MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 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

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

In lieu of an invocation, Mr. Nyzaiah Gore, Senior, Warwick High School, and Student Representative of the Newport News School Board, shared a poem, “Ode to Teacher,” which he wrote to honor his teacher, Ms. Alyssa Powell, who served as an inspiration (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes).

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 Councilman Jenkins.

D. Presentations

1. Presentation: “Pouring Love Out to Our City” Pastor John Ware, Lifehouse Newport News Church

Mayor Price invited Pastor John Ware, Lifehouse Newport News Church, to the podium for the “Pouring Love Out to Our City” presentation.

Pastor Ware, shared that one of the core values of Lifehouse Newport News Church was to be “For Our City.” The church strived to be known for what they were for, rather what they were against. He advised that many people did not have a positive perspective of the church, and viewed it as a hindrance to the well-being and flourishing of a
D. Presentations Continued

1. Presentation: "Pouring Love Out to Our City" Pastor John Ware, Lifehouse Newport News Church Continued

City. His goal was to change this view. During the third week of August 2018, Lifehouse held its first "For Our City Week," where churches were challenged to invest 1,000 community hours of serving the community through partnerships with community-invested organizations and schools already making a difference. During the third week of August 2019, Lifehouse increased the goal to 1,200 community hours, and beat that goal reaching over 1,500 hours of volunteerism in the community. Pastor Ware and members of Lifehouse Newport News Church presented a Certificate of Observance to the Newport News City Council, and a promise to observe the third Sunday of August, each year, "For Our City" Sunday, and the third week of August would be designated "For Our City" Week. Thousands of hours would be invested to volunteering to serve the City, and making it better, highlighting the many ways that human flourishing occurred in the City of Newport News. The ultimate goal would be that "For Our City" would spread across the City and partner with five other churches during "For Our City" Week, to invest 4,000 community hours in volunteerism and serving the City of Newport News. He hoped to bring a positive report in 2020 about how Lifehouse Newport News Church progressed to unify churches to be "For Our City". Pastor Ware advised that conducting an annual "For Our City Week" was the beginning of how the church would partner with other community leaders and organizations to make Newport News a place where all people experienced flourishing in every area of their lives.

Vice Mayor Vick expressed thanks to Pastor Ware and members of Lifehouse Newport News Church. She encouraged citizens and other churches to join in the effort.

Councilman Harris acknowledged the presence of Dr. Tremaine Johnson, Zion Baptist Church, and encouraged him to partner with Pastor Ware and Lifehouse Newport News Church.

Councilwoman Scott commended Pastor Ware and members of Lifehouse Newport News Church for their work, which was a paradigm of what churches could do throughout the City. She thanked Pastor Ware for his vision.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Pastor Ware and members of Lifehouse Newport News Church for their dedication to the community. The people were the church and were living epistles read by men daily.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Pastor Tremaine Johnson for his attendance. She shared that she met with Pastor Johnson regarding what the faith community could do to make a difference. Councilwoman Cherry thanked Pastor Ware for being a great example of how the faith community could make a difference.
D. Presentations Continued

1. Presentation: “Pouring Love Out to Our City” Pastor John Ware, Lifehouse Newport News Church Continued

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Mr. Nyzaiah Gore for his attendance and participation.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City to Contract a Debt and Issue General Obligation General Improvement (GOGI) Bonds of the City in the Principal Amount of $55,315,000

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FIFTY-FIVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($55,315,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, GENERAL OBLIGATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF AND FOR THE CITY; FIXING THE FORM, DENOMINATION AND CERTAIN OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER CERTAIN POWERS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE OR A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A LIKE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS; AND SPECIFYING MORE PARTICULARLY THE PURPOSES TO WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE APPLIED. This ordinance authorized the City to contract a debt and issue General Obligation General Improvement (GOGI) Bonds in the amount of $55,315,000 to finance the costs of various public improvement projects. The proposed bond ordinance of $55,315,000 would allow the City the flexibility to issue bonds if market conditions at the time of a bond sale provided the best financing option for the City. The ordinance was in support of the projects in the City’s Adopted FY 2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This ordinance included the customary authorization to issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS) prior to a bond sale should cash flow or market conditions dictate the use of such financing. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Harris.
E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City to Contract a Debt and Issue General Obligation General Improvement (GOGI) Bonds of the City in the Principal Amount of $55,315,000 Continued

