

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE
CHARLES C. ALLEN BOARD ROOM
DOWNING-GROSS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
2410 WICKHAM AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
3:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Rohlf; Collins Owens; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Darlene Bradberry; Florence Kingston; Alan Archer; Ralph Clayton; David Freeman; Matthew Johnson; Lora Graham; and Zina Middleton

After ascertaining that proper meeting notice had been provided to each member of City Council, Mayor Price called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held for the following purposes:

- (1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsections: (1) A discussion, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, the subjects of which are a discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to boards and commissions and members thereof; (3) a discussion or consideration of the acquisition/disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, the subject of which is the disposition of real property in the southern section of the City and the acquisition/disposition of real property in the central section of the City; and (5) a discussion of a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating a facility in the community, the subject of which is a prospective new business in the southern section of the City and the expansion of an existing business in the central section of the City.
- (2) To make appointments to fill vacancies on the City's various boards, commissions, and committees.

Councilman Harris moved for a closed meeting under sections and reasons cited above; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 3:02 p.m. – 3:56 p.m.)

After reconvening in open session, Councilman Harris moved to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting by the Council. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Woodbury moved that the following appointments be ratified pursuant to receipt of notification that a favorable background check was conducted; seconded by Councilman Jenkins.

Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, a member of the Newport News City Council, declared that that his wife, Ms. Rasheena Harris was appointed to the Newport News Human Rights Commission, but he was able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

1. Board of Trustees – Pensions and Retirement – Mr. William Keeler (Advisor to the Board) for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Lars Lasssen (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Thomas Brooks (General Public Representative) for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Jayne DiVincenzo, term to expire December 31, 2020.

2. Committee on Investments (Employees Retirement Fund) – Ms. Cynthia Rohlf (City Manager) for reappointment to serve a one-year term of Office. Dr. William Donaldson (General Public Representative) and Mr. Daniel Chenoweth (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a one-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2020. Ms. Kathy Hubbard (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2021.

3. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board – Ms. Natasha Christian (General Public Representative) and Ms. Rhonda Hall (General Public Representative) each for reappointment to serve a three-year term of office, term to expire October 28, 2022. Ms. Monique Lewis (General Public Representative) and Mr. Raymond Savage, Jr. (General Public Representative) each for appointment to serve a three-year term of office, term to expire October 28, 2022.

4. Finance Board (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) – Ms. Lisa Cipriano (Citizen Member) for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2021.

5. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – Mr. Jeremy P. Sommer (Owner/Operator of Business) and Mr. John W. Schmeid (Resident Owner) each for reappointment to serve a four-year term of office, term to expire December 11, 2023.

6. Industrial Development Authority – Mr. Howard Hoege, III (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve a four-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2023.

7. Law Library Advisory Committee – Ms. Kara Akins (Attorney-At-Law), Mr. Joseph M. DuRant (Attorney-At-Law), and Mr. Robert B. Jones (Attorney-At-Law) each for reappointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire October 27, 2021.

8. Newport News Human Rights Commission – Ms. Savonne Howard (General Public Representative) for appointment to serve the unexpired term of Ms. Polly Chong, term to expire September 1, 2020. Mr. Randie Dyess, Jr. (General Public Representative) for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Karen Mitchell, term to expire September 1, 2023. Dr. Keisha Baylor (General Public Representative) for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Owen Haughton, term to expire September 1, 2020. Ms. Rasheena Harris (General Public Representative) for appointment to fill the unexpired term or Mr. Ben Lambert, term to expire September 1, 2020.

9. Newport News School Board Retirees Local Finance Board – One appointment deferred.

10. North End/Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board – Ms. Mary Kayaselcuk (Landscape/Artist) for appointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire January 23, 2021. One appointment (Resident Owner of Real Estate) deferred.

11. Taxi Advisory Board – Ms. Mary Powell (Taxi Industry Representative) for appointment to serve a two-year term of office, term to expire December 31, 2021. Two appointments (Taxi Industry Representative) deferred.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 3:56 P.M.

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September 10, 2019

Mabel Washington Jenkins
Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk