

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE**

April 24, 2018

4:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Rohlf; Collins L. Owens; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Wanda Pierre; Darlene Bradberry; Lisa Cipriano; Keith Ferguson; Sh'lea Frazier; Constantinos Velissarios; Maria Abilar; Chad Pritchett; Susan Goodwin; Florence Kingston; Carol Meredith; Everett Skipper; Ven Thomas; Louis Martinez; Dawn Barber; Steve Carpenter; Alan Archer; David Freeman; Cleder Jones; Eoghan Miller; Zina Middleton; and Reema Amin

I. Department of Waterworks Initiatives

City Manager Rohlf introduced Mr. Louis Martinez, Director, Department of Waterworks to discuss the Transition to Monthly Billing and to provide a briefing on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with York County (Brick Church Road Stormwater Treatment Facility) (a copy of the presentation "We're Changing to Monthly Billing and Joint Project with York County – MOU, April 24, 2018," is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Transition to Monthly Billing Presentation

Mr. Martinez advised that monthly billing would begin Summer 2018, Waterworks customers would begin receiving their utility bill. He noted that monthly billing had been the number one request from customers for years. The monthly billing would be in alignment with other monthly billing companies i.e. mortgage, insurance, etc. He said it would be a more manageable billing process, easier to find out whether there was a leak, and easier to make adjustments to the bill.

Mr. Martinez indicated what this meant for customers:

- Receive a bill from the Waterworks Department every month
- Smaller, more manageable payments
- Better alignment with other bills
- More timely water usage information

Vice Mayor Vick inquired whether there had been concerns/errors with the readings. Mr. Martinez replied there could be errors reading the meters; for example if mud was

on the glass cover or the numbers were not visible and the meter readers was unable to read the numbers (i.e. distinguish between the number 1 versus the number 7).

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the positions of the individuals that were currently the meter readers. Mr. Martinez replies the positions were being transitioned to other vacant positions in the shop. He said the full-time temporary employees would not lose their jobs; they would become employed by Alexander's Contract Services, as long as they passed a background check.

Mr. Martinez noted that the Waterworks Department found savings within their efficiencies, with cost saving from paying off debt. He stated the cost of advertising, paper and postage, double the amount of credit cards fees, whereas the department would absorb over \$1 million.

Councilwoman Cherry noted the City was outsourcing to Alexander's Contract Services, Inc. to read meter and still absorb the \$1 million cost. Mr. Martinez replied that Alexander's Contract Services cost less to do meter reads. Mr. Steve Carpenter stated it would cost \$1 per read and Alexander's Contract Service 72.5 cents, but had to read twice as many meters. He stated Waterworks would go from 8,000 meter reads per year to 1.6 million meter reads per year. There was a saving per read, but because it was double the read, it would cost more. He said all meter readers would be eliminated, except three (3) meter readers to perform, deep reads, difficult reads, and re-reads.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether Alexander's Contract Services would continue to do meter reads. Mr. Martinez replied that Alexander's Contract Services would be used for approximately two (2) years. He stated there were other initiatives such as the ability to turn on and turn off meters remotely. With this implementation the software would be updated, and data could be received every 15 minutes. He indicated the technology would be upgraded and the customers got the services they requested.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether this would encompass some of the technology unveiled at the Smart Conference held early 2018. Mr. Martinez replied it was part of the Smart City Initiative.

Councilwoman Scott asked whether this project was bid out or whether if Alexander's Contract Services was chosen because of the type of services they provide. Mr. Martinez replied it was a piggy back on an existing contract.

