MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

A. Call to Order

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

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

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Michael J. Adams, First Baptist Church Newport News.

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 Mayor Price.

D. Presentations

1. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week – October 6 – 12, 2019

Chief Jeffrey Johnson, Newport News Fire Department accepted the Proclamation. He was accompanied by Assistant Chief Anthony Jackson; Public Education Coordinator Lisa King; Lieutenant Steve Gray; Firefighter Robert Lee; Firefighter Kirk Brown; Firefighter Nicole Carter; and Firefighter Brandon Spiers.

Mayor Price indicated that fire was a serious public safety concern. He stated that people were at the greatest risk of fire in their homes. He further stated that home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017. The majority of deaths from fire occurred at home.
D. Presentations

1. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week – October 6 – 12, 2019

Mayor Price advised that residents who planned and practiced a home fire escape plan were more prepared and would be more likely to survive a fire. He stated that working fire alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Mayor Price further advised that the City of Newport News’ First Responders were dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention, protection, and education. The 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape!” effectively served as a reminder to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

Mayor Price, on behalf of his colleagues on the Newport News City Council, proclaimed the week of October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week and urged all citizens to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Newport News Fire Department.

E. Public Hearings

1. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0001, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Government/Military to Community Commercial for 7401 Warwick Boulevard

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLN-2019-0001, AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ONE CITY, ONE FUTURE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. This resolution authorized Plan Amendment PLN-2019-0001, to the One City One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Government/Military to Community Commercial for a 5.0 acre property located for 7401 Warwick Boulevard. The plan amendment recommended community commercial uses, which was consistent with the day services center approved by conditional use permit on the property by City Council in 2018. On September 4, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of the plan amendment to City Council. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

1. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0001, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Government/Military to Community Commercial for 7401 Warwick Boulevard Continued

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

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

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

2. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0002, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential for 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, 35, and 37 Sweetbriar Drive

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLN-2019-0002, AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ONE CITY, ONE FUTURE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. This resolution authorized Plan Amendment PLN-2019-0002, to the One City One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential for approximately 2.8 acres for properties located at 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, 35, and 37 Sweetbriar Drive. The plan amendment recommended high density residential to support the expansion of existing Christopher Newport University student housing in the area. The property was owned by the Christopher Newport University Foundation. On September 4, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of the plan amendment to City Council. 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: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: None
E. Public Hearings Continued

2. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0002, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential for 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, 35, and 37 Sweetbriar Drive Continued

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

Understanding the quality of work that CNU does with regard to structures and building, and changing the land use map designation from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential, Councilwoman Cherry inquired whether neighbors in the surrounding community were contacted to advise of the possibility of the construction of another structure.

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

Ms. McAllister advised that the neighbors were notified. She had spoken with a few of the neighbors who anticipated a re-zoning in the area and looked forward to CNU coming into the area.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether there had been any negative impact with the dorms or students within the community. Ms. McAllister replied that she was not aware of any negative impact.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned whether there was data on calls for service by CNU or the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) regarding the dorms or activity in the area. Ms. McAllister replied that she was not aware of any activity. City Manager Rohlf added that Chief Drew, NNPD, also signaled there had been no calls for services for negative activity in the dorms.

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

3. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0003, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Regional Commercial to Industrial for 2200 Terminal Avenue, 520-21st Street, and 1511 Harbor Lane

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLN-2019-0003, AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ONE CITY, ONE FUTURE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. This resolution authorized Plan Amendment PLN-2019-0003, to the One City One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation...
E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0003, City of Newport News, to the One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040 Land Use Map Designation from Regional Commercial to Industrial for 2200 Terminal Avenue, 520-21st Street, and 1511 Harbor Lane Continued

from Regional Commercial to Industrial for approximately 40 acres at 2200 Terminal Avenue, 520-21st Street, and 1511 Harbor Lane. The Marshall Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan recommended the site be used for economic development to create jobs for the residents of the community, which was consistent with the Industrial Land Use designation. On September 4, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of the plan amendment to City Council. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

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

Vice Mayor Vick advised this was a great opportunity for the zoning change, as the City looked at the future, so that workforce development and job creation could be an important part of the area.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned, with regard to what was being built, whether it would come up to Jefferson Avenue or only at Terminal Avenue. She inquired whether the frontage at Jefferson Avenue would be something industrial. City Manager Rohlf replied there were no plans for the development but would be taken into consideration in terms of the location. It would be recommended that any development not come to the forefront.

