

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
APRIL 24, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He stated the City Code identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization, including campaign information. 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 Rebecca Glass, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center.

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 Councilmember, Dr. Patricia Woodbury.

D. Presentations

1. Older Americans Month – May 2018

Ms. Estella Brown, Chair, Active Lifestyles Advisory Committee, and Mr. William Massey, Director, Peninsula Agency on Aging, accepted the Resolution.

Mayor Price advised that the City of Newport News included countless older Americans who enriched and strengthened the community, and the City was committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers. He further advised that the City acknowledged the importance of taking part in activities that promoted physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Mayor Price indicated that the City of Newport News could enrich the lives of individuals of every age by promoting home and community based services that supported inde-

D. Presentations Continued

1. Older Americans Month – May 2018 Continued

pendent living, and provided opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, lead, and mentor.

On behalf of his colleagues on City Council, Mayor Price proclaimed the month of May 2018 as Older Americans Month in tribute to mature adults, professionals, family members, and citizens who cared for older adults. He urged all citizens to work collaboratively to strengthen the services provided to older adults, and encouraged participation in special activities provided by the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Newport News Parks Recreation & Tourism's Active Lifestyles Program, Department of Human Services, and other service agencies in the community.

E. Public Hearings

1. Resolution Endorsing the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING THE JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS JOINT LAND USE STUDY. This resolution endorsed the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The study process provided opportunities for public involvement including a community kick-off meeting, a public survey, a project website, and public meetings to receive comments on the final draft report. The JLUS report contained recommendations for the implementation of policies and actions intended to promote cooperative and compatible land use planning. The JLUS Policy Committee comprised of representatives from the Cities of Newport News and Hampton, James City County, York County, and Fort Eustis, endorsed the JLUS as reported on January 18, 2018. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items F1 and F2, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of April 10, 2018

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Accepting the Donation of Three (3) LUCAS Chest Compression System Devices from Riverside Health System (RHS) to the Newport News Fire Department (NNFD)

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THREE LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM DEVICES FROM RIVERSIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE DONATION OF A SURPLUS 2006 FREIGHTLINER AMBULANCE TO THE THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. This resolution accepted the donation of three (3) LUCAS Chest Compression System Devices from Riverside Health System (RHS) to the Newport News Fire Department. RHS offered three (3) advanced LUCAS Chest Compression System devices to the City. The LUCAS Chest Compression System was a portable tool that could be used to provide standardized chest compressions to patients independent of transport conditions or the experience or fatigue level of the individual providing emergency care. The devices would be used by the NNFD to provide safer and more effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedures. The equipment had a total value of more than \$50,000. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Accepting the Donation of Three (3) LUCAS Chest Compression System Devices from Riverside Health System (RHS) to the Newport News Fire Department (NNFD) Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the County of York, Virginia Regarding a Stormwater Treatment Facility at Brick Church 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AND THE COUNTY OF YORK, VIRGINIA REGARDING A STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT BRICK CHURCH ROAD. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Newport News and the County of York regarding a stormwater treatment facility at Brick Church Road. Historically, Waterworks had been constructing regional stormwater treatment facilities to protect regional drinking water supplies, and capture urban runoff from portions of reservoir watersheds not owned by the City. Water quality monitoring was the primary source of data to determine the location and priority for these facilities. Over recent years, water quality monitoring confirmed that an additional treatment facility was needed to capture and treat runoff from the developed areas surrounding the intersection of Denbigh Boulevard and Route 17 in York County. Waterworks staff presented the need with York County and determined that the project could assist the County in their long-term nutrient reduction goals. This cost-sharing agreement in the form of a MOU was subsequently negotiated. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Cherry noted an error in the report on the project received from the Engineer/Architect of an amount. The error did not affect the total end result.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 through 4, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.