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

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

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

2. Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permit No. CU-2019-0006, to Studio 128, LLC, to allow for the Operation of a Banquet/Function Hall on Property Located at 7202 Warwick Boulevard, Zoned C2 General Commercial

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER CU-2019-0006 FOR THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE OPERATION OF A BANQUET/FUNCTION HALL IN A C2 CENTRAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. This ordinance granted Conditional Use Permit No. CU-2019-0006 to Studio 128, LLC, to allow for the operation of a Banquet/Function Hall on property located at 7202 Warwick Boulevard, Zoned C2 General Commercial. The proposed Banquet/Function hall was located in a portion of a building on a major arterial that backed up to the CSX railroad. The request was consistent with the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 land use map. On August 7, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 8:0 to recommend approval of the request with conditions. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.
E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permit No. CU-2019-0006, to Studio 128, LLC, to allow for the Operation of a Banquet/Function Hall on Property Located at 7202 Warwick Boulevard, Zoned C2 General Commercial Continued

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the City owned the building, as there was mention of a rental agreement. City Manager replied no, the City did not own the building, but the agreement was with whomever wanted to rent the facility.

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

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Temporary Easements to Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) on City-owned Property Located at 2200 Terminal Avenue and to Execute All Documents Necessary to Complete the Transaction

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS AND AGREEMENTS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT OVER CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 2200 TERMINAL AVENUE TO THE HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents, including deeds and agreements, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of a deed of temporary construction and access easement over certain City-owned property located at 2200 Terminal Avenue, Newport News, to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD). The purpose of this authorization was to allow for the City Manager to authorize a temporary construction easement of property owned by the City of Newport News, to the HRSD. The land area of the first easement was approximately 3,207 square feet, and the second easement was 3,291 square feet, located at 2200 Terminal Avenue. The easements would be used for the construction of a sanitary force main between Terminal Avenue and Jefferson Avenue. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris
Nays: None
E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Temporary Easements to Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) on City-owned Property Located at 2200 Terminal Avenue and to Execute All Documents Necessary to Complete the Transaction Continued

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

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

4. Ordinance for Conveyance of a Surplus City-Owned Undeveloped Parcel Located at 714 South Avenue

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS AND AGREEMENTS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE AMAYAS FRAMING INC. This ordinance authorized the conveyance of a surplus City-owned undeveloped parcel located at 714 South Avenue and authorized the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance. Approval was sought for the conveyance of a surplus, City-owned undeveloped parcel identified as 714 South Avenue to Amayas Framing, Inc. Amayas Framing, Inc. planned to construct an approximately 1,500 square foot single-family residence on the property, in accordance with all applicable City and State codes and regulations. The potential sale was circulated for interdepartmental review, to which no objections to the conveyance were noted. The purchase price of the 60x100 foot lot was the City-assessed value of $35,000. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Jenkins.

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

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilman Harris.
E. Public Hearings Continued

4. Ordinance for Conveyance of a Surplus City-Owned Undeveloped Parcel Located at 714 South Avenue Continued

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

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 5, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Woodbury.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of August 13, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 13, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

4. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl; Article II., Dogs and Cats Generally; Section 6-25, Running at Large; Disposal of Impounded Animals

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., DOGS AND CATS GENERALLY, SECTION 6-25, RUNNING AT LARGE; DISPOSAL OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS. This ordinance amended and reordained the City
F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Ordinance Amending and Reordering City Code, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl; Article II., Dogs and Cats Generally; Section 6-25, Running at Large; Disposal of Impounded Animals Continued

Code, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl; Article II., Dogs and Cats Generally; Section 6-25, Running at Large; Disposal of Impounded Animals, by Adding a $100 Civil Penalty to Owners of Dogs Found Running at Large in Packs. The 2010 Virginia General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1367, requiring a locality that adopts an ordinance to prohibit the running at large of all or any category of dogs, to exempt dogs used for hunting, and requires such locality to include in such ordinance a civil penalty in an amount established by the locality, not to exceed $100 per dog, for the owner or custodian of any dog found running at large in a pack. The bill requires that such penalties be deposited by the local Treasurer in the Dog and Cat License Fund, which is used to support animal control. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Cherry inquired for clarification about the meaning of dogs running at large or in a pack.

