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

ABSENT:  None

A.  Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order, and extended a welcome to all in attendance. He identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization. He pointed out the availability of 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 Elder Darrin Lyons, Bethel Restoration Church.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilwoman Cherry.

D.  Presentations


Pastor Cortez Higgs, Director and CEO, The Catalyst Effect, and members of the Silence Empowers Violence team, accepted the Resolution. Members that accompanied Pastor Higgs included Ms. Claudia Higgs, Ms. Nicole Sullivan, and Ms. Anita Gonzalez.

The following Silence Empowers Violence Community Care and Action Team members included: Ceniah Higgs, Cetai Higgs, Ceyali Higgs, Jayla Jones, Summer Jones, Jaden Virden, Ceyan Higgs, Sirah Malveaux, Isabelle Jones, Katelyn Cooper, JoLisa Smith, ZaraBeth Reeves, Adam Harris, Bethany Francis, Koleby Miller, Dante Miller, Craig Miller, Joshua Snell, Hayley New, Treyvaughn Jackson, Taquan Jackson, and Isaiah Furbee.
D. Presentations Continued


Mayor Price shared, in December 2017, The Catalyst Effect launched a collaborative, nationwide youth-led awareness to action movement called “Silence Empowers Violence... Break the Code!” to address the problem of unreported and unsolved crimes and violence. He advised, The Catalyst Effect team created and engaged participants in youth-led, Silence Empowers Violence Community Care an Action Teams. The teams were encouraged and empowered to break the code of silence when it came to violence by being a voice for those who were too afraid to speak up or take action, and by taking a public stand against violence and crime in their communities. They also created violence prevention, intervention, and post-intervention community engagement initiatives and opportunities. In 2017, the first Silence Empowers Violence... Break the Code Youth Symposium was held; and in 2018, two and one-half mile Break the Code Walk! was held to bring community awareness to their cause.

Mayor Price shared, The Catalyst Effect and the Silence Empowers Violence Community Care and Action Teams partnered with the U. S. Department of Justice, Newport News Public Schools, Newport News Department of Human Services – Youth Services Division, the Newport News Police Department, The Messiah Center, City Life, Life House, Emmaus, and Real World Church. The Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia passed House Joint Resolution No. 630 designating the third full week of September as Silence Empowers Violence Break the Code Awareness-to-Action Week in Virginia.

On behalf of his colleagues on the Newport News City Council, Mayor Price recognized and commended The Catalyst Effect and the Silence Empowers Violence Community Care and Action Teams on their efforts in making the City of Newport News a safer place to live, learn, work, and play.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Relocation of the Skiffe’s Creek Access Easement Held By the City Across Property Owned by Green Mount Associates, LLC, Located at 1651 Green Mount Parkway in James City County

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE RELOCATION OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO SKIFFE’S CREEK RESERVOIR. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute the relocation of the Skiffe’s Creek Access Easement held by the City across property owned by Green Mount Associates, LLC, located at 1651 Green Mount Parkway in James City County. The location of the access easement was on property at
E. Public Hearings

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at 1651 Green Mount Parkway in James City County. This easement relocation was requested by Green Mount Associates, LLC, to enable the sale of property for development. Relocating the access easement would not conflict with City operations at Skiffe's Creek. In exchange for the City releasing and vacating a portion of its access easement, Green Mount would provide a new access easement to the City. A Notice of Public Hearing was published for the required four consecutive weeks. The City Manager recommended approval.

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

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

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

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

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of June 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)
F. Consent Agenda Continued

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2019 Continued

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

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

4. Ordinance Accepting Glen Meadows Subdivision Street and Public Improvements into the City Street System

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT MAYBERRY COURT, GLEN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, AND THE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN AND THEREON INTO THE CITY STREET SYSTEM. This ordinance accepted the Glen Meadows Subdivision Street and Public Improvements into the City Street System. A final inspection was made of the Glen Meadows Subdivision. The inspection indicated compliance with all requirements. Once accepted, the street, which was constructed at the owner’s expense, would be eligible for State Maintenance reimbursements to the City. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Cherry commented on the statement that the street was constructed at the owner’s expense, which would then become eligible for State Maintenance reimbursements to the City. She felt it was important to highlight this fact, and felt the City should adhere to this when it came to other projects.

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

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia Continued

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This resolution approved the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020-2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia. The Recommended FY 2020-2024 CIP reflected citywide priorities and achieved a responsible balance between the commitment to limit City borrowing and the need to advance critical capital projects and purchased. The Plan supported the City’s Strategic Priorities and represented a fiscally responsible strategy that adhered to the City’s Capital Financing and Debt Management Policies, adopted by City Council in January 2007. City Council approval was required to appropriate the funds for the projects included in the FY 2020 – 2024 CIP. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Samuel L. Eure, Jr., 302 Penrith Crossing, Yorktown, expressed support for funding the CIP, with emphasis on the construction of Huntington Middle School, not just planning, and the systemic funding of the CIP for the NNPS. He shared a personal story, of a school division who chose not to publically acknowledge a problem. He shared that Poquoson had a problem with mold and mildew in years past. He continued by sharing that an adjacent community could have made the same allegations, but denied having a problem. This same division, shut down its air conditioning system over the summer months, which led to a build-up of mold, mildew, condensation, etc. Extra custodians were brought in to clean up the problem. Mr. Eure advised the problem still existed after the clean-up. An assessment of air quality was demanded and completed, but the results of the assessment were not shared. He was called to the school to discover people in hazmat suits doing some cleaning. He advised that teachers did not complain just to be complaining, but were attempting to protect the children. Having been trained on air quality by the Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Eure had the knowledge to know what to look for and how to help others. He warned the City of Newport News not to be put in the same situation.