1. Department of Human Services (DHS) – FY 2018 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category: South Morrison (SOMO) Family Education Center Renovation Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM USE OF BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$17,850.00) TO SOUTH MORRISON FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT (\$17,850.00). This resolution appropriated \$17,850 for Architectural and Engineering Professional Planning Services to assist the Department of Human Services (DHS) in evaluating building renovation needs at the South Morrison Family Education Center (SOMO). The proposed renovation would design solutions that would improve the efficient use of building spaces, enhance safety, protect client confidentiality, and foster compliance with client information security guidelines. The SOMO was located at 746 Adams Drive and was a branch location for DHS. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Department of Human Services (DHS) – FY 2018 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category: Rouse Tower Building Renovation Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$90,000) TO ROUSE TOWER BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT (\$90,000). This resolution appropriated \$90,000.00 for architectural and engineering professional services to assist the Department of Human Services in evaluating building renovation needs at Rouse Tower. The proposed Rouse Tower renovation planning project would design solutions to improve the efficient use of building spaces, relieve crowding, enhance safety and foster compliance with client information security guidelines. Additionally, a redesigned first floor reception area with an improved layout, client-focused meeting areas and security features would help create a more welcoming, efficient and secure environment. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick inquired whether the City leased Rouse Towers. City Manager Rohlf replied that the City leased Rouse Towers from the IDA/EDA, who owned the building.

H. Appropriations Continued

2. Department of Human Services (DHS) – FY 2018 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category: Rouse Tower Building Renovation Project Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Department of Engineering – FY 2018 Bond Authorization, Sewer Rehabilitation Program Category: Citywide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$1,150,000.00) TO CITYWIDE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION (\$1,150,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$5,150,000.00 from the FY 2018 Bond Authorization, Sewer Rehabilitation Category for the Citywide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program. The improvements would reduce storm and groundwater infiltration into the City's sanitary sewer system, correct known sanitary sewer defects, and provide reliable sanitary sewer service to project area residents. This funding would also address small localized and/or emergency repair projects. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) – General Obligation Bond Fund: HVAC Replacement (Heritage High School), Roof Replacements (PEEP Facility/Telecommunications Building), and Facility Renovation and Improvement

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$8,020,000.00) TO HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL HVAC REPLACEMENT (\$6,050,000.00), FACILITY RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS (\$1,373,912.00) AND WARWICK SENIOR/GATEWOOD PEEP FACILITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENTS (\$596,088.00) This resolution appropriated \$8,020,000.00 from the General Obligation Bond Fund to Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) for HVAC Replacements at the PEEP facility and telecommunications building, and for facility renovation and improvement. This appropriation would complete the FY 2018 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) funding for the NNPS division. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations Continued

4. Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) – General Obligation Bond Fund: HVAC Replacement (Heritage High School), Roof Replacements (PEEP Facility/Telecommunications Building), and Facility Renovation and Improvement Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. Michael Crichlow, 962 Hollymeade Circle, Newport News, wished everyone good luck in their election and re-election efforts on May 1, 2018. He advised that he had been a Bail Bondsman in the community for 15 years. He shared an experience that took place in the Newport News City Jail during the week of April 16, 2018. He submitted a name for a bond. He originally arrived at 10:00 a.m., left to take care of tasks, knowing that it would take some time for the paperwork to get through from the Court. He got back at 1:00 p.m. He went to the Magistrate's office to inquire about his bond. He was advised that someone from Pre-trial Services had picked the individual up and would monitor the individual that Mr. Crichlow was there to bail out. Mr. Crichlow shared that the individual had a DWI, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving, and evading and eluding. He mailed an article to members of City Council. There was a problem with Pre-Trial Services – not only were they cutting into private business. Ninety-five percent (95%) were owned by minorities, and Pre-Trial Services were hurting them. He requested that the City of Newport News withdraw from Pre-Trial Services. Not all municipalities in the Commonwealth had Pre-Trial Services.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether City Council had a line of authority and could determine whether Newport News withdrew or remained with Pre-Trial Services. Mr. Crichlow replied yes, the Virginia Crime Commission created a report in 2017 which mentioned that any City could establish and could withdraw from Pre-Trial Services. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether Pre-Trial Services fell under the Commonwealth Attorney's Office or from the City Council. Mr. Crichlow responded that the City established the Pre-Trial Services Program.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick, 106 West Wedgewood Drive, in the Kiln Creek subdivision, Newport News, addressed City Council about a problem with the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport (NNWIA). He advised that NNWIA was not a commercial international airport any longer, but had basically become a military operations area with navy helicopters, cods, hawkeyes, and lately a T-38 Aircraft that were flying around the area, which sounds like a Nascar race track. The quality of live had been degraded due to the increase in military activity. The maneuvers that the helicopters were flying were not standard airport operations, but were descending from high above, pulling back on the stick, stopping from crashing into the tarmac, then applying full power, and following a race track pattern again. Mr.

