

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He asked for a moment of silence for remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 tragedy (The September 11 attacks were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2011. The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 others, and caused at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage).

Mayor Price stated the City Code identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization. He pointed out copies of the ordinance highlighting citizen participation and encouraged citizens to review the document.

Mayor Price requested that cell phones and/or pagers be silenced or turned off.

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Elder Darrin Lyons, Bethel Restoration Center.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilman Jenkins.

D. Presentations

None

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement for a Utility Easement on a Portion of a City Right-of-Way designated as Lakefront Commons, Adjacent to 11829 Canon Boulevard

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY  
MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE

E. Public Hearings Continued

1. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement for a Utility Easement on a Portion of a City Right-of-Way designated as Lakefront Commons, Adjacent to 11829 Canon Boulevard Continued

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS A PORTION OF THE LAKEFRONT COMMONS RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 11829 CANON BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance granted a utility easement on a portion of City right-of-way designated as Lakefront Commons, adjacent to 11829 Canon Boulevard, for the relocation of existing underground electrical circuits to facilitate construction of new facilities by Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. At its August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting, City Council received one bid in response to a request to receive bids for a utility easement on a portion of City right-of-way designated as Lakefront Commons. The successful bidder, with a bid of \$1.00, was Virginia Electric Power Company (d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia). The easement was needed to facilitate building construction of new facilities by Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. on an adjacent parcel. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Ordinance Authorizing SIGN-2018-0001, to the City of Newport News Amending City Code,

A. Chapter 33.01, Signs

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 33.01, SIGNS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance authorized Sign Ordinance Amendment Application No. Sign-2018-0001, to the City of Newport News, amending City Code: A. Chapter 33.01, Signs. All content based distinctions in the sign ordinance had been removed to comply with the United States Supreme Court ruling in the case

E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Ordinance Authorizing SIGN-2018-0001, to the City of Newport News Amending City Code, Continued

A. Chapter 33.01, Signs Continued

Reed v. of Town of Gilbert, Arizona, which ruled such distinctions unconstitutional. Other changes included the simplification of sign area sign separation calculations; removal of the sign flexibility option and portable signs. On August 1, 2018, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 6:0 to recommend adoption of the amendment. 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 Woodbury moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Jenkins.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

B. Ordinance Authorizing SIGN-2018-0001, Amending City Code, Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article I., In General; Sections 38-24; 38-25; 38-26; and 38-26.1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 38, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., IN GENERAL, SECTION 38-24, ENTRANCE SIGNS; SECTION 38-25, ENTRANCE SIGN RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PERMITS; SECTION 38-26, SIGNS IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND SECTION 38-26.1, SIGNS FOR PUBLIC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. This ordinance authorized Sign Ordinance Amendment Application No. Sign-2018-0001, to the City of Newport News, amending City Code: Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article I., In General; Section 38-24, Entrances Signs; Section 38-25, Entrance Sign rules and regulations and permits; Section 38-26, Signs in City right-of-way; and Section 38-26.1, Signs for Public Regional Transportation and Facilities. All content based distinctions in the sign ordinance had been removed to comply with the United States Supreme Court ruling in the case Reed v. of Town of Gilbert, Arizona, which ruled such

E. Public Hearings Continued

- B. Ordinance Authorizing SIGN-2018-0001, Amending City Code, Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article I, In General; Sections 38-24; 38-25; 38-26; and 38-26.1 Continued

distinctions unconstitutional. Other changes included the simplification of sign area sign separation calculations; removal of the sign flexibility option and portable signs. On August 1, 2018, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously 6:0 to recommend adoption of the amendment. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Release and Vacation of a Portion of an Existing Easement Across Property Located at 15490 Warwick Boulevard

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, RELEASING AND VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT. This ordinance released and vacated a portion of an existing drainage easement across property located at 15490 Warwick Boulevard. A new drainage easement was dedicated to the City and recorded. This new easement replaced a redundant portion of the existing easement on the property. Par 5 Development, LLC, the owner of the property located at 15490 Warwick Boulevard, requested the City to vacate its interest in the redundant easement. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Release and Vacation of a Portion of an Existing Easement Across Property Located at 15490 Warwick Boulevard Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