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

4. Resolution Authorizing Plan Amendment No. PLN-2019-0004, City of Newport News, to the *One City, One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040* Land Use Map Designation from Industrial to Regional Commercial for 1200 Jefferson Avenue

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLN-2019-0004, AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, *ONE CITY, ONE FUTURE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN*, FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. This resolution authorized Plan Amendment PLN-2019-0004, to the *One City One Future Comprehensive Plan 2040* Land Use Map Designation from Industrial to Regional Commercial for 1200 Jefferson Avenue. The plan amendment recommended Regional Commercial uses, which were consistent with the Marshall Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan recommendations for the property. On September 4, 2019, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of the plan amendment to City Council. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

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

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

5. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Certain Menchville Marina Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and James River Holdings, LLC.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN MENCHVILLE MARINA LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND JAMES RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a Lease by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and James River Holdings, LLC, for the management and operation of Menchville Marina. The City leased a portion of the Menchville Marina to a private tenant through which
E. Public Hearings Continued

5. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Certain Menchville Marina Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and James River Holdings, LLC Continued

services were provided to the watermen and boaters utilizing the marina. The lease was set to expire September 30, 2019. The City solicited proposals for the lease and management of Menchville Marina, and, following the evaluation process, issued a Notice of Intent to Award to James River Holdings, LLC. James River Holdings’ proposal presented a thorough management and service plan for Menchville Marina, provided significant cost savings to the City, enhanced the level of service at Menchville Marina, and supported and grew the marina’s role as a thriving working waterfront. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

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

Councilman Harris inquired whether the City had been responsible for the maintenance initially. City Manager Rohlf responded the City leased the property. There were some things the City was responsible for and some things the previous contractor had responsibility for in term of the operations.

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

6. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Service, LLC, for Parcel 7 of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND BLUE HARVEST MARINE SERVICES, LLC, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, FOR PARCEL 7 OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK. This ordinance authorized and directed
E. Public Hearings Continued

6. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Service, LLC, for Parcel 7 of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park Continued

the City Manager to execute a Deed of Lease by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Marine Services, LLC, for Parcel 7 of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park. Blue Harvest Marine Services, LLC (Blue Harvest) was the Lessee of Parcel 7 and adjoining Parcel 8C in the Seafood Industrial Park (SIP). The lease between the City and Blue Harvest for Parcel 7 would expire October 31, 2019. Blue Harvest owned and operated fifteen (15) ocean trawlers for scallops and fish and five (5) ground fishing vessels harvesting flounder, cod, pollock, and other Atlantic species. In addition, it unloaded and packed for processing and export several line vessels landing tuna, swordfish, and other mid-water depth fish. Blue Harvest had been an exemplary tenant and was in compliance with its SIP Leases. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Gene Bergson, 33 West Smith Neck Road, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, was available to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Vick moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Harris.

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

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

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

7. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Service, LLC, for Parcel 8C of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND BLUE HARVEST MARINE SERVICES, LLC, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, FOR PARCEL 8C OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK. This ordinance authorized and
E. Public Hearings Continued

7. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Lease by and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Service, LLC, for Parcel 8C of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park Continued

directed the City Manager to execute a Deed of Lease by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Blue Harvest Marine Services, LLC, for Parcel 8C of the Newport News Seafood Industrial Park. Blue Harvest Marine Services, LLC (Blue Harvest) was the Lessee of Parcel 8C and adjoining Parcel 7 in the Seafood Industrial Park (SIP). The lease between the City and Blue Harvest for Parcel 8C would expire October 31, 2019. Blue Harvest requested a five (5) year lease of Parcel 8C to continue its seafood operations in Newport News. Blue Harvest owned and operated fifteen (15) ocean trawlers for scallops and fish and five (5) ground fishing vessels harvesting flounder, cod, Pollock, and other Atlantic species. In addition, it unloaded and packed for processing and export several line vessels landing tuna, swordfish, and other mid-water depth fish. Blue Harvest had been an exemplary tenant and was in compliance with its SIP Leases. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Gene Bergson, 33 West Smith Neck Road, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, was available to answer any questions.