Mr. Martinez advised that the City had contracted with Alexander's Contract Services, Inc. He shared the reason Alexander's Contract Services, Inc. was chosen:

- Reading meters since 1967
- Worldwide meter reading contractor
- Used locally by Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Suffolk Water Utilities

- Presently reading in conjunction with Newport News Waterworks staff
- Limited number of current meter reader staff are being slowly transitioned to other vacant positions

Mr. Martinez advised that Alexander’s Contract Services, Inc. had enhanced reading software system:

- Showed real-time reads to the system
- Eliminated the need for re-reads
- Provided pictures of abnormal reads

Mr. Martinez advised, with the monthly billing there was no additional cost to the customer, as Waterworks was able to absorb all new costs through budget reductions and debt-service savings. The following services would be provided:

- Reading every month versus bi-monthly
- Paper and postage for mailings
- Double amount of credit card processing

Mr. Martinez said that this was another step toward Fixed Network Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and the City would transition with:

- The bi-monthly service fee would be reduced in half for nearly all customers (in Budget Ordinance)
- In July, all current bi-monthly customers would receive a transition bill between 30 and 59 days
- In August 2018, most customers would receive their first 30-day bill

<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Service Fee</u>	
	<u>FY 2018 Bi-monthly Rate</u>	<u>FY 2019 Monthly Rate</u>
5/8"	\$ 26.00	\$ 13.00
3/4"	\$ 32.90	\$ 16.45
1"	\$ 46.80	\$ 23.40
1.5"	\$ 81.50	\$ 40.75
2"	\$ 124.80	\$ 62.40
3"	\$ 278.00	\$144.00
4"	\$ 408.00	\$208.00
6"	\$ 758.00	\$383.00
8"	\$1,177.00	\$593.00
10"	\$1,657.00	\$832.00

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with York County (Brick Church Road Stormwater Treatment Facility) Briefing

Mr. Martinez advised that the Newport News Waterworks Department had a Joint Project with York County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which included:

- Water Supply
- Water Quality Improvement
- Watershed Protection

Mr. Martinez indicated that Newport News Waterworks began a comprehensive source water monitoring program over 35 years ago. The program identified and ranked areas for enhanced drinking water protections. He said “H4” was one of four structural facilities within the Harwoods Mill Reservoir watershed (see attached, Joint Project with York County-MOU, April 24, 2018, Page 3 and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Martinez advised that present stream channels were highly eroded and downstream impacts included high sedimentation and phosphorus loading to the Poquoson River. City staff began discussions with York County several years ago to identify solutions. He advised with a new regional treatment pond and stream channel restoration, the concept was developed with a 50/50 cost-share.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether Phosphorus could be traded and how this information was tracked. Mr. Martinez replied this project was part of a process (explained in a study prepared by an engineering consultant in 2016) that allows “Credit Generation and Trading.” It was like a bank that holds the ‘credit’ and would be taken out to pay for a reduction in Phosphorus to meet an EPA/ MS4 Permit Reduction.

Mr. Martinez stated the average cost (in other agreements / projects) to remove a pound of Phosphorous was about \$25K to \$40K and the Waterworks project could provide the reduction for about \$12K.

Mr. Martinez provided some background and stated every City in the Hampton Roads area (most of cities impacted the Chesapeake Bay) required nutrient reduction as part of the MS4 Permit (EPA) and as part of their Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Action Plan requirements. Phosphorus was one of the nutrients. Newport News along with York County were two (2) of the cities that must reduce Phosphorus under their own plans.

Mr. Martinez noted under the plan that Newport News needed to reduce 3,265 pounds per year by 2025. The Joint York County project was in York County (on Waterworks Watershed Property). York County could receive credit against the reduction they needed to make for their Plan with this project.

Mr. Martinez indicated the building of this Stormwater Facility (featured retention ponds) and was one of many ways to reduce the nutrient (phosphorus) contribution to the 'Bay', primarily by erosion control, slowing the velocity of rain water followed a storm event (large volumes of water running across the surface) cutting deeper into existing streams, taking this sediment and along with sediment from disturbed land (that contained naturally occurring phosphorus) into tributaries that reached the Bay.

Mr. Martinez advised even though this facility would reduce phosphorus and was on Waterworks property, York County could take the full credit for the Phosphorus Newport News captured in the facility. The benefit by controlling erosion, reduced sediment loads into streams that feed water to their reservoirs, and helped the cost at the Waterworks plant to remove sediment and contaminants brought in by the large precipitation events in the watershed.