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 August 14, 2018

(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 14, 2018

(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 14, 2018

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Resolution Expressing Approval of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) State Biennial Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 Budget and Fiscal Years 2019-2020 Performance Contract

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPROVAL OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL FOR THE STATE BIENNIAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND FISCAL YEAR 2020 HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD PERFORMANCE CONTRACT. This resolution expressed approval of the Hampton-Newport

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution Expressing Approval of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) State Biennial Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 Budget and Fiscal Years 2019-2020 Performance Contract Continued

News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB) State Biennial Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 Budget and Fiscal Years 2019-2020 Performance Contract. The Code of Virginia required that a performance contract negotiated between the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) and the H-NNCSB, and approved by the H-NNCSB, be submitted for approval by formal vote of the governing body of each political subdivision that established the Community Services Board (CSB). The Budget and Performance Contracts served as a performance and accountability document between the DBHDS and CSBs for the localities served. The DBHDS established deadline for the H-NNCSB to submit its SFY 2019 Budget and Performance Contract was September 30, 2018. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to the H-NNCSB for providing a presentation to City Council at the September 11, 2018 Work Session. She expressed appreciation for everything they did for the residents in the City of Newport News and others served.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance Number 7462-18, to Re-Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget to Reflect Additional State Funding in the Total Amount of \$1,618,391

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #7462-18 TO RE-ADOPT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO OPERATE THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 INCLUSIVE. This ordinance amended Ordinance Number 7462-18 to re-adopt the Budget and appropriate funds to operate the City of Newport News for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019 inclusive. On May 8, 2018, City Council adopted Ordinance #7462-18 enacting the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget. At that time, the 2018 Virginia General Assembly had not completed the FY 2019 and FY2020 biennial budget. On June 1, 2018, the State FY 2019-2020 biennial budget was approved, which included a total of \$1,618,391 in additional State Revenue to the City. City Council was requested to amend the FY 2019 Operating Budget to reflect \$384,000 in additional State Revenue to the General Fund, and \$1,234,391 in additional State Revenue to the Schools Fund. This action would increase the FY 2019 Operating Budget from \$881,764,063 to \$882,764,063. The City Manager recommended approval.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance Number 7462-18, to Re-Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget to Reflect Additional State Funding in the Total Amount of \$1,618,391 Continued

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Motion Designating City Council's Voting Delegates and Alternate Delegate to the Virginia Municipal League (VML)

The City Manager requested that City Council designate, by motion, the City's voting delegates (2) and one alternate for the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Business Meeting. The 2018 VML Annual Conference was scheduled September 30, 2018 - October 2, 2018, in Hampton, Virginia. VML's Business Meeting would occur on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 during the conference at the Hampton Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Drive). In accordance with the operating procedures of the League's Constitution, each locality was required to select one (1) delegate to vote per 100,000 population, rounded up to the nearest 100,000. The City of Newport News' population exceeded 185,000 according to the Weldon Cooper Center's 2016 estimates, requiring City Council to select an official delegate, and an alternate delegate. The names of the individuals must be submitted by September 21, 2018 to certify the City's voting appointees during the conference.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott moved to designate Vice Mayor Tina Vick and Councilman David Jenkins as the City's Voting Delegates, and Councilwoman Sharon Scott, as the Alternate, at the VML Annual Conference Business Meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Tina Vick.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. 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 VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS LOCAL CHALLENGE GRANT (\$4,500.00) TO VIRGINIA 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 used in conjunction with the \$154,879.00 approved in the City's FY 2019 Operating Budget for the Performing Arts to award to eligible performing and fine arts organizations. Matching funds were budgeted in the FY 2019 Operating Budget. 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

4. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2019 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations - \$159,879

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 2019 was \$159,379.00. City Council approved \$154,879.00 in the FY 2019 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 Councilwoman Scott.