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

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

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

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

8. Ordinance Granting a Utility Easement Over City-owned Property, Located at 701 Jefferson Avenue, to Facilitate the Installation of a Transformer and Underground Cable

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND
E. Public Hearings Continued

8. Ordinance Granting a Utility Easement Over City-owned Property, Located at 701 Jefferson Avenue, to Facilitate the Installation of a Transformer and Underground Cable

BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 701 JEFFERSON AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY REFERRED TO AS PARCEL 8A IN THE NEWPORT NEWS SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK. This ordinance granted a utility easement over City-owned property, located at 701 Jefferson Avenue, to facilitate the installation of a transformer and underground cable. At the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting, City Council received one bid in response to a request to receive bids for a utility easement over City-owned property, located at 701 Jefferson Avenue. The successful bidder was Virginia Electric Power Company (d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia). The easement was needed to facilitate the installation of a transformer and underground cable necessary to provide enhanced electrical service for private tenants within the Seafood Industrial Park. 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: Price, Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins
Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilman Jenkins.

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

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Harris.
F. Consent Agenda Continued

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 10, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

2. Minutes of the Work Session of September 10, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019

(No registered speakers)

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

4. Resolution Canceling the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Newport News City Council

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2019. This resolution canceled the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Newport News City Council. The Newport News City Charter stated that the City Council shall have regular meeting at least once per month. City Council requested to cancel its Regular Meeting of October 8, 2019, as there would not be a quorum of the City Council available to conduct the meeting on this date. The Newport News City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-21, allowed changed to the City Council meeting schedule pursuant to special resolutions of the Council. In compliance with the City Charter and City Code, there would be one (1) regular scheduled meeting of the Newport News City Council on October 22, 2019. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

A request that City Council designate, by motion, the City’s voting delegates (2) and one alternate for the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Business Meeting. The 2019 VML Annual Conference was scheduled October 6, 2019 - October 8, 2019, in Roanoke, Virginia. VML’s Business Meeting would occur on Tuesday, October 7, 2019 during the conference at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center (110 Shenandoah Drive, NW, Roanoke, Virginia). 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 181,000, according to the Weldon Cooper Center’s 2018 estimates, requiring City Council to select an official delegate, and an alternate delegate. The names of the individuals must be submitted by September 27, 2019 to certify the City’s voting appointees during the conference.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program; Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Scott Road from Crittenden Lane to Crittenden Lane

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IX., RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, SECTION 26-226, DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program; Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Scott Road from Crittenden Lane to Crittenden Lane. This was a request to adopt an ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for the inclusion of Scott Road between Crittenden Lane and Crittenden Lane. This street was administratively approved for inclusion into the RPPP and had been implemented with the installation of regulatory signage. This item was required for the adoption of the ordinance.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program; Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Scott Road from Crittenden Lane to Crittenden Lane Continued

change that officially included Scott Road into Section 26-226 of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code. Direct costs for inclusion of Scott Road from Crittenden Lane to Crittenden Lane would be the operating budget expenses associated with the cost of sign materials, installation, and maintenance. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Cherry stated the residents of the Huntington Heights neighborhood had the program at one time. They were impacted by the Newport News Shipyards and the Navy. She inquired whether the program would be discussed at the October 10, 2019 meeting. City Manager Rohlf advised that the Residential Parking Permit Program was still in existence. She called on Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, to respond.

Mr. Skipper replied, within Huntington Heights, there was an extensive number of streets that were a part of the Residential Parking Permit Program. Engineers inquired whether there were others that should be considered, and if so, residents were to bring forward the information so that the Department of Engineering could begin the process. He indicated the process involved completing a number of studies to determine whether or not the program was appropriate, and if so, an administrative procedure of installing signs, and coming to City Council for approval once done. The request had been made and administrative approvals granted for the ordinance before City Council. The impact was through the local Little League, as the street was immediately adjacent to ball fields. There had been significant issues, studies were done, were approved, and was before City Council for consideration. Councilwoman Cherry inquired about the ramifications for those who were allowed to park in a permitted parking area, as it would be tough to enforce. Mr. Skipper replied there was a ticketing and towing process. He was unfamiliar with the detail of that process, but would inquire. City Manager Rohlf promised to obtain the information and bring a report to City Council.