Mr. Martinez noted that the outlines of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with all costs were shared with York County (50/50), which was a win-win project for the Peninsula:

- Waterworks and Peninsula communities would get enhanced water quality protection and treatment for only 50% of the capital and engineering costs.
- York County obtained stormwater retrofit credit for a developed section of the County and capacity for limited additional private development.
- Project had been identified in Capital Improvement Project for FY 2019 – 2020 spending

Councilman Bateman inquired about the Waste Management site, as seen from I-64, there was residual water between the interstate which looked like a canal that went on for a long time. He asked about the water seeping and/or traveling, and where it stopped? Mr. Martinez replied they had a permit and they had to contain the water, if water was considered contaminated, the water was treated.

II. City Manager's FY 2019 Recommended Operating Budget

City Manager Rohlf advised that she and Mayor Price met with the Newport News School Board Chair, Mr. Gary Hunter and the Newport News Schools Acting Superintendent, Mr. Brian Nichols on Friday, April 20, 2018, to discuss how to address the issue of providing teacher and staff salary increases. She stated there was good conversation and the meeting was very productive. The recommendation made was that the Newport News Public School (NNPS) would find \$3 million within their existing budget and would request a one-time capital funding amount of \$1 million from the City.

Mayor Price indicated that he suggested meeting quarterly with City Manager Rohlf, and the NNPS Superintendent. It was a work in progress, as the NNPS were searching for a new Superintendent.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that when she was on the NNPS School Board the IT/WiFi the City granted the NNPS the right-a-ways and in return the service was supposed to be free to the City. City Manager Rohlf replied that the City contributed financially and the City did get some fiber.

Councilman Bateman inquired about the benefits of the City having the extra fiber. City Manager Rohlf replied the fiber requested would be sufficient enough to take the City into the future.

Vice Mayor Vick inquired that the meetings with the NNPS would be held quarterly. Mayor Price replied yes.

Vice Mayor Vick stated that the NNPS and City Council should meet on regular basis, the communication with the citizens was frustrating and this would ensure that the citizens were informed, it would be a very simple solution, and any request would be in writing to the Mayor and City Council. City Manager Rohlf stated there had been discussion and the NNPS was currently working on their CIP process, and how it fit into the City's process. Joint meeting around the CIP process were anticipated. The NNPS Board and City Council needed to be engaged on the Budget and CIP process throughout the fiscal year along with doing some joint initiatives.

Vice Mayor Vick reflected on the Huntington Middle School closure and students being relocated. The NNPS should have provided a written timeline for students, parents, teachers, staff and City Council, so everyone would have been kept abreast of the process. There were no definite plans to date. Mayor Price replied the \$2.8 million was for the design and plan.

Vice Mayor Vick said the NNPS provided City Council with an estimate to build a new school, the funding should be placed once the study for the design was completed. City Manager Rohlf replied the City was taking that into consideration as part of the upcoming CIP process; however, would caution City Council on any large project because of the other needs of the City, i.e. libraries, recreational facilities, etc. She stated \$35 -\$40 million for a school was one year of the CIP. Councilman Bateman advised Warwick High School was coming up after Huntington Middle School. City Manager Rohlf stated the City had to think about the projects upcoming as there were competing needs and a tax increase may need to be considered. Councilwoman Woodbury replied that the City must be transparent.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about a category in which funding could be placed for salaries, raises, and benefits. City Attorney Owens shared that Section 22.1-115 stated ***System of accounting; statements of funds available; classification of expenditures. The State Board, in conjunction with the Auditor of Public Accounts, shall establish and require of each school division a modern system of accounting for all school funds, state and local, and the treasurer or other fiscal agent of each school division shall render each month to the school board a statement of the funds in his hands available for school purposes. The Board shall prescribe the following major classifications for expenditures of school funds: (i) instruction, (ii)***

administration, attendance and health, (iii) pupil transportation, (iv) operation and maintenance, (v) school food services and other non-instructional operations, (vi) facilities, (vii) debt and fund transfers, (viii) technology, and (ix) contingency reserves. He stated that funding could not go in the salaries category under current State Law for salaries or benefits.