Mr. Brandai Wills, 756 Michelle Drive, Newport News, commented about Huntington Middle School. She shared that she taught at Huntington Middle School for 11 years, prior to the school being closed permanently in June, 2018. She shared that she viewed the webcast of the June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council when it was told that teachers were telling untruths about things Huntington Middle School. Ms. Wills confirmed that there were bugs in the school, and there was mold, before the school was closed. She urged City Council to allocate money to the NNPS to reopen Huntington Middle School. Ms. Wills advised that she taught at Heritage High School, where there was only one eighth grade class. She urged the Newport News City Council and the NNPS to come together to decide what would be done regarding Huntington Middle School.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia Continued

Ms. Mary Vause, 350 Williamsburg Court, Newport News, commended Councilwoman Scott for her comments at the earlier City Council Work Session of July 9, 2019. Ms. Vause agreed that important public projects, like the pool at the Denbigh Community Center, the renovation of Grissom Library in the North District, and Huntington Middle School in the South District, should not be sacrificed and put on a back burner for development projects in the Central District. The $50 million SCOT Center and a $30 million City Center parking garage from the FY 2018 Operating Budget, were not being used as excuses to postpone long anticipated, long-promised public projects.

Ms. Vause also commended Councilwoman Cherry for “pushing back” against “sweetheart deals” for developers and private companies at the earlier City Council Work Session of July 9, 2019. Saying no to taxpayer-funded parking garages would make it easier for the City to fund important public projects like NNPS, public libraries, and public community centers. Ms. Vause alleged that the City Manager and the Budget Director crafted excuses and twist data to justify a consistently low level of funding for NNPS. Looking at big picture facts about NNPS funding: separate and unequal – NNPS had 4.3 million square feet of building space, almost double the City’s 2.2 million square feet of public building space. In the City Manager’s FY 2019 - 2023 CIP budget, school buildings receive less total funding than City buildings despite having nearly double the square footage and despite NNPS buildings serving more people. NNPS had 4,688 employees, while the City funded only 2,625 positions from its General Fund. NNPS served approximately 29,000 public school children. NNPS buildings had more occupants than City buildings, and much more wear and tear over time. Ms. Vause questioned why NNPS buildings received only $10.53 per square foot in CIP funding, while the City building received $20.73 per square foot in the FY 2019 - 2023 CIP budget. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of NNPS students were on free and reduced lunch and teaching was a primarily female profession. Teachers, teacher assistants, school counselors, cafeteria workers, and other teaching support staff were predominantly female. It was her hope that the majority of the City’s children living in poverty, and the majority of NNPS teachers and staff being female, was not the cause of NNPS buildings receiving one-half funding per square foot as the City’s public buildings. Ms. Vause urged City Council to vote against the CIP Budget for FY 2020 - 2023, especially North and South District Council representatives. The CIP before City Council was a disservice to the North and South District by postponing funding for a public pool in Denbigh, and for Grissom Library, and Huntington Middle School.

Ms. Margaret Purcell, 1100 William Styron Square South, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding the rebuilding of Huntington Middle School. She indicated that adolescent years could be difficult, and schooling close to home is beneficial to children. Huntington Middle School served as a beacon to the community and a guiding light for education. Citizens in the Southeast Community always had pride in their school, even when vitally necessary repairs were overlooked. It did not matter if only six of each class were success-
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia Continued

ful, there was only one Martin Luther King. Ms. Purcell indicated there was only one Pearl Bailey, only one Charles Drew, only one Maya Angelou, one James Baldwin, and one George Washington Carver. She stated you could stifle the process of one black child who could thrive at Huntington Middle School, to do good for the world, by continuing the legacy of Huntington, or erase the possibilities by not recognizing the need for Huntington Middle School, and doing nothing but plans on paper.