Councilwoman Cherry added that the residents were concerned about making the officers aware that people were not permitted to park in the area, and it was a massive effort to ticket and tow the vehicles. She questioned, the City having certain programs but were difficult to enforce. Mr. Skipper advised that he would attend the October 10, 2019 South District Your Voice Matters Town Hall Meeting, as well as the NNPD, to address the issues.
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordering City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program; Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Scott Road from Crittenden Lane to Crittenden Lane Continued

City Manager Rohlf promised to bring a more in-depth report in terms of the enforcement.

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

3. Ordinance Amending and Reordering City Code, Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article II., Work On, Over, Under or Affecting Streets; Division 1., Generally; Section 38-38., Location of Mail and Newspaper Boxes in Street

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 38, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., WORK ON, OVER, UNDER OR AFFECTING STREETS, SECTION 38-38, LOCATION OF MAIL OR NEWSPAPER BOXES IN STREET. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article II., Work On, Over, Under or Affecting Streets; Division 1., Generally; Section 38-38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article II., Work On, Over, Under or Affecting Streets; Division 1., Generally; Section 38-38, location of Mail and Newspaper Boxes in Street. To improve security at local courthouses, the Sheriff’s Office requested an amendment to Section 38-38 Location of mail and newspaper boxes in street. The proposed amendment prohibited the placement of mail and newspaper boxes in public rights-of-way, public places or easements, within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any federal or state courthouse. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Cherry asked for clarity on the matter. City Manager Rohlf replied this was primarily about neighborhood boxes and asked the City Attorney to address the matter.

City Attorney Owens indicated a complaint was received from the Newport News Sheriff’s Office, who were concerned about boxes where magazines and newspapers were placed near the Courthouse. It was difficult to see into parts of the boxes, and were concerned
G. Other City Council Actions Continued

3. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 38, Streets and Sidewalks; Article II, Work On, Over, Under or Affecting Streets; Division 1, Generally; Section 38-38., Location of Mail and Newspaper Boxes in Street Continued

that explosives could be packed inside. He explained that mailboxes were allowed in public rights-of-way as long as they did not interfere with pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. This action would move them 150 feet away from any Federal or State Courthouse.

City Manager Rohlf advised this was a public safety issue.

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

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 through 4, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

1. Department of Engineering – State Urban Funds for the Canon Boulevard Signal – Oyster Point Access Improvements Project

   A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE ($161,500.00) TO CANON BOULEVARD SIGNAL – OYSTER POINT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ($161,500.00). This resolution appropriated $161,500.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State Urban Funds for the Canon Boulevard Signal – Oyster Point Access Improvements Project. VDOT had awarded the City additional State Urban funds to construct an additional turn lane at Canon Boulevard and Oyster Point Road. The improvements to the turn lanes and signals would improve access to Oyster Point Road and I-64, and accentuate motorists’ safety. The appropriation request of $161,500.00 was available from State Urban funds, and $500,000.00 was available from previously appropriated Urban Programmatic Agreement funds. No City matching funds were required. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

2. Department of Engineering – Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Funds for the Chesapeake Avenue Bike Trail and Sidewalk Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE ($168,086.00) TO CHESAPEAKE AVENUE BIKE TRAIL AND SIDEWALK PROJECT ($168,086.00). This resolution appropriated $168,086.00 in Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Fund for the Chesapeake Avenue Bike Trail and Sidewalk Project. VDOT had identified and was providing $168,086.00 of surplus Federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds to the Chesapeake Avenue Bike Trail and Sidewalk Project. The City had provided matching funds beyond the grant requirement. No additional City match was required. The project was complete. This grant would allow reimbursement of City General Obligation Streets and Bridges funding used for the project. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

3. Department of Engineering – FY 2020 Bond Authorization, Streets and Bridges Category for The Transportation Safety Improvement Programs

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED ($2,575,000.00) TO BRIDGE AND CULVERT REPAIRS ($515,000.00), ONE ACCESSIBLE CITY – PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND ROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ($500,000.00), BRIGHT LIGHTS, SAFE NIGHTS STREET LIGHTING PROGRAM ($449,000.00), TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE AND INSTALLATION ($325,000.00), NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ($300,000.00), UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ($300,000.00) AND CITY CENTER LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSIONS ($186,000.00). This resolution appropriated $2,575,000.00 from the FY 2020 Bond Authorization Streets and Bridges Category for the Transportation Safety Improvement Program. Transportation Safety Improvement Programs were annual initiatives included in the Streets and Bridges Capital Improvements Plan. The programs include: Bridge and Culvert Repairs; One Accessible City-Pedestrian, Bicycle and Road Safety Enhancement Program; Bright Lights, Safe Nights Street Lighting Program; Traffic Signal Upgrade and Installation Program; Neighborhood Enhancements Program; the Annual Utilities Undergrounding Program; and the City Center LED Streetlights Conversion Project. Total funding request for transportation safety improvements was $2,575,000.00. Funding was available from the Streets and Bridges Category of the FY 2020 Bond Authorization. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)
H. Appropriations Continued