City Attorney Owens responded there was already a provision regarding dogs running at large, but the State Legislature, during the 2019 General Assembly session, mandated localities to pass a civil penalty for dogs running at large in a pack, defining a pack as two or more dogs.

Vice Mayor Vick questioned what action should be taken if one saw dogs running at large in a pack. City Attorney Owens replied it should be reported to the Animal Control Officer.

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

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordering City Code, Chapter 29, Parks, Squares and Recreation Facilities; Article II., General Regulations Governing Parks, Squares, Beaches, Golf Courses, Etc.; Section 29-50, Regulations for Dogs

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 29, PARKS, SQUARES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARKS, SQUARES, BEACHES, GOLF COURSES, ETC., SECTION 29-50, REGULATIONS FOR DOGS. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 29, Parks, Squares and Recreational Facilities; Article II., General Regulations Governing Parks, Squares, Beaches, Golf Courses, etc.; Section 29-50, Regulations for Dogs, by adding a $100 civil penalty to owners of
F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 29, Parks, Squares and Recreation Facilities; Article II., General Regulations Governing Parks, Squares, Beaches, Golf Courses, Etc.; Section 29-50, Regulations for Dogs Continued

dogs found running at large in packs. The 2010 General Assembly passed Senate Bill (SB) 1367, requiring a locality that adopts an ordinance to prohibit the running at large of all category of dogs, to exempt dogs used for hunting, and requires such locality to include in such ordinance a civil penalty in an amount established by the locality, not to exceed $100 per dog for the owner or custodian of any dog found running at large in a pack. The bill required that such civil penalties be deposited by the local treasurer in the dog and cat license fund, which is used to support animal control. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Receipt of Bids for a Utility Easement Across City-Owned Property Located at 701 Jefferson Avenue

One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Energy Virginia for the grant of a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 701 Jefferson Avenue. A request was received to grant a 15-foot wide utility easement over City-owned property at 701 Jefferson Avenue. The easement would grant an easement fifteen (15) feet in width and seventy-five (75) feet in length over City-owned property identified as Parcel 8A in the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park, being a portion of 701 Jefferson Avenue. The proposed deed would grant to the successful bidder the right and privilege to lay, construct, operate and maintain one or more underground electric lines, an above ground pad mount transformer, and one or more lighting supports and lighting fixtures, including all accessories and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith, upon, under, across and over land owned by the City of Newport News (enabling the installation of a transformer and underground cable necessary to provide enhance electrical service to private tenants within the Seafood Industrial Park). The required public notice was properly advertised on August 26, 2019 and September 2, 2019. A Notice of Public Hearing was advertised for the September 24, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting for consideration of the Ordinance, which would grant the easement to the successful bidder(s). The bid was turned over to the City Manager for review and evaluation (a copy of the bid is attached and made a part of these minutes).
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Resolution Authorizing the Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for Funding Through the FY 2021 and FY 2022 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) FOR AN ALLOCATION OF $8,000,000.00 THROUGH THE VDOT REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR FY 2021 AND FY 2022. This resolution was in support of an application to VDOT for an allocation of $8,000,000.00 through the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program. VDOT’s FY 2021 and FY 2022 Revenue Sharing Program allowed localities to request revenue sharing funds for transportation projects. Applications were accepted on a biennial cycle. The City applied for the maximum amount of $16,000,000.00 in total funds for seven (7) projects for FY 2021 and FY 2022. The Revenue Sharing Program required a 50/50 match between VDOT and the City. The required City match for the seven projects was $8,000,000.00. Funds were not required to be appropriated at this time. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Renaming of a Portion of Hogan Drive

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM HOGAN DRIVE TO TECH CENTER PARKWAY. This ordinance renamed a public right-of-way from Hogan Drive to Tech Center Parkway. A request was received from W.M. Jordan Development, LLC, developer of the Tech Center Research Park, to rename the public portion of Hogan Drive, which ran from Jefferson Avenue to the entrance of the SCOT site to Tech Center Parkway. The City received letters of support from all property owners among the public portion of Hogan Drive. W. M. Jordan agreed to pay for costs associated with fabrication and installation of the new Tech Center Parkway road identification signs. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Renaming of a Portion of Hogan Drive

Councilwoman Cherry indicated, if the City approved the name change, the developer should pay for the road.