Councilwoman Woodbury asked about including this in the legislative package FY 2020 to amend. She hoped never to use it but it should be in place, if needed. If the NNPS did not address the issue, the City had to be prepared with other options.

Councilman Bateman recalled looking back over the years where the surplus was turned over to the City and the City would re-appropriate the funds to the NNPS. How incentivized are the NNPS to create a surplus. City Attorney Owens replied under State Code, the NNPS should return the surplus. Councilman Bateman stated the City was incentivized to create surplus for bonding and the NNPS should do the same which could help cover part of the gap. City Manager Rohlf replied that was a subject of further discussion. She stated a formal agreement was set in place for the surplus to be returned to NNPS for a specific item.

City Manager Rohlf introduced Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Budget Director to provide a brief recap of per pupil cost and the City contributions, as per the State Superintendent published document.

Ms. Cipriano stated that she would provide information on the local contribution per pupil annually. The City of Newport News was second between Portsmouth and Hampton at \$3,823 per pupil. She noted that the total revenue (Federal, State and Local) per pupil for NNPS was second highest in in Hampton Roads at \$11,600 which was \$86 less than the highest which was Norfolk (a copy of the presentation, "Fiscal Year 2019 Recommended Operating Budget – Follow Up, April 24, 2018," is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilwoman Scott inquired about how the City's budget compared to other localities. Ms. Cipriano replied that information was not available, she had not compared the overall operating budget. Councilwoman Scott said she wanted to ascertain whether other localities had more in their budget, so that those localities were able to contribute more.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired who decided where the funding would be used, once the NNPS received the funding per pupil. City Manager Rohlf replied the funding should be used on the students.

Mayor Price advised that he did not wish for the same thing to happen in the FY 2020 NNPS budget. He believed the NNPS was committed to working with the City Council for a smoother budget process.

Councilman Bateman felt that the conflict and confusion would not happen with a new Superintendent. The data the City used was disputed on social media and misinforming the community, causing an uproar. It could cause an immediate audit for both the City and NNPS,

the City Manager and School Superintendent, Finance Directors would be needed to ensure that the information was “rock solid” and factually correct.

Councilman Harris indicated there was miscommunication with different data, what was being disseminated by different groups. The City Council should work with the new Superintendent to ensure that City Council could be enlightened to what was factual and both parties would be on the same page.

City Manager Rohlf stated she wanted Ms. Cipriano to provide the actual data and was looking forward to moving forward.

Ms. Cipriano stated that she would be providing the Community Support Overview of the FY 2019 Recommended Operating Budget (a copy of the presentation, “Fiscal Year 2019 Recommended Operating Budget – Community Support Overview, April 24, 2018,” is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano noted the FY 2019 Recommended Budget for Community Support Agencies were comprised of 35 Agencies, with individual requests for specialized services at \$2.6 million in recommended budget.

	FY 2018 Adopted <u>Budget</u>	FY 2019 Recommended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Community Support	\$2,451,089	\$2,589,089	\$138,000	5.7%

Ms. Cipriano advised that the recent history of Community Support was level funded from FY 2016 to FY 2018:

New Agency Support

- Eastern Virginia Medical School (2016)
- Southeastern Virginia Health Systems (2016)
- Center for Sexual Assault Survivors (2016)
- Soundscapes, Inc. (2016)
- Community Free Clinic (2017)

Additional Agency Support

- Denbigh House (2016)

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about Eastern Virginia Medical School. Ms. Cipriano replied the City contributed \$1,800, EVMS had a large residency program.

Ms. Cipriano advised FY 2018 was level funded with no new agencies.