3. Department of Engineering – FY 2020 Bond Authorization, Streets and Bridges Category for The Transportation Safety Improvement Programs Continued

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


A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED ($4,963,000.00) TO STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ($4,963,000.00). This resolution appropriated $4,963,000.00 in General Obligation Bond Funds for four (4) FY 2020 Citywide Stormwater Projects. The improvements would improve the stormwater infrastructure, alleviate flooding, and improve water quality within the City. J. Clyde Morris Boulevard Drainage Improvement – The improvements included $2,930,000.00 to install approximately 1,400 linear feet box culvert in the median of J. Clyde Morris Boulevard and improve the safety of the roadway. Warwick Rivermont Drainage Improvement Project – The improvements included $1,400,000.00 to improve the drainage system along approximately 2,000 linear feet of Warwick Boulevard from Rivermont Drive to Government Ditch. Huxley Place Drainage Repairs and Improvements Project - The improvements included $585,000.00 to rehabilitate and improve the storm sewer system along a portion of Huxley. Stormwater Pump Station #41 Renovations Project - The improvements included $48,000.00 to improve Pump Station #41, which helped control stormwater elevations in the Brick Kiln Creek watershed. An additional $1,437,000.00 of FY 2020 Capital funds had been approved for this project. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

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

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted Bible scriptures from 1 Thessalonians 4:16, alluding to United States President, Donald Trump, being the Trump of God, and 1 Corinthians 15:52. He advised that United States President, the Honorable Donald Trump, would be re-elected in 2020, and he would prevail against those calling for his impeachment.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
   Continued

   Mr. Thompson praised the NNPD Chief, Steve Drew. After Mayor Price stepped
down, Mr. Thompson gave Chief Drew his support 100%.

   Ms. Pam Hall, indicated that $2.8 million was allocated, but never appropriated
for the design of Huntington Middle School, gave her the feeling that City Council’s word was
not credible. She stated that good relationships were built on trust and transparency. Constant
delay in allocating and appropriating the funding for Huntington Middle School was a disservice
to all of the citizens of Newport News. Based on statements by School Board Members, she was
of the opinion that the lack of appropriation may cause an exodus of seasoned teachers and
families due to the overcrowding of the two middle schools closest to shuttered Huntington
Middle School, and where the students zoned for Huntington Middle School would have been
sent.

   Ms. Hall indicated, when the $30 million CNI grant was received, City Manager
Rohlf assured HUD Secretary, Ben Carson, that there would be a new Huntington Middle School
in the Southeast Community, which was located outside of the CNI Marshall-Ridley designated
area.

   Ms. Hall advised that Warwick High School would need to be addressed within a
ten (10) year period. As a citizen of the Southeast community, she indicated that she had no trust
in the words of City Council that Huntington Middle School would be pushed aside for
replacement of Warwick High School. She stated funds entrusted by the citizens had not
benefited all citizens equally. Dangling futuristic visions that would not come to fruition for ten
(10) or more years was not acceptable. Citizens needed to see change immediately in the
Southeast Community, and Huntington Middle School should be paramount.

   Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, addressed City Council
on the topic of City Farm. He reminded that he had come before City Council to discuss the
matter for some time. He continued to seek access to the former City Farm property. He knew
there remained functions of the local government that were still taking place. He encouraged
other avenues. He was aware that there had been a delay in moving items to other locations.
Considering that the former City Farm property was a park, Mr. Whitcomb indicated it should be
opened as soon as possible.

   Mr. Whitcomb expressed his desire for an Advisory Group working with the
City’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to make plans for specific items to go in the
Park.