Councilwoman Scott added that she hoped that Hogan Road was not named in honor of an individual, making them feel dishonored.

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

4. 1 of 2: Resolution Appropriating $4,500 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Challenge Grant to Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant—Support for Local Performing Arts

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM VA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT ($4,500.00) TO VA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS GRANT SUPPORT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ($4,500.00). This resolution appropriated $4,500.00 of State Grant Revenue from the Virginia Commission for the Arts for allocation by the City to Local Performing and Fine Arts organizations. The Virginia Commission for the Arts awarded the City a $4,500.00 Local Government Challenge Grant. These grant funds would be utilized in conjunction with the $54,879.00 approved in the City’s FY 2020 Operating Budget for support for the Performing Arts to award individual grants to eligible performing and fine arts organizations. Matching funds were budgeted in the FY 2020 Operating Budget. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Cherry questioned why the Newport News Arts Commission appropriated funding for The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra, York River Symphony Orchestra, and Young Audiences Arts for Learning Virginia, Inc. Considering the composition of those orchestras, Councilwoman Cherry questioned the number of youth involved. She further inquired how those orchestras would benefit the City of Newport News. Mayor Price suggested those orchestras were regional, and had something specific which was not available in Newport News. City Manager Rohlf advised there were musicians participating in those orchestras that were from Newport News. She added those orchestras provided different types of concerts throughout the region.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. 1 of 2: Resolution Appropriating $4,500 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Challenge Grant to Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant – Support for Local Performing Arts Continued

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the City funding the orchestras, if not a Newport News entity. City Manager Rohlf advised that the City funded other organizations that had performances.

Regarding Young Audiences Arts for Learning Virginia, Inc., Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the number of youth involved from Newport News. She further questioned how many youth could get involved in Young Audiences Arts for Learning Virginia, Inc. City Manager Rohlf advised that she would obtain the answers to Councilwoman Cherry’s questions from the Newport News Arts Commission.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the Virginia Stage Company, as they did not have performances on the Peninsula. Several of her constituents questioned the City funding organizations when most of the concerts were held on the Southside. She asked that the list of organizations be reviewed. If the City supported the organizations financially, there should be more performances on the Peninsula. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she believed in regional support, but thought it was unfair for Newport News citizens to pay taxes when most concerts were held on the Southside.

City Manager Rohlf agreed that there should be further examination. She stated there was an elaborate process when reviewing the applications and suggested having representatives from the Virginia Commission for the Arts to attend a City Council Work Session to discuss some of the programs.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned funding the Ferguson Center at such a high level, when many citizens could not afford the ticket prices for the concerts.

City Manager Rohlf advised that one reason the City Council provided funding was to open up the arts to the community. She reiterated her desire to have more discussion at a Council Work Session.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that she supported the arts, but wanted to ensure the City was supporting those entities that had an impact on the citizens, particularly the youth.

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

5. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2020 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations

This Resolution allocated funds for specific grant awards to various local performing and fine arts organizations in accordance with recommendations from the Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC). Through an annual competitive application process, the NNAC made recommendations to City Council for allocation of City and State funds to various local performing and fine arts organizations. The combined funding of City and State grants available for FY 2020 was $159,379.00. City Council approved $154,879.00 in the FY 2020 General Operating Budget for support for the Performing Arts. The amount provided the local match required for the $4,500.00 Virginia Commission for the Arts grant recommended under separate action. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Councilwoman Woodbury suggested deferring the matter. City Manager Rohlf replied she was not aware of the programming activity, which may be effected. She promised to get answers to the questions sooner rather than later. Many of the organization depended on the funding.

Vice Mayor Vick suggested proceeding. She indicated City Council may have questions, but were aware that the organizations were doing something, for example, there was always someone at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, and she would hate for this to be negatively impacted.

Councilwoman Scott advised that City Council could provide their expectations when meeting with the group.

