4. Sherwood Site
5. Colony Road

THREE SECTORS
• Creating a Focused Approach For The Denbigh-Warwick Area
  o Splitting Denbigh-Warwick into 3 sectors allows the plan to look at targeted interventions within the unique character zones that make up the planning area.

From North to South
North: From the Northern Boundary of the Planning Area around Oakland Industrial Park, To Atkinson Boulevard.*
Core: From Atkinson Boulevard to Bland Boulevard/ Lucas Creek.
South: From Bland Boulevard/Lucas Creek to Oyster Point Road/Deep Creek.

*Currently Atkinson Way. Upon Completion Of Road Improvements This Will 29 Change To Atkinson Boulevard.

Ms. Hopkins indicated the Development Concepts for creating a catalyst for change was as follows:

Conceptual Redevelopment Plan For Core Area

“DENBIGH TOWN CENTER”

• A Vibrant Mixed-Use Gathering Place
  o Pedestrian-friendly development with a Main Street and Town Green to generate activity
  o Stoney Run Greenway becomes a focal point with a multi-use trail running along the edge
  o Strengthened connections to Old Courthouse Way, Courthouse Green, and Denbigh-Warwick Center
  o Poised to take advantage of increased traffic from I-64

Development Program*
  • 650+ Residential Units
  • 90,000 Ft2 Retail Space
  • 2 Acres Green Space
*Economic Development Authority (EDA) Owned Land Only

“SHERWOOD SITE”

• **An Inviting Community Hub**
  o A beautiful new front door to the community offers a one-stop location for municipal services
  o Police have a more visible presence
  o The corridor edge is enhanced with attractive facades on Warwick Boulevard
  o A civic green frames the Lucas Creek corridor
  o The Grissom Library could be housed here and anchor the hub
  o Office and residential spaces may also be integrated

*Development Program*

• 60+ Residential Units (Developed After Grissom Moves To Permanent Location)
• 63,000 feet of Retail Space
• 67,500 feet of Office Space
• 19,500 feet of Police Station (Access To Warwick Blvd And Old Courthouse Way)
• 50,000 feet of Municipal Services
• 1 Acre Town Green

Ms. Hopkins shared that the next steps for the Denbigh – Warwick Area Plan would include:

• Consultants to finalizing the draft
• Joint Public Meeting with City Council, Planning Commission and Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority on July 16, 2019
• Planning Commission Public Hearing where the consultants would present the draft plan
• Followed by Public Hearings in late Summer 2019 with Planning Commission and City Council

Ms. Hopkins advised to stay connected and for questions please contact:

Ms. Angela Hopkins, Senior Planner City of Newport News
Phone: 757-926-8077
Email: ahopkins@ahopkins@nnva.gov
Vice Mayor Vick thanked Ms. Hopkins for all of the work put into the plan.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether branding was discussed. Ms. Hopkins replied yes, branding was discussed, but not the final design. The Denbigh-Warwick Courthouse was used to begin the branding of Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan.

III. Comments / Ideas / Suggestions

Councilwoman Cherry advised there was water retention on Chesapeake Avenue on the new bike trail. Mr. Skipper replied staff would check on the status of the project and standing water.

Councilman Harris indicated he received calls from citizens with concerns about the Cook Out Restaurant (12471 Jefferson Avenue) regarding the traffic back-up on Jefferson Avenue, making that a dangerous area to travel. City Manager Rohlf replied she would have staff look into the matter.

Mayor Price advised that he attended a ribbon cutting on April 9, 2019, at Surge Adventure Park (14346 Warwick Boulevard) in the Warwick Shopping Center formerly where Car Race Track were located. Councilman Harris questioned whether the cars would be removed. City Manager Rohlf believed one of the cars had been removed.

IV. Closed Meeting

(5:26 p.m. – 5:42 p.m.)
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED 5:42 P.M.

Zina F. Middleton, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

McKinley L. Price
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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