   Mr. Whitcomb shared that he had been addressing City Council for three years
about the City Farm and had only missed four meetings in three (3) years. He knew when City
Council got a mind to do things, they could be done. He encouraged members of City Council to
get things moving regarding access to the former City Farm property.
I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council Continued

Mr. Whitcomb reminded that he had encouraged other citizen to attend City Council meetings, and to be polite, be prepared, and to be persistent. He asked for City Council’s assistance to get things done.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, advised that City Manager Rohlf Manager held a Lee Hall Area Plan (a revamped plan to guide growth in Lee Hall) meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Newport News Fire Training Center (17300 Warwick Boulevard) regarding Lee Hall Plantation. Mr. Gergely indicated there was a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm. He wrote an article entitled “Upscale Living at Endview Plantation” for realtors to use once the area was marketed (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Anthony Fiscella, 403 Riverside Drive, Newport News, reminded that the world hosted approximately 14,000 nuclear weapons, many of which were more devastating than bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 74 years prior. Hypersonic weapons were developed that could reduce the time at which advance notice was received to an attack. The California Joint Assembly passed a resolution calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons and was called an intolerable risk. Mr. Fiscella reminded that Mayor Price signed a Resolution of Support, “Mayors For Peace” on July 1, 2019 during the 86th Annual Meeting of the U. S. Conference of Mayors in Honolulu, Hawaii, calling on all presidential candidates to make known their position on nuclear weapons, and to pledge U.S. global leadership in preventing nuclear war, returning to diplomacy, and negotiating the elimination of nuclear weapons (a copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Fiscella urged members of the Newport News City Council to join the campaign for the elimination of nuclear weapons and call for the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons by the United Nations.

Reverend James W. Brown, 46 Whetstone Drive, Hampton, extended congratulations to City Council on the endeavors and plans to make Newport News the best City, economically sound. He sought assistance from City Council to make the NNPS better. In looking at the maintenance and work needed on the schools, Reverend Brown was baffled how the schools reached this dilapidated point. As the City grew, he advised that the environment in which the children were educated, and the safety of the NNPS, were all important. He urged City Council to focus more on educating the youth. He was unsure whether the $2.8 million was set aside for the NNPS, but advised if a building was constructed, there must be plans, work had to be demolished, and the ground prepped. Reverend Brown indicated the $2.8 million could be a start to rebuilding Huntington Middle School. He advised if construction was not started soon, the cost would escalate and exceed $50 million. Construction costs would increase annually by three to four percent (3-4%) in materials and work.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Mayor Price extended kudos to the Employee Pride Task Force (EPTF) on the Employee Appreciation Picnic, held Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Avenue).

Mayor Price advised that he attended a Gala celebrating the 72nd Birthday of the United States Air Force, held Saturday, September 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Hampton Roads Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton).

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

Councilwoman Scott extended congratulations to Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance, and Bishop Kermit Jones (14742 Warwick Boulevard) on celebration of their 64th Church Anniversary, on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

Councilwoman Scott extended congratulations to the American Legion, Braxton-Perkins Post #25, on the Celebration of their 100th Anniversary. A Centennial Gala was held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive).

Councilwoman Scott extended congratulations on a successful Sister Cities Newport News Golf Tournament, held on Friday, September 20, 2019, at the Newport News Golf Course, Deer Run. She expressed appreciation to the many businesses, leaders, and citizens for participating to ensure its success.

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks and congratulations for a successful Denbigh Day Parade. The 60th Annual Denbigh Day Parade and Festival was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. She expressed appreciation to the organizers of the event, as well as the citizens for their continued support.

Councilwoman Scott also thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation at the North District Town Hall Meeting, held on Monday, September 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). She thanked the City’s Department Heads for their continued support and attendance, particularly Mr. Frank James, Director, Department of Public Works; Lieutenant Randolph Cupp, Newport News Police Department, North District; and Ms. Angela Hopkins, Senior Planner, Department of Planning; and Ms. Elizabeth McCroury, Redevelopment Project Manager, Department of Development. Councilwoman Scott advised that citizens were interested in what would happen on the Endview property, as well as what would occur with the former Kmart site, as they were ready to get involved.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott extended thanks to Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, and the department for their hard work as Newport News was experiencing a growing number of senseless crimes in the community. She referenced the murder that took place at an Exxon service station in Denbigh on September 16, 2019. The community was relieved to know that an arrest was made for the crime. Councilwoman Scott thanked Chief Drew and his officers for staying in the forefront of these matters.