Ms. Pamela Hall, 1038-29th Street, Newport News, shared her opinion that members of City Council were setting a poor example for the children about what was important in the City; i.e. allocating $31 million for another parking garage in City Center, rather than supporting the education of the children who were the future of the City of Newport News. The rebuilding of Huntington Middle School is crucial to the success of Newport News, school maintenance, and the retention of the best and brightest to mold the minds of the children – our educators. She advised that money should be put toward those goals. She further indicated that adults must be better examples for the children, and show them that education was better than incarceration or death. Ms. Hall further shared her opinion that members of City Council were out of touch with the constituents they were elected to serve. Huntington had served the Southeast Community as a venue for concerts by the Unifics, many of who attended Huntington High School. Huntington served as a sight for weekly church services, Little League Basketball, a venue for State Band Competitions, Family Fun Days hosted by Alumni members, beautification day, hosted by the Alumni Association, use of the soccer fields, use of the track field by citizens and the Fire Department, SOL study sessions on Saturdays, with the Alumni providing the children and staff with breakfast. Since the closing of Huntington Middle School, most of the aforementioned events had ceased. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the citizens, and the School Board members, were not told that funding for Huntington Middle School would be based on acceptance of the City’s vision for the area, which included closing 30th Street to join the two individually owned properties. Ms. Hall reminded City Council that they were not elected to promote personal agendas, but to do what was in the best interest of the constituents who were courted for votes and donations. She urged members of City Council to do the right thing, suggesting they lead like former President Barak Obama as opposed to President Trump. She encouraged City Council to reallocate and appropriate the funds to start the design process for a 22nd century Huntington Middle School that was budgeted in 2009 - $2.8 million. She indicated the children and the citizens of the Southeast Community deserved better.

Mr. Matthew Degrave, 10 Dimock Avenue, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding Huntington Middle School. He shared a story about a friend whose family attempted to sell their house in Newport News for approximately four years. Interested buyers changed their mind after discovering it was located in the Newport News School District. Sevveral sales were lost as a result. Mr. Degrave advised City Council that the NNPS was what
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia Continued

would make the City of Newport News great. No one would move to the City, and no industry would grow, unless the NNPS were back on line. He indicated that Huntington Middle School would be a good start, recalling at one time, the decision to make Huntington Middle School a Magnet School. Mr. Degrave understood the City’s goal to generate revenue, and advised the best way to do that was to ensure the City had good public schools. If the NNPS were raised above neighboring jurisdictions, people would flock to Newport News.

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

Councilwoman Cherry shared, in reviewing the previous CIP, and comparing to the CIP before City Council for consideration, that she was thankful to City Manager Rohlf and staff for their hard work, but expressed concerns for some funding the City continued to put out for certain entities, advising that some would become General Obligation Bonds, meaning more tax revenue for the citizens to incur. She shared at the City Council Work Session held earlier on July 9, 2019, about a road being paid by the developer, but much of the work being done was done by private developers, and she took issue when the City continued to spend money to help private development for some, but not for all. Councilwoman Cherry advised that she would not vote in favor of the CIP because she needed to take a stand saying either the City would do for all, or for none. She indicated it was important that the City look at revenue sharing and sense the Council could not get a handle on the revenue sharing, it was ludicrous for her to believe things would turn out favorably for the City.

Councilwoman Scott shared that she had expressed her concerns at the City Council Work Session held earlier on July 9, 2019 about the CIP. She advised her concern was simple – she had served on City Council for 17 years, was a supporter of projects in every district, but felt as though the North District had been neglected. The projects that were moved off of the CIP before City Council, were in the North District; i.e. pool for the Community Center, the Grissom Library, Fire Station No. 11, and she had a problem with it. In 2010, when she sought election for the third time, her slogan was “One City, One Vision,” and was supposed to be something everyone would grasp, and think about spreading projects equally across the City. She indicated when there was no land, she did not expect anything, but the City had land to do things, and she expected that some of the City’s projects should take a little more precedence. Councilwoman Scott indicated it was an affront to her to see projects in the North District pushed further off the CIP, and another project added that would occur before the project in the North District. With no disrespect to City Manager Rohlf and her staff, who worked hard, but in the vain of comradery, and being a team, she felt City Council could do a better job of supporting projects in one another’s districts, and when one won, everyone won, which was the manner in which she always voted. Councilwoman Scott advised that she had challenges with the CIP. She
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Approving the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2024 for the City of Newport News, Virginia Continued

had to voice her concerns because if she didn’t represent the citizens who voted her into office, she would feel as though she wasn’t doing her job. She advocated and supported the North District which she represented.

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

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl; Article I., In General; Section 6-1.1, Definitions Generally; and Article III., Animal Welfare Ordinance; Section 6-78, Unattended Tethering of Dogs Prohibited; Exceptions

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., IN GENERAL, SECTION 6-1.1, DEFINITIONS GENERALLY; AND ARTICLE III., ANIMAL WELFARE ORDINANCE, SECTION 6-78, UNATTENDED TETHERING OF DOGS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS. This resolution amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl; Article I., In General; Section 6-1.1, Definitions Generally; and Article III., Animal Welfare Ordinance; Section 6-78, Unattended Tethering of Dogs Prohibited; Exceptions. During its 2018-2019 session, the Virginia General Assembly adopted new wording and definitions related to various animal related statutes. The new wording provided more detailed definitions for “Adequate Shelter,” “Adequate Space,” as well as additional regulations pertaining to the tethering of dogs. The amendments provided for greater protection of animals in hot or cold weather situations, as well as set a minimum length, and maximum weight, of a dog tether. The amendment of the existing City Code of Ordinances would ensure compliance with the new State Statutes, which became effective on July 1, 2019. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

3. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 30, Pawnbrokers; Buyers of Old Gold and Silver; to Define “Pawnbrokers” and Require Documentation of Identify of the Person Pawnning

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 30, PAWN BROKERS; BUYERS OF OLD GOLD AND SILVER, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, PAWN BROKERS; SECTION 30-1, DEFINITION OF PAWNBROKER, SECTION 30-2, LICENSE REQUIRED; LICENSE AUTHORIZED BY COURT; BUILDING DESIGNATED IN LICENSE; PENALTY, SECTION 30-3, BOND REQUIRED; PRIVATE ACTION ON BOND, SECTION 30-7, RECORDS TO BE KEPT; CREDENTIALS OF PERSON PAWNING GOODS; AND ARTICLE III, BUYERS OF GOLD AND SILVER; SECTION 30-32, RECORDS TO BE KEPT; COPY FURNISHED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND SECTION 30-34, CREDENTIALS AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP REQUIRED FROM SELLER. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 30, Pawnbrokers; Buyers of Old Gold and Silver; Article I, Pawnbrokers; Section 30-1, Definition of Pawnbroker; Section 30-2, License Required; License Authorized by Court; Building Designated in License, Penalty; Section 30-3, Bond Required; Private Action on Bond; and Section 30-7, Records to be Kept; Credentials of Persons Pawning Goods; and Article III., Section 30-32, Records to be Kept; Copy Furnished to Local Authorities; and Section 30-34, Credentials and Statement of Ownership Required From Seller. During its 2018-1029 session, the Virginia General Assembly adopted new wording and definitions related to pawnbrokers and buyers of old gold and silver. The new wording in Section 30-1, 30-2, and 30-3 clarified the definition of “Pawnbrokers,” as “natural” persons and not corporation and other entities. The amendments to Section 30-7, 30-32, and 30-34 clarified that pawnbrokers and buyers of old gold and silver shall document the identity of the person pawning, by an unexpired, government-issued identification card, with a legal address and photograph. The amendment of the existing City Code of Ordinances ensured compliance with the new State Statutes, which went into effect on July 1, 2019. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

4. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement With the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and James City County to Operate a Boat Launch and Park on City-Owned Property Adjacent to the Diascund Reservoir in James City County

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 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JAMES CITY COUNTY, THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES DATED THE 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2019. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and James City County to operate a boat launch and park on City-Owned property adjacent to the Diascund Reservoir in James City County. The first Cooperative Agreement between the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, James City County, and the City, to operate a boat launch and park on City-owned property adjacent to the Diascund Reservoir, was signed in 1998, and expired in July, 2018. The renewed agreement clarified the maintenance responsibilities and shared operating costs between the three parties for a 25-year period. The renewed agreement was approved by the James City County Board of Supervisors and required Newport News City Council approval before being forwarded to the State for approval. Estimated to be $10,000 for repaving the boat ramp access, plus the maintenance of the lawn area, was already included in the budget. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the name of the Park. City Manager Rohlf deferred to Mr. Lewis Martinez, Director, Waterworks Department. Mr. Martinez replied it was the Diascund Park.

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

5. Resolution Authorizing a Lease Between the City of Newport News and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the Coats & Clark Site/Building at 5849 Jefferson Avenue and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Transaction

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Resolution Authorizing a Lease Between the City of Newport News and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the Coat & Clark Site/Building at 5849 Jefferson Avenue and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Transaction

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, DATED THE 9th DAY OF JULY, 2019, FOR TWO BUILDINGS AND 5.2 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 5849 JEFFERSON AVENUE, KNOWN AS THE COATS AND CLARK PROPERTY. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a lease by and between the City of Newport News (City) and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) for the Coats & Clark site/building, located at 5849 Jefferson Avenue, and authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction. The City leased the Coats & Clark Building from the IDA since 1999 for use by the Department of Purchasing, and for warehouse purposes, as well as personnel space for the Police Department, the Fire Department, and file storage space for a number of other departments, to include the City Manager’s Office, the City Clerk’s Office, and the City Attorney’s Office. The original lease was set to expire on July 31, 2019, and the City and the IDA, wished to continue the leasing arrangement with a new 10-year lease with two five-year renewal options. The new lease reflected only a maintenance reserve and administration fee, as the debt service component of rent in the original lease was no longer applicable. The annual maintenance reserve and administration fee would be $55,000 and $20,000 respectively. Every five-year increment in the term, and renewal periods, the maintenance reserve would escalate $10,000, and the administrative fee would escalate $2,000. Any repairs to the building costing in excess of $25,000 may be paid from the maintenance reserve, to the extent such funds were available. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the City had any plans for the property. City Manager Rohlf responded, no, none that she was aware. She advised there had been discussion about moving items from the former City Farm related to the Police Department to the site, but was aware of no other plans for the property.

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

None

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

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted Bible scriptures from 1 Thessalonians 4:16, alluding to United States President, Donald Trump, being the Trump of God. He advised that United States President, the Honorable Donald Trump, would be re-elected in 2020.

Mr. Thompson reiterated his suggestion for the legalization of marijuana. He quoted Bible scriptures from Genesis 1:11, 12, 29, about an herb-yielding seed from the earth to justify the legalization of marijuana. A Ezekiel 34:29, mentioning a plant of reknown; and Revelation 22:2, also reverencing the plant of reknown for the healing of the nation; i.e. marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Mr. Thompson reminded that he had supported the legalization of marijuana for years. He asked the members of the Newport News City Council to take the lead on the Peninsula for the promotion and support of the legalization of marijuana for the increased revenue to enrich the City’s treasury and assist across the board. The State of Colorado reached the $1 billion dollar mark as a result of the legalization of marijuana – most for medical needs. Mr. Thompson reiterated that the legalization of marijuana would enrich the City’s treasury by billions.

Ms. Jonell McFadden, 407 Bryan Court, Newport News, advised that she was the Chairperson of the Newport News Electoral Board. She explained that the Electoral Board was a three member board, appointed by a Circuit Court Judge. The responsibilities of the Electoral Board included administration of every aspect of all elections across the City of Newport News, to include the supervision and oversight of the Director of Elections, also known as the Voter Registrar. Tasks included protecting ballots, and appointing Election Officials, on which she would focus her remarks. Ms. McFadden explained there were 45 precincts across the City of Newport News, serving approximately 114,000 voters. She advised that every precinct was staffed with a number of poll workers. Each precinct had six to seven workers. She explained that Election Officials were hands-on with the equipment and materials of the respective election. The Election Official ensured that each election ran smoothly, and was customer driven. The main goal was to ensure that every qualified voter was able to vote. Election Officials were trained and paid to do their jobs at the polls. Ms. McFadden explained there were three basic categories to include: (1) Chief Officials, who were responsible for running the entire precinct; (2) Assistant Officials, who assisted the Chief Officials; and (3) Election Workers, who do everything from working the poll books to distributing the “voted” stickers. Election days were long from beginning to end, arriving one hour prior to the polls opening, until after the polls closed, all results tallied, and the polling places put back into its original position. Ms. McFadden asked all citizens to consider being an Election Official. Details could be found on the Voter Registrar’s page on the City’s website: www.nnva.gov.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council
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Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the possibility of Election Workers
working on half day. Ms. McFadden, replied, for the first time, half-shifts would be created —
allowing workers to work one-half days, with an overlap in shifts. She suggested that those
working in shifts should be experienced and be able to hit the ground running because they were
familiar with the process. She advised that half shifts would be instituted on a trial basis.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the minimum age for an Election Official.
Ms. McFadden responded that Election Officials must be 18 years of age.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the length of the training. Ms. McFadden
replied there was “Poll Book training,” to check individuals in, to show how to work the Poll
Book. Everyone received this training, with the exception of Chief Election Officials and
Assistant Election Officials. Interested individuals who were able to run a poll/precincts, would
be flagged and should meet with the Electoral Board. At that point, they would be gain as an
Assistant Election Official, would be evaluated to determine whether they were able to run a poll.
The real need was for the position of Chief Election Official and Assistant Election Official.

Councilman Jenkins inquired whether there were other qualifications needed.
Ms. McFadden replied, yes, an individual would need to be a voter in good standing to be an
Election Official, could not hold an office or be a candidate for office. Ms. McFadden indicated
the qualifications for an Election Official was listed on the website, and in the brochure, “Join the
Team! Become an Election Official” (a copy of the brochure is attached and made a part of these
minutes).

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the amount of compensation paid to
Election Officials. Ms. McFadden responded that Chief Election Officials would receive $170,
plus an additional $20 for attending the required training. An Assistant Chief Election Official
would receive $135, plus an additional $20 for attending the required training. All other Election
Officials would receive $110.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about residency requirements and whether one had
to reside in the City in which they served as an Election Official or whether they could live in
another City. Ms. McFadden replied, no, Election Officials could live in another City, they did
not have to be a Newport News resident.