Ms. Cipriano noted the FY 2019 Recommended Budget for Community Support Request of the 35 existing agencies, 57% requested higher level of funding and eight (8) new agency applications:

Level Funded All Agencies

Exceptions:

- LINK of Hampton Roads
 - Increase of \$5,000 for overnight site security costs

New Agencies for FY 2019

- Behavioral Health Docket (\$125,000)
 - Provided a special court to better address those with legal charges who may also have serious behavioral health issues
- Serve the City Newport News (\$8,000)
 - To provide more home repairs and yard work for the elderly, disabled, and low income residents in the Southeast Community in need, specifically during a week-long event each year

Ms. Cipriano noted the Behavior Health Docket was funded at \$125,000 in community support, with an additional \$25,000 for part-time support in the District Court, for an individual to manager the docket.

City Manager Rohlf introduced Mr. Steve Baker with the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) and Judge Matthew Hoffman, Newport News District Court to give a brief overview of the Behavior Health Docket program.

Mr. Steve Baker advised that the proposed Newport News Behavioral Health Docket had been developed collectively by the area's criminal justice stakeholder agencies. The docket was designed to be a pre-adjudication model docket with a targeted population of persons with serious mental illness (SMI) OR serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). The docket would be held every two weeks in the General District Court with the docket team meeting to staff cases immediately prior.

Mr. Baker stated the average stay in jail was 137 days, with an estimated cost per day of \$131 for an individual with psychiatric issues, which was significantly higher than a regular inmate. He said that did not include the cost of medication, increased security, increased

court appears, and a number of other services. He stated that equated to \$20,000 per SMI or SPMI individual.

Judge Hoffman indicated the purpose of the proposed docket was to better address persons with legal charges that also have serious behavioral health issues. A specialized docket to address these complex cases, several goals are felt attainable to include 1) more consistency in adjudication of cases involving behavioral health issues; 2) it would present a more appropriate environment for family and witnesses to communicate their concerns; and 3) it would reduce recidivism of new charges from introducing judicial oversight that would increase ongoing treatment compliance.

Mr. Baker said in February 2017, a total of 1601 screenings were completed to identify the presence of behavioral health issues with persons being put in correctional custody. Of those 1601, approximately 269 were identified as requiring a higher level of psychiatric assessment with approximately 111 of those persons being identified as in need of services and/or being persons where there was a more appropriate community placement than jail. Persons with behavioral health issues presented a number of challenges as they progress through the criminal justice system. Some but not all of these are psychiatric decompensation while in custody, loss of disability and other benefits that allow persons housing and obtain psychiatric support services, competency and restoration issues can emerge that in a more streamlined system can be addressed earlier and in a less restrictive treatment modality. Most importantly, it allowed the Courts to encourage treatment compliance and subsequent psychiatric stabilization through the use of rewards and sanctions that would decrease this vulnerable population's recidivism with the criminal justice system.

Judge Hoffman noted that with conditional approval this docket was built from the ground up with no template. He advised a separate docket would be created, two day out of the month. No funding support was being requested for the compensation of the Judges; however, \$25,000 for part-time support in the District Court for an individual to manager the docket was needed. There would be one of two individuals each week from Hampton-Newport News Community Service Board (H-NNCSB) to organize the services needed and report to the court.

Judge Hoffman stated a policy and procedure manual had been developed along with the completion of the application for a behavioral health docket required by the Supreme Court. An administrative structure had been developed along with program structure and criteria developed from existing behavioral health dockets in other localities and the Supreme Court of Virginia's behavioral health docket advisory committee.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired when individuals fell under the specialized docket, whether those individuals go to jail, to a facility, or home. Judge Hoffman replied the behavior health docket would allow individual to attend a 12 month program before sentencing and to come up with a proven plan. He thanked the City Council for its support and the Newport News Behavioral Health Stakeholders group currently meets on a regular basis and was well represented by the local Judiciary, the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Public Defender, Pretrial/CCD, Sheriff’s Office, Police Department, Fire/EMS, Peer Support Services, Community Services Board and the BAR Association.

Councilwoman Woodbury said she was delighted by the program and benefits that served individuals on the specialized docket.

Ms. Cipriano stated the funding for Serve the City Newport News, which was an organization that would have volunteers to assist with clean up rehab activities for elderly, disabled and low income residents in the Southeast Community during the week-long event each year. The funds would be used to purchase paint, cleaning supplies, lumber, handrail, steps, post, gloves, tool, rakes, hoes, batteries, cement, shingles, deadbolts, landscape timber, mulch, etc.

Ms. Cipriano noted the FY 2019 Recommended Budget for Regional Organizations comprised of 11 Agencies, based on contractual agreement at \$8.8 million.

	FY 2018 Adopted <u>Budget</u>	FY 2019 Recommended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Regional Organizations	\$8,731,432	\$8,769,267	\$37,835	0.4%

Ms. Cipriano noted the recent history of the Regional Organizations were level funded from FY 2016 – FY 2018.

Changes due to contractual/per capita obligations:

- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance
 - (\$531) or (0.3%)
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
 - Per Capita, MCSC, MMRS, Sea Level Rise
 - \$3,971 or 2.0%
- Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC)
 - Site Improvements and Rent
- Thomas Nelson Community College
 - Workforce Development Center

- Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)
 - \$34,395 or 0.5%
- ❖ Regional Air Service Enhancement funding was moved to Community Support Contingency for FY 2019

Additional Agency Support

- Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and realized the funding had been reduced. She inquired about the services they provided for Newport News. The City needed to review what was being done in Newport News, as most of the services provided were on the Southside. City Manager Rohlf replied staff would look into the matter.

Ms. Cipriano noted that the funding to HRT was to bring better services with better connection.

Ms. Cipriano indicated the FY 2019 Recommended Budget for New Applicants were as follows:

- Bacon Street Youth and Family Services
- Behavioral Health Docket
- Hampton Roads International Montessori School
- Mariners' Museum
- Menchville House Ministries, Inc.
- Serve the City Newport News
- Youth Volunteer Corps of Hampton Roads
- VersAbility Resources

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the Youth Program category where \$39,000 was being contributed to the Orcutt YWCA. While she supported funding to the organization, there were some concerns because the programs and services were not stable, they cannot keep a Director, there had been three (3) Directors over the past four years. Vice Mayor Vick replied that the City was trying to give the YWCA a chance. City Manager Rohlf replied that staff would look into the matter.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) Project. City Manager Rohlf stated CBLAD was an independent agency and when the new facility was built, they would continue to receive move forward. Councilman Bateman stated what CBLAD would be doing for the City outweigh the contribution.

Councilman Bateman inquired about the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC), as Christopher Newport University (CNU) received State funding for the visual art project, which

consisted of the construction of a large building to incorporate the PFAC. The PFAC would be rejuvenated and reinvigorated and hoped that the City continued to support the PFAC. The Ferguson Center had been a great asset for the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Woodbury stated she understood the building and property was being given to CNU, and believed that CNU was taking over the expenditures of the PFAC. She questioned, if CNU was getting the property and the building, why were they not subsidizing the Arts. City Manager Rohlf replied that CNU was subsidizing some of the operating costs.

Councilwoman Woodbury requested a report from CNU to see what was being done. City Manager Rohlf replied yes.

Councilman Bateman suggested the Virginia War Museum should be moved near the Mariners' Museum so that more people could visit. The museum was under-utilized at its current location and to be relocated to Avenue of the Arts would add another museum in concert with the Mariners' Museum.

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 27, 2018, April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, for Public Hearings on April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 8, 2018 (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 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 27, 2018; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Councilman Herbert H. Bateman, Jr., 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 27, 2018, April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, for Public Hearings on April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 8, 2018 (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, certain taxes that were repayment sources on loans or potential loans to clients for TowneBank, and such Operating Budget included charitable contributions to various organizations who did business with TowneBank; (iii) that TowneBank was a group of three or more persons, the members of which were indirectly affected by the