Regarding remarks by Councilwoman Scott, Vice Mayor Vick advised that the victim murdered, Mr. Luis Eduardo Zambrana, Jr., was the grandson of former Vice Mayor, City of Suffolk, Mr. Charles Brown. Vice Mayor Vick extended condolences to the family of Mr. Zambrana. She noted that a vigil was held at King Lincoln Park (600 Jefferson Avenue) on Sunday, September 22, 2019, to celebrate the life of Mr. Zambrana, a theater major at Norfolk State University.

Vice Mayor Vick shared that she had the honor to participate in the Newport News/Williamsburg Airport’s first 5K on the Runway, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m., at 900 Bland Boulevard. Vice Mayor Vick indicated the event was spectacular. She explained how different three (3) miles appeared on the runway as compared to being in the woods. The event sold out and enjoyed by all participants.

Vice Mayor Vick announced the 6th Year of Girls Camp, was scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School (5720 Marshall Avenue), for girls 13-18 years of age. She explained that Girls Camp was a day that she and other women came together to pour leadership skills and self-esteem into young girls in an effort to encourage educate, empower, and motivate them about the importance of an education, to have self-respect for themselves and others as they worked to become future leaders, enabling them to stand on their own. Girls interested in registering for the event were urged to contact the City Clerk’s Office at (757) 926-8634 for further details.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to the Master Gardener’s and everyone responsible for the Go Green Expo on Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive).

Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to the American Legion, Braxton-Perkins Post #25, on the Celebration of their 100th Anniversary. A Centennial Gala was held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She advised that everyone came away with a sense of the American way of life and feeling lucky for those who sacrificed to enable freedom.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised how impressed she was with the Employee Pride Task Force (EPTF) Employee Appreciation Picnic, held Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Avenue). Everyone enjoyed the event and expressed the desire to have the picnic at Newport News Park again, and perhaps more than once per year.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she and her colleagues attended the 12th Annual Lifelong Citizenship Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). The annual event honored and celebrated citizens who were ninety (90) years of age.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended congratulations for a successful Denbigh Day Parade. The 60th Annual Denbigh Day Parade and Festival was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. She was honored to read the Proclamation at the event.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had the honor of giving a welcome at the Grand Opening Ceremony of a new business, Renaissance Wellness Renewed, on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 751 Thimble Shoals Boulevard. She further advised their services would be needed in the City, as well as the Day Care/Stay at Home services made possible for individuals who desired to remain at home until death.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she was honored to attend and participate in the Dedication Ceremony of Walker’s Green on Friday, September 20, 2019, 3:30 p.m., hosted by students, faculty, staff, and the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University (CNU). A Historical marker along Shoe Lane was made by the City. Ambassador Howard Walker, son of Mr. William Walker, Jr. was present at the ceremony. Walker’s Green was the site of the home of William Walker, Jr., a distinguished son of the City of Newport News. Mr. Walker initially opposed the location of CNU on Shoe Lane because it required the taking of land from African-American families.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared how proud she was of Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, and the trust he continues to build with the communities. She referenced the senseless shootings in the community. She referenced the murder that took place at an Exxon service station in Denbigh on September 16, 2019, and the fact that the parent(s) turned their child in for committing the crime, which took a great deal of trust. She applauded Chief Drew for his hard work and dedication.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished Former Newport News Vice Mayor, Madeline McMillan, a Happy Birthday. Mrs. McMillan celebrated her birthday on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Vice Mayor Vick recognized and welcomed Reverend Anthony Cooper, Pastor of Miracle Temple Baptist Church (617-32nd Street). She thanked Pastor Cooper for his attendance.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. She also thanked Dr. Cooper, Pastor, Miracle Temple Baptist Church, for his attendance.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry extended condolences to Chaplain Stephen Brown (Lead Chaplain, NNPD), on the loss of his aunt, Velois Kelley. She added that the Chaplains were praying with him and for him, and the family.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to City Manager Rohlf for an outstanding and fun Employee Pride Task Force (EPTF) on the Employee Appreciation Picnic, held Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Avenue). City Manager Rohlf advised the picnic was put on by the EPTF committee, comprised of City staff, who did an excellent job. Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to all of the City employees, both full and part-time. City Council was thankful for their commitment and dedication to the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Chief Jeffrey Johnson and members of the Newport News Fire Department. She reminded that she had recognized all of the 911 operators at a previous meeting and wanted to thank the firefighters for being on the frontline.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to the NNPD for the 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). The ceremony was very inspirational and heartfelt. She thanked Chief Eric Randall for leading the event.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to the senior residents who celebrated 90 plus years at the 12th Annual Lifelong Citizenship Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). Councilwoman Cherry extended a special congratulations to her aunt, Ms. Eleanor Hill, also known as "L.T," who was one of the recipients of the Lifelong Citizenship Awards.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A Domestic Violence Walk was scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m., around City Center, near the Wells Fargo Bank, Canon Boulevard. She encouraged citizens to participate in an effort to show their support of the domestic violence month activity.