Councilwoman Cherry reminded this was her third year asking the same question(s), but her concerns went unanswered.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Harris
Nays: Cherry
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

6. 1 of 2: Department of Engineering – FY 2017 State of Good Repair Program ($5,100,000), FY 2020 State Revenue Sharing Program ($3,600,000), FY 2020 Bond Authorization Streets and Bridges Category ($3,600,000) for the Route 105 Bridge over the Newport News Reservoir Project ($12,300,000)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH ($8,700,000.00) AND BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED ($3,600,000.00) TO ROUTE 105 (FORT EUSTIS BOULEVARD) BRIDGE OVER THE NEWPORT NEWS (LEE HALL) RESERVOIR ($12,300,000.00). This resolution appropriated $12,300,000.00 for the Route 105 (Fort Eustis Boulevard) Bridge over the Newport News (Lee Hall) Reservoir Replacement Project from the FY 2017 State of Repair Program ($5,100,000), from the FY 2020 State Revenue Sharing Program ($3,600,000.00), and from the Streets and Bridges Category of the FY 2020 Bond Authorization ($3,600,000.00). The Route 105 Bridge over the Newport News Reservoir was considered structurally deficient based on the latest National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) inspection report. The preliminary engineering study recommended a complete replacement and widening of the existing structurally deficient bridge. The new bridge would meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and VDOT requirements, providing two 12-foot lanes with a 10-foot shoulder in both directions, as well as increased safety measures. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

7. 2 of 2: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and all Documents Necessary for the Completion of the Route 105 (Fort Eustis Boulevard) Bridge over the Newport News Reservoir Replacement Project

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 STANDARD PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FORT EUSTIS BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER NEWPORT NEWS RESERVOIR PROJECT (UPC #105624). This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the Standard Project Administration Agreement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

7. 2 of 2: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and all Documents Necessary for the Completion of the Route 105 (Fort Eustis Boulevard) Bridge over the Newport News Reservoir Replacement Project

(City) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Fort Eustis Boulevard Bridge Replacement over the Newport News Reservoir Project. The City received State of Good Repair and State Revenue Sharing funding to support the construction of the Route 105 Bridge over the Newport News Reservoir Replacement Project. The resolution would allow the City Manager to execute the revised Project Administration Agreement for the project and enter into any and all agreements necessary for the administration of the project. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 and 2, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.

1. Department of Libraries and Information Services – Neisser Bequest: Main Street Library

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL REVENUE ($51,290.17) TO NEISSEER SPEAKER SERIES ($7,693.52) AND TRAVEL – TRAIN/MEETING ($43,596.65). This resolution appropriated $51,290.17 of interest earned in FY 2019 from the Neisser Bequest to the Newport News Department of Libraries and Information Services for the Main Street Library. On April 12, 2005, Dr. Herbert H. Neisser left a bequest of approximately $2 million to the Main Street Library. Adopted guidelines stated that 85% of the interest earned each year was to be used for projects that directly benefit the Main Street Library, with the remaining 15% returned to the endowment. Interest earned in FY 2019 was $60,341.38, making $51,290.17 available to the Main Street Library. No local funds were required for this appropriation. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)
H. Appropriations Continued

1. Department of Libraries and Information Services – Neisser Bequest: Main Street Library Continued

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

2. Department of Engineering – Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds, and Intercity Passenger Rail Operating Costs (IPROC) Funds

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE – INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL OPERATING COSTS ($14,500,000.00), STATE REVENUE – CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY GRANT FUNDS ($3,938,579.00), STATE REVENUE – REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS ($596,894.00) AND FEDERAL REVENUE – REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS ($2,387,578.00) AND FEDERAL REVENUE – CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY FUNDS ($625,736.00) TO NEWPORT NEWS TRANSPORTATION CENTER ($22,048,787.00). This resolution appropriated $22,048,787.00 for the Newport News Transportation Center Project from Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Grant Funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Funds, and Intercity Passenger Rail Operating Cost Funds (IPROC) Grant Funds. The Transportation Center facility would include a multi-modal train station located at 500 Bland Boulevard, with a train service facility located at the Suice Mill area of the City, adjacent to the CSX right-of-way. The City had secured Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and Intercity Passenger Rail Operating Costs (IPROC) funds for the construction phase of this project. This appropriation would complete the construction funding of the Newport News Transportation Center Project. No City matching funds were required. Funding of $2,984,472.00 was available from Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funds, $4,564,315.00 was available from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funds, and funding of $14,500,000.00 was available from Intercity Passenger Rail Operating Costs (IPROC) grant funds. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Jenkins, Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris
Nays: None
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, wished a Happy Birthday to his cousin Willeeta Hooker (daughter of Hakima Muhammad).

Mr. Thompson 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 suggested a 100% pay raise to the members of the Newport News Police Department and the Newport News Fire Department.