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Kirkpatrick advised that he contact Mr. Michael Giardino, the new Executive Director at the NNWIA and spoke with him and his Assistant, Ms. Jessica Wharton. Mr. Giardino explained that the airline industry was declining, and was very competitive, and they had accepted Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Money, and would not do anything to jeopardize that, since the NNWIA needed the money to run their operations. His job was to keep the airport open and viable, and if the military jets were to go away, it could potentially lose the tower since there would be no activity. Mr. Kirkpatrick questioned whether this was the way the City did Comprehensive Planning. He asked about Public Hearings, and any new environmental assessments including noise, air, and chronic effects of noise on health, but received no response. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that he had been in the community for 25 years, and in that time, the NNWIA had been a good neighbor. He indicated what the NNWIA was doing was contrary to any published documentation, policies, or procedures that were in place to ensure the zoning regulations and current infrastructure were in compliance with the airport location and the forecasted noise contours. He urged members of City Council to review the Master plan because none of the aircraft were listed in any of the airport classification certification. He asked them to review Section 1.7 Environmental Impacts. The Policies and Procedures stated that the compatibility of existing and planned land uses in a specific airport was usually associated with the extent of the airport's noise impacts; therefore, the assurances that zoning laws, infrastructure, and the adoption of new zoning regulations must be compatible with the airport location, and forecasted noise contours to assure compliance. The NNWIA had been in compliance because the City Councils and the local governments had established the zoning rules; however, now the NNWIA was not in compliance with what they had published. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that City Council had the responsibility and they had to be addressed. The NNWIA actions were contrary to the established Airport Master Plan Policies and Procedures that City and County governments used to determine compatible land use through comprehensive planning.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the time frame for the jet noise - was the noise occurring at all times or only at night. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that they jets did not come every day, but when they were present, they were in the pattern for a long period of time. He advised there was no good reason for it because there were plenty of other military airports that had the proper buffer zones and were in compliance with providing a quality of life and getting the military's requirements done. Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the jets were there more at night or during the day. Mr. Kirkpatrick responded that the jets were there more in the day time. He urged members of Council to visit the airport to review his complaint. He stated the jet noise was pervasive and was constant. Mayor Price promised to look into the complaint.

Ms. Jannie Bazemore, 1004 Hampton Avenue, Newport News, commented that the members of the Huntington High School Alumni Association remained awake and would not give up until something is done to ensure the continued education of the children at Huntington Middle School. While the School Board members were taking steps to that end, it was not enough because there were no funds to begin the process of replacing the school. Ms. Bazemore indicated it was unacceptable that the City Council and the School Board allowed Huntington Middle School to fall in such disrepair when both entities were fully aware of the outcome of the



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necessary repairs if not done. She advised that it was time for the blame game to stop. It was time for action by City Council and the School Board to begin working together to correct the inactions and negligence. She felt it was shameful that the officials could not come together and work toward a positive outcome for Huntington Middle School. Ms. Bazemore recalled that there was a meeting to discuss teachers' pay, and urged that the same be done for Huntington Middle School. She indicated the funds were needed immediately for a school that was necessary in the Southeast Community. Every citizen in the City of Newport News should be appalled as to what had occurred with Huntington Middle School because today it's Huntington, tomorrow it would be another school. She urged City Council and the School Board to work together to get the job done.

Ms. Lucy Van Tine, 105 Cannon Drive, Newport News, a member of "Citizens For Riverview Farm Park," mentioned that it had come to light in the New York Times and in the Daily Press, that over one half of the citizens of Newport News were paying at least sixty percent (60%) of their income on rent. In order to have enough money for food and utilities, experts say that only thirty percent (30%) of income should have to go toward rent. There were similar figures in other cities in Hampton Roads, which was an important problem for the City Council, State, and Federal legislators to solve. One small, but important piece of the problem was ensuring that all citizens of Newport News have adequate access to the riverfront, and not just the citizens who were lucky enough to live on the Warwick and James Rivers, or who had memberships in the Country Clubs situated on the River. Citizens needed to see the view of the phenomenal James and Warwick Rivers, that ran the length of the entire City of Newport News, for mental health, physical health, and joy. Ms. Van Tine showed a photograph of an osprey, which could be seen by children looking out on the James River. All children should be able to know what an osprey is, and to recognize a pelican. These phenomenal birds and other wildlife existed in the City of Newport News for their viewing and joy. Ms. Van Tine indicated this problem could be easily solved because City Farm, with its waterfront acreage already belonged to the citizens of Newport News, and it was zoned park land. She urged City Council not to sell the park land out from under the citizens. "Citizens For Riverview Farm Park" had been requesting this for some time, and vowed to continue asking until they were assured that the land would not become luxury houses or privately owned development. It belonged to the citizens.