Councilwoman Cherry announced, on Saturday, October 19, 2019, the NNPD, South Precinct, would host a Pumpkin Paint and Carve, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., for children and youth, ages 2 – 16. There was no charge for the event, and pumpkins would be provided for all of the children while supplies last.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry announced the next Faith, Justice & Community Meeting, hosted by the NNPD, was scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the NNPD Headquarters (9710 Jefferson Avenue). All Pastors, or anyone in the faith community interested in working with the NNPD, were welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Cherry announced the next meeting of the Homicide Family Support Group, hosted by the Newport News Police Department, was scheduled on Wednesday, October 9, 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.

In conjunction with the Downtown Newport News Merchants and Neighbors Association, Inc., thanked everyone for their support of the successful Back-to-School Community Fest held in August. More than 600 draw-string backpacks and 89 canvas backpacks were assembled and distributed to the children.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the Downtown Newport News Merchants and Neighbors Association, Inc., in partnership with the James A. Fields House, Inc., would host its Annual Community Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at 617-27th Street. The event would be free for children, ages 2-17, and would include pony rides, games and prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents were urged to allow their children to come dressed in costume to win a prize.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the next South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). This would be a follow-up focus on traffic calming measures for the Huntington Heights community. Mr. Everett Skipper, Director, Department of Engineering, and representatives from the NNPD and the Navy would be present to hear concerns and talk about the progress made.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that another South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). All citizens were welcome to attend. She thanked Dr. George Parker, Superintendent, NNPS, for attending and making a presentation at the September 19, 2019, “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting to provide an update on the NNPS.

Councilwoman Cherry advised that the Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism was preparing for the 46th Newport News Fall Festival, October 5 – 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Newport News Park. She encouraged all to attend and enjoy this fun-filled event.
J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris commended Mr. David Wilson, Founder of the Good Dad Gang, who brought together a group of young people on Monday, September 23, 2019, at the Pearl Bailey Library (2510 Wickham Avenue). This group were teenagers who had experienced loss of life due to gun violence with close friends or family members, some may have also been shot. The panel of teens shared their personal experiences of dealing with and being impacted by gun violence in the community. Mr. Wilson had taken it upon himself to help eradicate some of the issues in the City. Councilman Harris indicated that he looked forward to the charge that Mr. Wilson set forth for the youth and community members in an effort to bring many of the passionate activists together to combat many of the challenges faced in the City.

Councilman Harris advised that he missed the Denbigh Day Parade and Festival for the first time. He was with his family celebrating his mother-in-law’s 70th Birthday. His mother-in-law, Ms. Maureen Howard, celebrated her birthday on Saturday, September 21, 2019. He promised to attend the next Denbigh Day Parade in 2020 to celebrate with the community, leaders, and organizers.

Mayor Price shared that Ms. Eleanor Hill, Councilwoman Cherry’s aunt, her aunt, also known as “L.T”, one of the recipients of the Lifelong Citizenship Awards, was his first grade teacher. Mayor Price also attended the 12th Annual Lifelong Citizenship Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive), and advised it was great to give her a hug and apologize for the grief he gave her as a young student.

Mayor Price extended congratulations to his son, Lenny, and wife, Amy, on their anniversary. Lenny and Amy celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to the committee that planned the 60th Denbigh Day Parade and Festival. She advised the event was a great deal of fun, and she was honored to ride in the NNPD Bearcat.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended thanks to Mr. Anthony Fiscella for his remarks about the safety of the United States as a country and as a world. She thanked him for his involvement in the effort underway for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Mayor Price suggested the City having a resolution prepared for the Newport News City Council. Members of City Council advised they would support the preparation of a resolution for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

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 8:16 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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