Mr. Thompson urged citizens owning guns must collaborate and cooperate with the Newport News Police Department. He stated it was not the guns that caused problems, but the individuals with guns. He hoped citizens could retain their 2nd Amendment Rights.

Mr. Thompson advised that a great recession would be forthcoming, as well as a World War.

Ms. Barbara Futrell, requested a one-on-one meeting with Mayor Price. She believed the Justice system was unfair and one-sided. She sought justice for her autistic son. Ms. Futrell shared that she had experienced negative situations with the Newport News Public Schools and the Newport News Police Department.

Mayor Price indicated that Ms. Futrell did not show up to her first-scheduled appointment, but encouraged her to schedule another meeting.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, addressed City Council on the topic of volunteerism. He referenced his attendance at the event on August 23 - 25, 2019 – A Commemoration of the Arrival of the first Africans to the English speaking area of North America, held at Fort Monroe. He indicated that event involved a great deal of volunteerism. Mr. Whitcomb indicated it took the citizens to make a city great. He advised there were many citizens that would like to volunteer to do more for the City of Newport News. A great deal of time was spent talking about what could be done. Mr. Whitcomb shared that the former City Farm property and the work that could be done by volunteers, particularly clean-up and creating trails on the property through grants and other organizations. He expressed his thanks to the many volunteers who had made Newport News a great City and advised it could be made even greater.

Ms. Carole Carkhuff, 197 Revelle Drive, Newport News, shared a news article on the importance of spending time in a park or spending time in open spaces which improved one’s health and happiness (a copy of the article “Spending just 20 minutes in a park makes you happier,” by Jamie Ducharme, is attached and made a part of these minutes). Ms. Carkhuff advised that there were numerous open spaces throughout the City. She advised that open spaces were not just fun areas, but were approved by medical doctors who indicated this was important for everyone’s well-being.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germene to the Business of City Council Continued

Ms. Carkhuff extended thanks to the trash collectors in the Denbigh area of the City, who did a great job.

Mr. Dean Fleming, 162 Pine Bluff Drive, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding portable signs. He ran a portable sign business, but discovered that portable signs were deleted, which eliminated his business in the City of Newport News. He inquired about having this decision reversed which would allow operation of his business. His business was started in 1970 and in operation since 2002.

Mr. Fleming advised the portable signs were on trailers. He attempted to renew his license, but was told by the Department of Codes Compliance that portable signs were no longer authorized. He discovered the sign ordinance was changed in September 2018.

City Manager Rohlf asked Ms. Sheila McAllister, Director, Department of Planning, to address the issue.

Ms. McAllister advised, when the new sign ordinance was adopted in September 2018, portable signs were removed from the ordinance. Any signs that were throughout the City were non-conforming and could remain, meaning that the Department of Codes Compliance would not pick them up.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about rules that allowed temporary signs. Ms. McAllister replied that temporary signs could be put up, but Mr. Fleming referenced a portable sign that was on a chassis which was different than a temporary sign. Portable signs were removed when the new sign ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned the rationale for not being allowed to install a new portable sign. If there was a portable sign on a site, it was considered non-conforming. A new sign would not be allowed on the site.

Ms. McAllister responded that the City had been looking at signs for some time. Many businesses were moving to electronic signs. Many portable signs on chassis were attached to poles.

City Attorney Owens advised the reason the entire sign ordinance was re-done was due to a United States Supreme Court Case, meaning that all municipalities had to readopt their sign ordinances so not to regulate based on the content of a sign, but could regulate size, type, and location.

Councilwoman Woodbury believed that sign ordinance should be revisited.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council Continued

Vice Mayor Vick inquired about anything that could be done to allow Mr. Fleming to continue to operate his business. Ms. McAllister replied that the sign ordinance would have to be revisited. City Manager Rohlf cautioned City Council against doing so.

Councilwoman Cherry reminded that it was a U.S. Supreme Court Case that caused the City to come into alignment. City Attorney Owens indicated that the U.S. Supreme Court decided a case involving signage and most localities in the State were required to revamped their sign ordinances.

City Manager Rohlf offered to get a staff report on the matter allowing City Council to have a Work Session to revisit the signs so that Council would be aware of the other components.

Councilwoman Woodbury indicated it was not a good idea to put individuals out of business. City Manager Rohlf indicated that was not the intent of the sign ordinance.

Vice Mayor Vick questioned whether the City would approach the federal government about the matter.

City Council could refer the matter back to the Planning Commission. Their Regulations Committee would review the ordinance and determine whether or not to recommend that the Planning Commission make a recommendation to City Council to consider allowing portable signs in the sign ordinance.

Mayor Price advised sometimes one has to adapt. He questioned whether there were other signs that could be made.

City Manager Rohlf suggested City Council wait for a report with more detailed information on the process because it was a lengthy process with multiple reviews.

Mr. Fleming stated that he was the only portable sign business in Newport News as far as he knew.

Mr. Vernon Porter, Jr., 79 Jefferys Drive, Newport News, stated, since the Huntington Middle School was a historic landmark, with Whitaker Memorial Hospital being the only other business close to Huntington in age, realized a new middle school was needed, but wondered whether the building could be kept because of its architectural and historical significance, and used as a community empowerment center. Parenting classes could be taught, anger management sessions could be held, and first time homeowner classes. The auditorium in Huntington Middle School was the largest auditorium, and local productions and plays could be held in the facility.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council
Continued

Mr. Porter expressed concern about his Waterworks bill. When the bill was received, only 21 days was allowed before payment was due. He shared the ordinance (City Code 2-12.1), passed by City Council setting up the guidelines, including the addition of late fees. Mr. Porter suggested that citizens should receive longer than the period charged by credit card companies, enabling them to charge late fees.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that several of her constituents experienced similar situations.

City Attorney Owens added that Section 2 of the City Code mentioned when a bill was due, and not paid on time, penalties and interest would be applied, and did not stipulate the number of days.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC, extended thanks to Ms. Indiana Brown, Deputy City Clerk II, for a job well done and wished her well in her future endeavors (Ms. Brown tendered her resignation from the City Clerk’s Office, effective September 12, 2019).

Mayor Price shared that he had the opportunity to visit the old Whitaker Memorial Hospital (1003-28th Street), originally built in 1947, which was being renovated to construct Whitaker Place Apartments. He mentioned that some of the original tile was kept. He reminisced about his father-in-law’s office being located in the basement of the hospital. Mayor Price stated that Whitaker Place Apartments would be a great asset to the community.

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation and voicing their opinions and concerns.

Councilwoman Scott thanked City Manager Rohlff for ensuring that everyone remained on track with the discussions between the City Council and the Newport News School Board. The meeting was fruitful allowing the exchange of information (a Joint Work Session of the Newport News City Council and Newport News School Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 4:30 p.m. at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, located at 2410 Wickham Avenue).

Councilwoman Scott announced a 9/11 Ceremony - “A Day of Remembrance: A Salute to All That Served,” on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in front of City Hall (2400 Washington Avenue).

Councilwoman Scott encouraged everyone to attend the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport (NNWIA), for the 5K on the Runway, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m. at the NNWIA (900 Bland Boulevard).
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott announced the 60th Annual Denbigh Day Parade and Festival would be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. (beginning at Denbigh High School).

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation at the North District Town Hall Meeting, held on Monday, August 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). Dr. George Parker was the guest speaker and shared information about some of the new initiatives occurring in the Newport News Public Schools. Councilwoman Scott advised that representatives from the Departments of Engineering, Planning, and the Police were present and ensured the success of the meeting, which lasted the entire two hours. The citizen’s engagement and exchange of information showed that citizens were interested in what was happening in the City. Councilwoman Scott encouraged citizens to attend the next North District Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard).

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to Ms. Indiana Brown, Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk’s Office, for her service to City Council. She expressed appreciation for all Indiana had done when her lack of planning become an emergency for Ms. Brown.

Vice Mayor Vick bid farewell to Ms. Indiana Brown. She extended thanks for all she had done during her short tenure with the City. She extended best wishes in her future endeavors.

Vice Mayor Vick advised Councilwoman Scott that she would participate in the 5K on the Runway, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m. at the NNWIA (900 Bland Boulevard).

Vice Mayor Vick extended thanks to Pastor John Ware, and Mr. Cary Jones, Outreach Director, Lifehouse Newport News Church, for their attendance and participation.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to Mr. Nyzaiah Gore, for his attendance and participation by sharing his poem. She advised that she and Vice Mayor Vick had attended the New Teacher Welcome Breakfast, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., at Woodside High School (13450 Woodside Lane). She was inspired by Mr. Gore, who wrote the poem about his 7th grade teacher who taught him about life and life’s lessons through music. Having been a teacher herself, it would have pleased her to know that she touched a young life. She thanked him for sharing his gift and praise for his teacher.