Ms. Angela F. Reason, 339 Barclay Road, Newport News, recalled that she had attended the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting to City Council to lobby on behalf of the teachers. She recalled the passion and intensity of the meeting in the room. She felt it was important for citizens to address City Council to express their concerns. She felt it was equally important to address City Council in celebration. She referenced an article in which Acting NNPS Superintendent, Mr. Brian Nichols, advised that the City Council and the School Board were working together and moving forward for budgeting needs, and working on a wage increase for the teachers, which was phenomenal. Ms. Reason thanked members of City Council for their action. It was her hope that discussions between the City Council and School Board would continue in an effort to come up with a plan for Huntington Middle School.

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Reverend James W. Brown, 46 Whetstone Drive, extended special thanks to City Manager Cynthia Rohlf, and Councilmember, Dr. Saundra Cherry, for sharing information regarding the HUD announcement that Newport News and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) had been named as one of six finalists for the Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) Grant Program. He had some concern about rebuilding houses in an area that was noted for contamination. It was explained, a HUD requirement – if something were torn down, it was required to be replaced. He advised that he was still concerned, reminding him of the Flint Michigan situation where the City was aware that the water was contaminated, but did nothing. He reminded that there was a known problem in the lower end of Newport News, and he questioned what could be done besides putting people back in a zone that was known to be a health risk. Did the City have to build there or could the funds be taken and used to build someplace else, and that land used for something else.

Reverend Brown thanked City Council for their work and further stated that Newport News was a great place to live. Newport News had great leaders, but they needed to learn to work together.

Vice Mayor Vick inquired for clarification, whether Reverend Brown was saying there should be no building in the Ridley Circle area. Reverend Brown replied that possible measures were discussed that would curtail some of the emissions, coal dust, etc., i.e. the green effect in California, where trees and bushes were planted in certain areas to filter the carbon monoxide and produce oxygen. He was informed that such measures were being researched. He was hoping something similar could be done due to the health risks, particularly for children.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, President, Citizens for Riverview Farm Park, 316-54<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport News, stated that Riverview Farm Park was one park, extending all of the way to the river (and included the former City Farm property), no matter how many parcels of land there were. He then directed citizens to the Tax Assessor's website to determine the actual number of parcels. The Tax Assessor's website showed that Riverview Farm Park was one parcel (see map attached and made a part of these minutes). That one parcel of land was approximately 258.69 acres, and showed conclusively that the City Farm property was included in the same parcel of land as the part of Riverview Farm Park open to the public. The land outline in red on the tax map was one parcel, City owned, and part of Riverview Farm Park. He asked members of City Council to admit that Riverview Farm Park was one parcel of land and was designated as park land.

Mr. Whitcomb advised, between 2015 and 2016, the assessed value of the land was cut by more than fifty percent (50%). He questioned the reason for the assessed value of the property at 100 City Farm Road was cut by more than fifty percent (50%).

Mr. Whitcomb encouraged all citizens to visit the website [www.SaveRiverviewFarmPark.com](http://www.SaveRiverviewFarmPark.com), which included a voter guide, and links to a video of all of

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the City Council forums. He urged citizens to vote on May 1, 2018 (a copy of Mr. Whitcomb's remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Clarence L. Johnson, Jr., 717-22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding the former City Farm property. When the inmates were transferred, buildings demolished, and City Farm shut down, Mr. Johnson wondered whether there was a plan for the property. He advised that he had not heard about a plan for that property to-date.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, extended condolences to the family of Ms. Ruthann M. Williams, a long-term Denbigh resident, and advocate for Campbell Road improvements, had died on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Councilwoman Woodbury also extended condolences to the family of Ms. Ruthann M. Williams, a long-term Denbigh resident, and advocate for Campbell Road improvements, had died on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Councilwoman Woodbury encouraged citizens to review the voter guide on the the website [www.SaveRiverviewFarmPark.com](http://www.SaveRiverviewFarmPark.com), and to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. She indicated that the citizens need not wait on the results of an environmental study of the former City Farm property in order to vote. She stated that Riverview Farm Park was the "Peoples' Park." Councilwoman Woodbury further advised that citizens did not need to wait for a process to be unveiled. She reminded to be caution of those who indicated they wanted access to the waterfront, and shared that the proposed development for the former City Farm property actually "had access." She hoped that citizens would obtain information on all of the candidates and that a choice was made based on issues and past performance.

Councilman Bateman thanked the citizens for their attendance and for sharing their ideas, comments, concerns, and suggestions.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and for sharing their ideas, concerns, and suggestions. She reminded that their voice did matter.

Councilwoman Cherry and Vice Mayor Vick attended a special Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Habitat for Humanity with the Newport News Shipbuilding in memory of Mr. Ron Nelson and Mr. Everett Jordan on Monday, April 23, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at 646 Hampton Avenue. She expressed thanks to Newport News Shipbuilding and Habitat for Humanity for the great work done in the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Cherry and her colleagues attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Gala of the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive.) The 2018 Role

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Model of the Year was Dr. Tommie Smith, 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist, 200 Meter Run, World Renowned Health and Fitness Advocate; Ms. Joni L. Ivey, Retired Chief of Staff for United States Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, received the Humanitarian Award; and the Trailblazer Award was presented to CW3 Julius Green, Jr., the first African-American Army Diving Officer. 2018 Scholarship Recipients were: Ms. Taylynn Blunt; Ms. Sydni Washington; Ms. Ty Williams; Ms. Antonia Smith; Ms. AnaLeah Overbey; Mr. Brandon Wilson; Ms. Taelor Baber; Ms. Amaya Pirtle; Ms. Gabriella Boone; Mr. Kameron Buiett; Mr. Tahjere Lewis; Ms. Holli Howard; Ms. Raja Richmond Sargent; Ms. Ciana Puglise; Ms. Shanice Reeves; and Mr. Dale Fullwood; Ms. Christina Jefferson. Recipients of the William and Carolyn Hines – President Emeritus Scholarship Program were: Ms. Taylor Mickel; Ms. Lauren Hunter; Mr. Justen Howard; Mr. Kenneth Rioland, III; and Ms. Zaria Maldonado. Councilwoman thanked the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. for the scholarships and opportunities made available to the youth through their mentorships and programs..

Councilwoman Cherry advised citizens of the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive).

She further advised citizens of the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue).

Councilman Harris acknowledged Ms. Kisah, Johnson, Recreation Specialist at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard) for an event to celebrate Earth Day, on Friday, April 20, 2018. This was a free family event. This was a fun, entertaining and informative event. He encouraged citizens to look at the website at the Denbigh Community Center for the many events planned.

Councilman Harris attended the Cancer Survivors and Caregivers Celebration, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). This event was sponsored by the Riverside Cancer Center to raise funds for the American Cancer Association.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to Pastor Terry Brown, on the celebration of his 20<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary at Gospel Light United Holy Church of America (2614 Marshall Avenue) on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Councilman Harris highlighted a young lady, Ms. Delaney Willis, a Junior at Menchville High School. Ms. Willis volunteered with students at Nelson Elementary School, as she decides whether to be a Professional School Counselor. Ms. Willis was in all Advanced Placement (AP) and honor classes, was very active at school and in her community. Her extracurricular activities included Psychology Club, Key Club, Operation Smile, Student Council Association (SCA), German Club, Art Club, and the National Honor Society. Delaney Willis

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was also a member of the Varsity Volleyball Team, and an active member in her Church Youth Group. Her ambition was to continue to gain interests in various career paths. Councilman Harris acknowledged Delaney Willis, as she continued to be an example for her peers and the students at Nelson Elementary School.

Mayor Price extended thanks to the World Mission Society Church of God, 201 Menchville Road, for hosting the 2018 MEGA Blood Drive for the Passover, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Approximately 50 members and volunteers donated blood. He thanked them for their dedicated work in the community.