G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. 2 of 2: Newport News Arts Commission (NNAC) – FY 2019 Support for the Arts Funding Recommendations - \$159,879 Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Resolution Supporting the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Implementation Grant for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Submit All Necessary Paperwork in Support of the Grant Application

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE MARSHALL-RIDLEY CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS TRANSFORMATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION. This resolution expressed support for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Implementation Grant for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan and authorized the City Manager to submit all necessary paperwork in support of the grant application. CNI leveraged public and private investments to replace distressed public and HUD-assisted housing and transforms neighborhoods of concentrated poverty into neighborhoods of opportunity. This Resolution of Support was part of the application for funding that would be used toward implementation of the neighborhood transformation strategies. The target public housing site for this initiative and funding was Ridley Place, which was constructed in 1952 and consisted of 256 low-income units. The City, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA), Economic Development Authority/Industrial Development Authority (EDA/IDA), Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP), and Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) teamed up to work with the neighborhood to revitalize the area through the planning process and implementation of the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. NNRHA, the lead applicant and grant administrator upon award, must submit the application by September 17, 2018. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

6. Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 28, Offenses – Miscellaneous; Section 28-36, Loud Noises Prohibited

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 28, OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS, SECTION 28-36, LOUD NOISES PROHIBITED. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 28, Offenses-Miscellaneous: Section 28-36, Loud Noises Prohibited. In May 2018, City Council voted on an ordinance amendment regarding loud noises, with the expectation of another amendment after further research was done to address other noise concerns. This amendment prohibited noise from audio system and device that was plainly audible inside the confines of another person's enclosed dwelling unit from a motor vehicle inside another person's enclosed vehicle; and audible within the confines of an assisted living facility, court, medical care facility, nursing home, or school. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott expressed appreciation to her colleagues for revisiting the conversation and including the item on the Regular City Council agenda. This matter had become not only annoying to the citizens, but had become problematic for the City's first responders. When Officers of the Newport News Police Department answered calls, they were not able to enforce the matter which became frustrating.

Vice Mayor Vick recalled a discussion about the noise ordinance at the May 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of City Council with regard to complaints of loud noise from City Life Church. She inquired whether resolution was reached between Mr. John Gantt of 309 Selden Road, and Mr. Peter McEntire, of 307 Selden Road, a retiree of the U. S. Air Force, who also addressed City Council regarding loud noise from City Life Church, who rented space from North Riverside Baptist Church at 311 Selden Road. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that the residents were to be notified that the noise ordinance had been amended and adopted by City Council. City Manager Rohlf confirmed that the residents would be contacted and advised of the changes made to the noise ordinance.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of Appropriations, Item 1, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney – Asset Forfeiture Fund:  
Technology Equipment Supplies and Maintenance

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FB-S-DCJS (\$15,000.00) TO OFFICE SUPPLIES (\$15,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$15,000.00 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund of the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney. The appropriation request was for computer equipment, supplies, and repairs. The asset forfeiture fund balance totaled \$61,103. 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 Germane to the Business of City Council

Mr. Dale Goode, 174 Luanita Lane, Newport News, indicated that he agreed with Councilwoman Cherry's call for civility in discussions between City Council and citizens in her comments from the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting. Referencing the same meeting, Mr. Goode took issue with other comments as follows: (1) Mayor Price commented that people concerned about the future use of the former City Farm land were in a "tizzy." Mr. Goode shared the definition of the word – a state of frenzied excitement, especially over a trivial matter; a state of confusion, anxiety, or nervous excitement. Mr. Goode indicated that this insinuated that park supporters use no rational thought or logic in their concern for the future of the park use, which could not be further from the truth. He urged members of Council to review Daily Press articles from 2015 to-date, which showed there was valid reason to be concerned for the public land. Mr. Goode felt the Mayor's comment was uncalled for; and (2) Regarding the petitions, Mr. Goode indicated that both the Mayor and City Manager had repeatedly discounted the value of the petitions for saving Riverview Farm Park. He reminded Councilmembers that Riverview Farm Park and the City Farm property were one in the same – one parcel on City maps.

Mr. Goode advised that he had witness over 1,000 of the 6,000 petitions to date, and since the claims of duplicity, he put great effort into making sure everyone that signed a petition fully understood the issue. He advised that he worried about developers getting a foothold on any park property since the Riverview Farm Park Plan had not been implemented, funds cut off, and the task force abolished. Mr. Goode advised that the petitions were legitimate, with most people being civic minded voters who signed the petitions at polling places on Election days. All signatures were from people who were alive and breathing then their names appeared on the petition.