Councilwoman Woodbury also extended thanks to Pastor John Ware, and Mr. Cary Jones, Outreach Director, Lifehouse Newport News Church, for their attendance and participation. She attended the church service held on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at the Kiln Creek Theater (100 Regal Way) in honor of “For Our City” Sunday. She indicated Lifehouse
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Newport News Church could serve as an example for all churches, and how they could impact the community in a positive manner. She commended Lifehouse Church for the investment of 1,500 hours of volunteerism. She indicated it would be transformative if more churches could meet those hours. Councilwoman Woodbury planned to challenge her church to meet the number of hours invested.

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

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. She advised that the citizen’s voices mattered, and City Council wanted to hear their thoughts and concerns. It was particularly great to hear the word of thanks received from Ms. Carkhuff.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Ms. Indiana Brown, Deputy City Clerk II, for a job well done and assisting members of City Council. She wished her well in her future endeavors (Ms. Brown tendered her resignation from the City Clerk’s Office, effective September 12, 2019).

Councilwoman Cherry wished a Happy Birthday to Ms. Willeeta Hooker (daughter of Hakima Muhammad).

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to Assistant Chief Michael Grinstead, Newport News Police Department, on the passing of his mother, Ms. Baerbel Doris Grinstead. Councilwoman Cherry commended her for being a delightful and strong individual, who was also a great mother and dancer.

Councilwoman Cherry extended kudos to Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and staff, for the great World Arts Festival, on Saturday, August 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at City Center. This annual event showed the diversity and talent of Newport News citizens. She and Councilwoman Scott were meeting to discuss changes for the 2020 World Arts Festival.

Councilwoman Cherry announced the next meeting of the Homicide Family Support Group, hosted by the Newport News Police Department, was scheduled on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the NNPD Headquarters (9710 Jefferson Avenue). She encouraged those family members facing challenges due to the loss of a loved one to attend to share their personal experiences.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the next South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). She added another “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019,
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). All citizens were welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks and appreciation to the Newport News 911 Dispatchers, who were a vital part to the community and the City. Their dedication and commitment was not unnoticed. She indicated that lives were saved daily as a result of the 911 Dispatchers.

Councilman Harris introduced the following resolution issued by the Newport News Director of Emergency Management:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, CONFIRMING, RATIFYING AND TERMINATING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, MADE NECESSARY BY HURRICANE DORIAN.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

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

Councilman Harris extended thanks to Ms. Indiana Brown, Deputy City Clerk II, for a job well done and assisting members of City Council. He wished her much success in her future endeavors (Ms. Brown tendered her resignation from the City Clerk’s Office, effective September 12, 2019).

Councilman Harris extended thanks to Mr. Nyzaiah Gore for sharing his poem, “Ode to Teacher.” Although retired, Ms. Arlisa Powell left a mark on many students. Councilman Harris advised that Mr. Gore would be a great representative to the Newport News School Board as a Student Advisor. He extended best wishes to Mr. Gore at Warwick High School.

Four days into another school year, Councilman Harris extended best wishes for a great 2019-2020 school year.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris invited interested citizens to donate to the “Hurricane Dorian Fund” through the “Dying to Donate.” He announced a “Dying to Donate” event, scheduled on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Chihuahua’s Mexican Family Grill (309-B Oyster Point Road), to support Hurricane Dorian victims by eating at Chihuahua’s, who would donate a portion of sales to the American Red Cross.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to Ms. Indiana Brown, Deputy City Clerk II, for a job well done, and indicated that her hard work and commitment was exemplified by each member in the Newport News City Clerk’s Office. Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to all of the employees in the City Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished her grandson, Mr. Michael O’Flynn; and Vice Mayor Vick’s grandson, Mr. Tyson Carter, a Happy Birthday. Both young men celebrated their birthdays on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Mayor Price reminded members of City Council, when riding in the parades, i.e. the upcoming Denbigh Day Parade, candy should not be thrown to the crowds from moving vehicles, but handing to willing recipients.

K. Adjourn

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, “May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News.”

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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