transaction in question; (iv) that he was employed as an Executive Vice President of TowneBank, did not receive any direct compensation from the TowneBank loans mentioned or from the organizations who received charitable contributions from the City and who did business with TowneBank; (v) that he was on the board of directors of Soundscapes and Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP), which were charitable organizations, for which he received no remuneration; (vi) that his wife was employed on a part-time basis by the Newport News School Board and by Smart Beginnings, which would be the recipient of monies designated to it in the City Operating Budget for FY 2019, and both the said School Board and Smart Beginnings, and their employees, were groups of three or more persons, the members of which were affected by the transaction; and (viii) 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 27, 2018; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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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 27, 2018, April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, for Public Hearings on April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 8, 2018 (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 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 2019; (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 2019; 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 27, 2018; 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 §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 27, 2018, April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, for Public Hearings on April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018, and for action at the City Council Agenda of May 8, 2018 (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 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 was an alternate representing Newport News on the board of director of HRT, 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 27, 2018; and is attached and made a part of these minutes).

III. Comments / Ideas / Suggestions

City Manager Rohlf advised that she was extremely pleased to announce that the application submitted by the City of Newport News and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority had been named one of six finalists for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program. She stated that U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had scheduled their visit to Newport News for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 and preparations were being made for the visit. She said she was extremely appreciative and proud of all the staff and the citizens that worked tirelessly on this effort to date, and looked forward to participating in the HUD visit and telling Newport News story.

Vice Mayor Vick thanked the City Manager Rohlf, CNI Team, staff, and the community, she said she was pleased with the outreach services. The CNI Grant was very inclusive, well prepared and she believed that the City would be awarded the \$30 million grant.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the bike share program for future use since the cost had become so much more reasonable. Vice Mayor Vick stated the bike share program in Norfolk had a few problems, because riders were not being accordable and putting the bike back.

Councilwoman Scott indicated, at the North District Town Hall meeting held March 23, 2018, there were citizen concerns about the trees being displaced for a furniture store. City Manager Rohlf stated that project was approved by City Council (Rooms To Go).

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the tree replacement and whether it would be a tree for tree replacement. City Manager Rohlf replied there would be landscaping, but not a tree for tree replacement.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether South Morrison was owned by the City or by the Schools. City Manager Rohlf replied it was owned by the School.

Councilwoman Cherry voiced concern about the MLK Plaza on Jefferson Avenue, as people continued to hang out at the park and at the bus shelter, drug dealing, drinking alcohol openly, and disposing cigarette butts on the ground. She asked if the benches could be removed from the park. Vice Mayor Vick stated when the Department of Parks and Recreation visited the MLK Plaza the people would scatter, but as soon as the staff left the plaza, the people would return. Councilwoman Cherry inquired about erecting fencing across from 7-Eleven behind that parking lot. City Manager Rohlf replied she would have staff review the matter.

Councilwoman Cherry stated 7-Eleven had that same issue, the bench was moved and all that other activities ceased.

City Attorney Owens stated people could not be told, that they could not stand at a bus stop or at a park.

Mayor Price received a request for Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP) for the Teen Mother Support Program through Riverside Hospital. Riverside funded the program for three (3) years with approximately 52/53 participates, who had finished school. HRCAP was requested a one-time contribution in the amount of \$80,000.

Councilman Harris stated he would support the one-time contribution because it was a good program for young mothers.

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether there was a transition period. Councilman Bateman replied no. Riverside had been funding the program for three (3) years and decided not to continue and funding was needed to finish the fiscal year December 31, 2018.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired what would happen if the contribution was not provided. Mayor Price replied some of the programs and services would be cut.

Councilman Bateman stated it was not the fault of HRCAP, as Riverside had not communicated in time that the funding would be cut. Riverside provided excellent services to a specific group of folks.

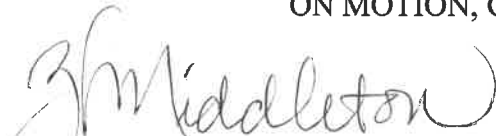
Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the type of services rendered. Councilman Bateman stated counseling young mothers on postpartum depression. Councilwoman Scott stated the attendance in the program was not very high.

Councilman Bateman suggested having Ms. Edith White, Executive Director, HRCAP provide a presentation at a City Council Work Session.

IV. Closed Meeting

(5:55 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.


Zina F. Middleton, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

McKinley L. Price
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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City Clerk