Mr. Goode reiterated that the City Farm property and the Riverview Farm Park were one entity (A copy of Mr. Goode's comments are attached in full, and made a part of these minutes).

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

Ms. Jannie Bazemore, 1004 Hampton Avenue, Newport News, reminded Councilmembers that the doors of Huntington Middle School (3401 Orcutt Avenue) were closed in June and the school sat idle, with no signs of life. The school was waiting on its alumni to save it and breathe life back into it. Huntington Middle School still stood tall and continued to be as monumental and regal, but was saddened that no one took care of her. Ms. Bazemore wanted Huntington Middle School to know that “she” was not abandoned, but was working to ensure that she could serve the community for another 80 years. Ms. Bazemore impressed upon the Newport News City Council and other City officials that Huntington was a very important and necessary educational resource in Southeast Newport News. She begged members of City Council to appropriate and allocate the funds necessary to rebuild Huntington Middle School immediately, as opposed to five or six years later. She stated the longer we wait, the more it would cost. Ms. Bazemore advised that plans would be forwarded to City Council from the Newport News School Board. She hoped there would be joint meeting between the City Council and the School Board. She advised that the Huntington High School Alumni Association would see Huntington rise again because they promised their loyalty and love.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport News, distributed the lyrics to a composition which he wrote, entitled, “Listening to the People’s Voice,” in response to comments made at the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting of City Council regarding the One City, One Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Newport News (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). Mr. Whitcomb read the document aloud. He encouraged members of City Council to become partners in shaping the vision of Riverview Farm Park, which included the City Farm property, the city-owned portion of the Deep Creek Marina, and the former Menchville Landfill. He advised that all of the aforementioned were included in the plan and the citizens were anxious to see the plan come to fruition.

Mr. Whitcomb shared that he visited the archeological dig on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, and videotaped the dig. He invited citizens to view pictures and the archeological dig on the website, [www.saveriverviewfarmpark.com](http://www.saveriverviewfarmpark.com).

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens from the Colony Pines and Richneck Road communities for bringing their concern to Councilman Harris’ and her attention. The residents requested a halt to the plans to destroy the woods behind Blenheim Court and Melrose Terrace. She thanked the Department of Engineering for taking prompt action to attend an impromptu meeting held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard) to address the concerns of the residents.

Councilwoman Scott advised that Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, and his staff, would be the guest speakers at the North District Town Hall Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center. She encouraged residents of the Colony Pines and Richneck Road communities to attend should they have

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

additional questions or concerns. The citizens had requested that the project be postponed. The Department of Engineering listened and delayed the project 90 days to receive comments on the matter.

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to City Manager, Cynthia Rohlf, for hosting the Employee Appreciation Luncheon at Riverview Farm Park (105 City Farm Road), on Tuesday, September 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Councilwoman Scott advised that she had the opportunity to speak with some of the employees. The event made the employees feel special.

Councilwoman Scott extended kudos to President Paul Tribble, President, Christopher Newport University (CNU) on the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony of the Tribble Library on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, delivered remarks and cut the ribbon (the library contained new spaces and cutting-edge technology for the academic community. The library has 800 additional seats, two new classrooms, including a digital humanities classroom, a two-story reading room, a 100-seat theater, and a greatly enhanced collection of books, magazine, and journals). She encouraged citizens to visit the facility.

In anticipation of Hurricane Florence, Councilwoman Sharon Scott announced that Pastor Curtis Harris of the Original B.R.O.T.H.A.S. reached out, and agreed to accommodate any homeless residents at his facility located at 10531 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News. She encouraged anyone without shelter to contact Pastor Curtis Harris. She shared a quote mentioned by Acting Newport News Fire Chief, Mr. Scott Liebold, "Turn Around, Don't Drown." She encouraged the citizens to turn around when they see standing water, as opposed to attempting to drive through it. Councilwoman Scott encouraged everyone to be safe.

Vice Mayor Vick presented A RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, CONSENTING TO, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS DIRECTOR OR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2018, MADE NECESSARY BY HURRICANE FLORENCE.