Councilman Jenkins inquired how soon interested individuals could sign up to be
an Election Official, and whether there was a deadline. Ms. McFadden replied that individuals
could sign up immediately. The deadline to sign up would be the day prior to an election. People
are always needed. There was an ebb and flow and a dependable bench was needed. She
encouraged those interested to contact the Voter Registrar, even if it was the day before an
election.
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Councilwoman Woodbury understood there should be Election Officials representing both parties at every precinct, if possible. Ms. McFadden replied yes, ideally the Chief Election Official and the Assistant Election Official should represent two different parties. She indicated there was an imbalance, there were far more representatives from one party than the other. To cover this imbalance, and observe the law, a box was added to the application, stating that the Election Official would be willing to represent any/either party. Many applicants select that box.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked Ms. McFadden for her attendance and briefing City Council. She advised that City Council had not received such in-depth information from the Newport News Electoral Board or Voter Registrar.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, shared that he was glad to be back before City Council. He mentioned that he had visited Riverview Farm Park earlier in the afternoon. He indicated there was something special about Riverview Farm Park. He did venture out to the scenic overlook to see the beach and the waterfront of the former City Farm property, and was the one place available to the public. He then ventured up to the berm next to the Gymnastics Center. There was something about a park that allowed one to see a far distance, which was one attraction of Riverview Farm. There were not many similar places in Newport News. Infrastructure was good, but nature, trees, and open spaces were also needed. Mr. Whitcomb advised that many citizens enjoyed Riverview Farm Park, and they looked forward to having a trail there, to include the waterfront.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC, extended congratulations to Ms. Zina Middleton, MMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk, who would graduate from the City's Leadership Development Academy, at a Ceremony on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that this was the only meeting of City Council scheduled for the month of July.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to her youngest brother, Mr. Jeffrey Nelson, who would graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Phoenix. She was proud of him and offered kudos on his accomplishment.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department to Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and staff for the outstanding July 4th preparation at Victory Landing Park, and the fireworks display on Friday, July 5, 2019 (The “4th of July Stars in the Sky,” on Thursday, July 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Victory Landing Park, 50-23rd Street was postponed due to inclement weather.

Councilwoman Cherry wished her niece, Shalyn Happy Belated Birthday. Shalyn celebrated her 9th birthday on Monday, July 8, 2019. She also wished her brothers William, Frank, and Jeffrey, who would also celebrate their birthday in July.

Councilwoman Cherry announced there were great things happening in the City of Newport News as far as community engagement opportunities.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the next South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). This would be an “Ice Cream Social.” The guest was Mr. Gary Anderson, Clerk of the Newport News Circuit Court. She further announced, on Thursday, July 18, 2019, the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, would be held at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., which would be “Summer Game Night.” All citizens were welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Cherry announced, in celebration of National Hot Dog Day, the Newport New Police Department, South Precinct, would host a “Hot Diggety-Dog Day,” on Saturday, July 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at 3303 Jefferson Avenue. The public was invited to attend and “sample the dogs,” at a cost of three for $5.00. The event would also include a Hot Dog Eating Contest. A flyer was available in the office of the Newport News City Clerk’s Office, 2400 Washington Avenue, 9th Floor.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) was engaged in the Homicide Family Support Group. The group would meet on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the NNPD Headquarters (9710 Jefferson Avenue). The group connected families and people who faced the challenge of losing a loved one to an act of violence. The Homicide Family Support Group has served as a bridge and opportunity for people to share their feelings, personal experiences, and the coping routines being used to remember a loved one. All interested citizens who had experienced the loss of a loved one to an act of violence were welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Cherry announced there would be a “Junk & Treasure Bazaar,” on Saturday, July 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at 917-27th Street. Interested vendors were welcome to participate. There was no charge for vending. The deadline for vendor registration was July 13, 2019. A flyer was available in the office of the Newport News City Clerk’s Office, 2400 Washington Avenue, 9th Floor.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry announced that National Night Out would be celebrated Citywide on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, with most events commencing at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged all residents to “Get up, Get Out, Get Involved, Get Engaged, and Be Informed.” National Night Out was a fun night, allowing citizens to fellowship and meet their neighbors.

Councilwoman Cherry invited citizens to join in celebration of Ms. Queen Esther Marrow, a musical icon from the City of Newport News. She would be in concert on Saturday, July 20, 2019, 8:00 p.m., at The American Theatre, 125 E. Mellen Street, Hampton. Tickets could be purchased on Ticketmaster.com, or at The American Theatre box office.

Councilman Harris thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, sharing their thoughts, concerns, and ideas, as well as those watching via various media streams.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to The Catalyst Effect and Silence Empowers Violence Community Care and Action Teams for the great work being done under the direction of Pastor Cortez Higgs. The youth do a great deal for families in the community. He was overwhelmed by what they stood for, and for bringing awareness to some of the challenges faced in the City of Newport News.

Councilman Harris highlighted two of the young men that were a part of the Catalyst Effect – Mr. Cetai Higgs and Mr. Craig Miller; both were students at Denbigh High School, and were a part of his Leadership/Mentorship Group. Mr. Higgs and Mr. Miller would be rising juniors at Denbigh High School, with a GPA over 4.0. Councilman Harris highlighted and acknowledge these young men for their academic achievements, and the great work done in the community and in school.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to Mr. Tracey Parker, of The Friendship Lottery, who hosted an Autism Crush Festival Bake-Off, on Saturday, July 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., at King Lincoln Park (600 Jefferson Avenue). A great deal of information and resources was provided to families about autism. Local performers were also highlighted on the program.