Mayor Price announced the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Empowerment Fair, on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Heritage High School (5800 Marshall Avenue), sponsored by the 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc., established by Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Riverside Health System, Heritage High School, and the Newport News Public Schools Family and Community Engagement Specialists. Approximately 80 vendors had pre-registered. Exhibitors would be available to answer health, safety, financial and housing questions. Children younger than 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The event would include children's activities, food, face painting, free haircuts for school-aged boys and other free giveaways. The event was free and open to the public.

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation at the North District Town Hall Meeting, held on Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). There was a great exchange of information. She advised there were newcomers to the meeting which was always gratifying.

Councilwoman Scott shared that she had the opportunity to read to four classes of 4-year old students at Lee Hall Elementary School. She indicated it was an awesome experience and encouraged others to read as a part of the Mayor's Book Club.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she also attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Gala of the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive.) She extended congratulations to the organization and thanked them for their dynamic work done in the community. Numerous scholarships were awarded.

Councilwoman Scott reiterated comments by Councilman Harris. She also attended the event to celebrate Earth Day, on Friday, April 20, 2018. This was a free family event. This was a fun, entertaining and informative event, and included a petting zoo, a disc jockey, with numerous educational sessions for the youth. Councilwoman Scott commended Ms. Kisah, Johnson, Recreation Specialist at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard) for planning the event to celebrate Earth Day. She further thanked the staff of the City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, and the Denbigh Community Center for creating programs that served the entire community.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott wished a Happy Anniversary to Pastor Ivan and First Lady Sylvia Harris, of First Baptist Church Denbigh (3628 Campbell Road), who would celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 29, and May 2, 4, and 6, 2018; and Pastor Peter and First Lady Cheryl Evans, of Colossian Baptist Church (856 Old Fort Eustis Boulevard) who would celebrate their 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 4 and 6, 2018. She advised that these churches were a beacon of light and hope in the community, and did a great deal of community outreach.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked the citizens for their attendance and for sharing their ideas, and concerns.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that she and her colleagues attended Transitions Family Violence Services 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Champions Unmasking Domestic Violence, Masquerade and Casino Ball, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She extended congratulations to Ms. Sanu Dieng, Executive Director, Transitions Family Violence Services, who worked to eliminate domestic violence with both adults and youth.

Vice Mayor Vick extended congratulations to Mr. Brian Nichols, Acting Superintendent, Newport News Public Schools for the Family Forum and Resource Fair, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. at the South Morrison Family Education Center (746 Adams Drive). The purpose of the forum was to receive feedback from families on how to improve the school system. All local K-12 schools and community partners gathered for an afternoon of food, fun, engaging activities and entertainment. Lunch was served, with entertainment by talented NNPS students. Groceries, clothing, and school supplies were distributed while supplies lasted. A special thanks was extended to Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church for the provision of food and clothing.

Vice Mayor Vick extended thanks to City Manager Cynthia Rohlf, City staff, and citizens, who assisted in compiling a fantastic document/application submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2017 Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) Grant Funding. The application submitted by the City of Newport News and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) was named as one of six finalists for the CNI Grant Program. She congratulated all involved so that the City of Newport News could receive \$30 million for the renovation and revitalization in a portion of the Southeast Community.

Vice Mayor Vick wished her great niece, Ms. Rihanna Vick, who celebrated her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 30, 2018.

Mayor Price advised that the NNPS participated in a Food Drive - the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Canstructure Contest. The event, hosted by the Youth Volunteer Corps of Hampton Roads, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. at Patrick Henry Mall. Sixteen (16) teams from local K-12 schools built structures out of canned food donations to showcase their creativity, teamwork, and eagerness to alleviate hunger in the community. The food would be donated to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism would present the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport News Children's Festival of Friends on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Newport News Park (corner of Jefferson Avenue and Ft. Eustis Boulevard).

Councilwoman Cherry announced that National Travel and Tourism Week would be held May 6-12, 2018, and encouraged citizens to visit the historic sites, museums, and in support of the Newport News tourism industry, who were very valuable in helping to build the City's economy and revenue.

Councilwoman Scott reminded citizens to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Polls would be open from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 7:52 P.M.



Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
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Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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