She read from the Resolution as follows, "WHEREAS, Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, prescribes necessary actions precedent to a declaration of a local emergency, and authorizes the local director of emergency management to declare a local emergency with the consent of City Council whenever the health and safety of the City and its citizens warrant such action.

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

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick announced Girls Camp 2018, was scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School (5720 Marshall Avenue). She advised this would be the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the Camp. The purposed of the event was to reach teenage girls, 13-18 years of age, to encourage and motivate them to have strong self-esteem and self-respect for themselves and others as they work to become future leaders. She expressed concern for some of the situations with women in the City, and in an effort to be more proactive and be more preventive, she would spend time with at least 100 girls, to provide workers, have speakers, and games, to help them understand the importance of education, saying no to drugs, teen pregnancy, and the importance of staying in school and making good decisions. Each girl must be registered to attend. Registration had begun. She urged those interested in registering to contact the Office of the City Clerk, Newport News City Hall, 2400 Washington Avenue, at (757) 926-8634.

Vice Mayor Vick extended condolences to the former Newport News Vice Mayor Joseph Whitaker and family, on the passing of his wife, Mrs. Viola “Sweetpea” Whitaker. Mrs. Whitaker was laid to rest on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at First Baptist Church Jefferson Park.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended condolences to former Newport News Vice Mayor Joseph Whitaker, and family, on the passing of his wife, Mrs. Viola “Sweetpea” Whitaker.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that City Council had presentations from Acting Fire Chief, Scott Liebold, Newport News Fire Department on pending Hurricane Florence. She acknowledged the presence of Chief Steve Drew, Newport News Police Department, and advised that City Manager was taking every precaution imaginable. Councilwoman Woodbury urged the citizens to be alert and to keep abreast of all updates regarding Hurricane Florence, as well as to know where the shelters were located and the availability of transportation, or call so that someone could assist providing the needed resources during this pending crisis.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to City Manager Rohlf, for hosting the Employee Appreciation Luncheon at Riverview Farm Park (105 City Farm Road), on Tuesday, September 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Councilwoman Cherry thanked the City Manager for having a heart for the employees of the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to the former Newport News Vice Mayor Joseph Whitaker and family, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Viola “Sweetpea” Whitaker.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to the participants and supporters of the 2018 Back-to-School Fest on Saturday, August 25, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at 617-27th Street. Drawstring and book bags were prepared for 600 plus.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m, at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, was cancelled due to the forecast of inclement weather. Presentations by Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, the Navy, and the NNPd regarding the results of the Huntington Heights traffic study would be rescheduled.

She announced that the September 20, 2018, 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. The new Superintendent of the Newport News Public Schools, Dr. George Parker would be the guest speaker.

Councilwoman Cherry saluted all members of the United States Armed Forces. She advised that she and Mayor Price had attended the Military Recognition Breakfast on September 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina (700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton). This event was hosted by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in recognition of those who extended their services beyond the call of duty for all Armed Services and reached out to the community. She extended congratulations to each of awardees honored.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Downing Cultural Arts Center, and Ms. Natasha Christian, and the legendary Queen Esther Marrow, along with other great singers for the Aretha Franklin Tribute on Friday, September 7, 2018, 8:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). Councilwoman Cherry indicated it was a marvelous production and was well attended. She thanked Ms. Christian for her vision. Councilwoman Cherry expressed hope that this type of entertainment would continue for the residents in the community.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Chief Steve Drew, and the Newport News Police Department, for their presence in the community. She believed their presence was making a difference, particularly in the way the community related to the Chief, which would help reduce crime in the City

Councilwoman Cherry announced the Community Fall Fest for the South District was scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at 617 – 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The event was free and no registration was required. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Adults should remind children to dress in costume as they could be eligible to win a prize. The event would include free miniature pumpkins, games, and prizes. This would be a fun day for the

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children. Donations of candy were welcomed and could be delivered to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 2400 Washington Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Councilwoman Cherry urged all citizens to be safe during Hurricane Florence.

Councilman Harris urged citizens to take heed to all of the precautionary measures there were in place for the pending storm. He urged the citizens to be alert and to keep abreast of all updates regarding Hurricane Florence, as well as to know where the shelters were located and the availability of transportation, as well as any needed resources during this pending crisis.

Councilman Harris reminded that the first week of school was complete. He recognized Mr. Rick Watson, a gentleman who played a major role in his life, influencing his decision to become a School Counselor and Educator. Councilman Harris extended congratulation to Mr. Watson on his retirement from Heritage High School. Mr. Watson had been at Heritage High School since 1996 when the door first opened, and touched numerous lives in the community.

Councilman Harris recognized Ms. Madison Calysco, a student at Gildersleeve Middle School for the great work being done in the community, to include initiating drives to, collect toothbrushes to send to Africa.

Councilman Harris extended thanks and appreciation to all of the organizations that participated in Back-to-School Drives to ensure the students went back to school with the supplies they needed.

Councilman Harris mentioned that he and his colleagues, as well as Chief Drew and other, attended the Unveiling Ceremony of the Allen Iverson Basketball court at the Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula (629 Hampton Avenue). Reebok, in partnership with Allen Iverson, donated an NBA Court. NBA all-stars played on this court. It was an awesome experience to see the smiles on the kids' faces to know they were playing on the actual court that Lebron James and other NBA stars had an opportunity to play on.

Councilman Harris extended condolences to Newport News School Board Member, Mr. John Eley, III, on the passing of his father, Mr. John Eley, Jr.

Mayor Price asked Acting Fire Chief Scott Liebold, Newport News Fire Department to provide a synopsis on the briefing he presented to City Council at their September 11, 2018 Work Session for the citizens regarding Hurricane Florence, and any updates received.

Chief Liebold advised that Emergency preparation plans for Hurricane Florence began the week prior regarding what the City needed to do. He advised that based on reports, Hurricane Florence was expected to come ashore in North Carolina early Friday morning,



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September 14, 2018. The Hampton Roads Region was expected to experience tropical storm force winds on Thursday, September 13, 2018, with conditions continuing to deteriorate. At landfall, Florence would be a strong Category 3 Hurricane. There were two predominate tracks – the European (ECMWF) model and the American (GFS) model. Both showed Hurricane Florence stalling in North Carolina for 36-48 hours once it moved inland. Virginia would feel the impacts from Hurricane Florence for a prolonged period resulting in higher rainfall totals, multiple high tide cycles, and tidal flooding. The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia, ordered a mandatory evacuation for Zone A began Tuesday morning, September 11, 2018. Residents in Zone A were urged to identify alternative accommodations. The State of Virginia had created Tidal Based Zones. Chief Liebold advised that only a small portion of the City of Newport News was located in Zone A to include Salter's Creek, New Market Creek, and some of the marshy areas in the Warwick River. He advised that the majority was not in Zone A and was not prone to flooding at the low stages of tidal flooding.

Chief Liebold advised that the following City Emergency Shelters were being prepared to open to receive residents at noon on Wednesday, September 12, 2018: (1) Menchville High School – Medical Special needs and General Population Shelter; (2) Warwick High School – General Population and residents with pets; and (3) Denbigh High School – General Population. Residents were advised to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Newport News Public School would provide transportation to shelters for those residents in need. Pick-up times were scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at Discovery STEM Academy, Heritage High School, and Crittenden Middle School. Home bound citizens were urged to contact the 3-1-1 Call Center and arrangements would be made to take them to a Shelter.

Chief Liebold advised that the City were coordinating with Hampton Roads partner jurisdictions concerning shelter decisions.

Vice Mayor Vick inquired about the areas in Zone A. Chief Liebold replied the to most prone locations were the Salter's Creek basin, around Petersen's Yacht Basin; and the Newmarket Creek area. He added there was also some Zone A sites in the North District in the Warwick River in the marshy area and near Skiffe's Creek.


Councilwoman Scott inquired about the facility that would house those residents with medical needs. Chief Liebold replied that Menchville High School would be set up as a Special Medical Needs Shelter, along with the General Population. Health Department Staff would be on hand to assist if needed.

Councilwoman Cherry inquired about a Shelter for the homeless. Chief Liebold replied that the homeless population would be targeted. He added that the Community Services Board Adult Protective Services were reaching out to the homeless population (a copy of Chief Liebold's report is attached and made a part of these minutes).

K. Adjourn

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.

  
Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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