Councilman Jenkins explained his reason for voting against the CIP earlier under Other City Council Items. He, like Councilwoman Cherry, had concerns about some of the economic development projects in the City; like Councilwoman Scott, he also believed that Councilmembers should support the “One City” concept; and like many of the citizens present, he believed more should be done for the Newport News Public Schools. Beyond that, Councilman Jenkins indicated that the City needed to get better at planning and accomplishing projects for the City, and ensuring that project were done when people expected projects to be completed, and not constantly postponed and delayed. It was his hope when the CIP was developed, there would be greater participation from the City Council and public leaders, so the projects could be discussed and come to an agreement on projects of which they could all support.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

In light of the CIP not being adopted, Mayor Price asked City Manager Rohlf to explain what was done by not passing the CIP, its effect on the City, and what the next steps were going forward.

City Manager Rohlf advised that there would be additional conversation at the staff level. She further advised that none of the projects listed in the CIP under FY 2019-2020 could move forward until authorization was provided by City Council. She understood many of the concerns about development; however, some of the projects were already in the works. City Council had committed the funding, and there was nothing that could be done to address those. She promised to revisit some of the other development projects, but there were no high dollar projects beyond the few dollars that Council saw. There had been no conversations about future garages, and there was no commitment to fund any of those. She would have additional conversations with members of City Council. Council had directed her to add additional projects for schools, which was done; but staff told Council, at that time, that City projects would have to be pushed back. What was provided was a CIP, proposed and recommended based on what the City could afford. She would revisit the list, and some of the projects that were added in may be pushed back; or, if that is not Council’s choice, she would come back and share what revenue enhancements may be required. City Manager Rohlf reiterated, in the numbers shown Council, within the City’s capacity, what was provided was what was affordable, in a timeline thought was affordable. Where the City stood with revenues, the City could not afford additional projects in a condensed timeframe over the next two years. She never liked pushing projects back. The projects that were done outside of the CIP; i.e. SCOT, the parking garage, they still have to be paid for. There was still the balance within the operating budget. When it came to the CIP, it has had to be paid for. The more projects, the more debt, and sooner or later, unless the City had an enhancements in revenues, there was still the balance, and the Council would not be able to do what they wanted to do in the operating budget, whether additional funding, operations for schools, new programs, raises, equipment purchases for police and fire, there was a balance. There was no FY 2020 CIP, and City Council could elect to start from scratch, and work toward FY 2021, but based on the projects, she would not recommend that. The only funding given at the requested level was to the NNPS. Many of the City’s projects were cut - over $30 million was but out. City Manager Rohlf understood the concerns, but those projects were in the future. She was not sure how to address things in the future until City Council had additional conversations. Staff intentionally kept the out year of 2024 to provide room for growth to add additional projects. City Manager Rohlf advised that she would not recommend increasing the amount of money to be borrowed for projects. If Council chose to do so, there had to be revenue enhancements, which would be substantial; i.e. increase in the tax rate. She would meet with staff and take into consideration everything heard from City Council about various projects.

Vice Mayor Vick advised that everyone needed to understand, everything that every department submitted, in an ideal, the money should be available if there was a magic wand, and everything could be funded; buy the reality was that everyone had a budget to work with, but unfortunately, everything could not be funded, and the City had to pick and choose what
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

was affordable. Certain people wanted certain projects, but City Council had to figure out, with so much debt, what was affordable and how to successfully move forward.

City Manager Rohlf added, what the City had that was affordable, would add approximately $5 million off the top into the Operating Budget in FY 2021, and before any revenue was received, that debt must be covered, which would impact what the City was able to do in the Operating Budget. If Council wanted to do somethings in the CIP, they would not be able to do the in the Operating Budget. When there were different programs added, or a pool, there were operating costs associated, and those things had to be factored in. Based on what she saw, there was no guarantee that all of the projects could be done in a timeline originally discussed.

Mayor Price indicated he asked the City Manager to explain to the public the impact of the decision made regarding the CIP. He advised that he was personally disappointed, because during City Council Work Sessions, members of City Council would have made their intent known not to support the CIP, so that something else could be worked out. He explained that funding was only done for one year, but many things were put in as placeholders, to allow time in the following year to discuss those matters. The impact of the decision made would delay some projects already in progress. He advised this was the only Regular Meeting of City Council in July, which meant the first opportunity to vote on the matter would be August 2019. Mayor Price indicated that staff, along with the City Manager, got a feel for what the majority of City Council would or would not vote for. People usually tried to get a feel for where others stood on a matter. Regarding being One City, Mayor Price indicated all he had heard was “my district,” over and over, which was not One City. He indicated when things happened anywhere in the City, all members of City Council should be proud. He reminded there was only so much money available. He advised if City Council chose to raise taxes to do certain projects, the Council Chambers would be full of citizens, expressing opposition. Mayor Price hope an opportunity arose during a Retreat for members of City Council to look at which direction they were travelling and how the process worked.

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation and voicing their opinions and concerns. She indicated that she understood the Mayor’s disappointment, and advised that she was also disappointed. She further advised that she was always clear on her position, particularly of what she thought the North District should have. When she looked at the CIP, she could see where the money was going in other districts, and she “felt some sort of way about it.” Councilwoman Scott advised that she had been on City Council long enough to know what budgets looked like and what CIPs looked like, and how they worked, as well as what moved, and who did what. She had a problem for a member of City Council to say they were a part of “One City,” but did not see the benefit of spreading the resources equitably. She indicated “One City” could be made a buzz word, or City Council could make Newport News “One City” and try to give each district something. She advised that she understood every Council member could not receive everything at one time, but the North District had received nothing. She stated the North District had received nothing. She stated the
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

North District had received three major projects in 20 years. She was hyped and was unaware of what her colleagues on City Council would do, nor did she vote with them, they all made their own independent decisions, and she was as surprised as everyone else that the CIP failed. Councilwoman Scott advised this created an opportunity to go back to the table to discuss the matter. She believed each district should get something it wanted. She advised that she supported everything – development, every economic engine, supported the South District when it was to be cleaned up, spending $14 million on the Jefferson Avenue Corridor for undergrounding utilities, streetscaping, etc. When it came to the North District, she was an advocate for the citizens that voted for her, and was very passionate about what the North District should receive. She was glad to see some of the things coming down the pike, but felt she deserved an opportunity to get one or two projects. Councilwoman Scott advised that she would continue to advocate, and her passion would shine through, and could not apologize to those who may be offended. She would talk about the North District because it had been neglected when discussion were had about where the money was going.

Councilwoman Scott announced that a Special Meeting was scheduled in the North District on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 1:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). This would be a meeting of the Newport News City Council, Newport News Planning Commission, and the Economic Development Authority of Newport News, to discuss what could be in the North District, with a presentation of the final proposed Denbigh-Warwick Area Plan. Members of the respective boards would also be given a bus tour of the Plan area. She invited residents in the North District to attend and be a part of the conversation. Residents in the North District were engaged, but may not attend the Regular Meetings at City Hall to show the numbers. Councilwoman Scott indicated that the North District residents clearly articulated their concerns to their Council representative and she encouraged them to attend the Special Meeting on July 16, 2019.

Councilwoman Scott announced that there would be no North District Town Hall meeting in July, but would reconvene on Monday, August 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

Councilwoman Scott shared that she and her colleagues attended the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the USS Newport News (SSN 750) on Monday, July 8, 2019. A reception commemorating the event was held at the Mariners’ Museum. A great deal of pride was exhibited by members who served on the vessel. On April 23, 2019, Commander David W. Fassal assumed command of the USS Newport News (SSN 750).

Councilwoman Scott asked for prayers for Mr. Mike Kuzma, a long-term Newport News resident, and supporter, who was under the weather.

Vice Mayor Vick extended kudos to the youth members of The Catalyst Effect and Silence Empowers Violence Community Care and Action Teams. She admired the great
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

work being done under the direction of Pastor Cortez Higgs. The youth were doing what had been urged for years – encourage and empower others to break the code of silence when it came to violence by being a voice for those who were too afraid to speak up or take action, and by taking a public stand against violence and crime in their communities.

Vice Mayor Vick shared that she was honored to represent the City of Newport News, and to commend and congratulate The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding on its 100th Anniversary. She shared that the first Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice, Mr. Norwood Jones, graduated on April 4, 1894. The Apprentice School was formalized in 1919. With a mission focused on craftsmanship, scholarship, and leadership, The Apprentice School helped shape future leaders of Newport News Shipbuilding and the shipbuilding industry. The 100th Anniversary of The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding would be celebrated throughout the year 2019, with various announcement, events, and activities. An Apprentice School Centennial Gala was held on Saturday June 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She extended congratulations to The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding who worked in a spirit of excellence to educate and train the future leaders of the shipbuilding industry.

Vice Mayor Vick extended congratulations and thanks to Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department to Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and staff, for the outstanding July 4th fireworks display on Friday, July 5, 2019 (The “4th of July Stars in the Sky,” on Thursday, July 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Victory Landing Park, 50-23rd Street was postponed due to inclement weather. She was pleased to introduce the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band “Full Spectrum” who performed. Full Spectrum feature six active-duty musicians who were stationed at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. The band had returned from a four month deployment to Southeast Asia, and were back in time to celebrate the 4th of July with the citizens of Newport News.

Vice Mayor Vick extended condolences to Mr. Lefty Miller and family, on the passing of his wife, Ms. Anya Rose Miller. Anya Rose Miller was a staple in the community – always volunteering at the Hampton Roads Boys and Girls Club, and worked for the Transportation Division, in the Newport News Public School System for 35 years.

Councilwoman Woodbury expressed her great disappointment at not passing the City’s CIP. She was surprised and could not understand anyone who said that City Council had not had a great of input. There were presentations at nearly all of the City Council Work Sessions. She had heard no negative comments about the CIP until the July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council. Councilwoman Woodbury extended congratulations to City Manager Rohlf, and Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Director, Department of Budget and Evaluation for their work on the CIP. The City had given the NNPS a great deal of money in the CIP, and most of the City’s projects were eliminated. She reiterated her disappointment, and shared that leaders needed to learn to work together, particularly with staff. It was a bad example for the community to see that leaders could not work together or with staff.
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Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, "May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News."

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins
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