

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
NOVEMBER 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Tina L. Vick; Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Sandra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Marcellus L. Harris III; David H. Jenkins; and McKinley L. Price, DDS-----6

ABSENT: Sharon P. Scott, MPA-----1

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 Minister Emerson Boyer, Ivy Baptist Church.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice Mayor Tina Vick.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN WOODBURY; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CHERRY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT FROM THIS MEETING.

D. Presentations

None

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute That Certain Deed of Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and B & C Shoreside, LLC, for Parcel 10 in the Seafood Industrial Park

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 and Directing the City Manager to Execute That Certain Deed of Lease By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and B & C Shoreside, LLC, for Parcel 10 in the Seafood Industrial Park Continued

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND B&C SHORESIDE, LLC, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019, FOR PARCEL 10 OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute that certain Deed of Lease by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and B & C Shoreside, LLC for parcel 10 in the Seafood Industrial Park. B & C Shoreside, LLC, d/b/a B & C Seafood (B & C) was the lessee of Parcel 10 and adjoining Parcel 11 in the Seafood Industrial Park (SIP). The lease between the City and B & C for Parcel 10 would expire November 30, 2019. B & C requested a five (5) year lease of Parcel 10 to continue its seafood operations in Newport News. B & C owned and operated eight (8) trawlers for scallops and several smaller commercial fishing vessels. In addition, B & C unloaded and packed scallops for four (4) independent vessels homeported at the SIP. B & C's operations accounted for 40 jobs at the SIP. B & C had been an exemplary tenant and was in compliance with its existing SIP Leases. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Ed Mullis, 205 Jefferson Avenue, was available to answer questions.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

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

F. Consent Agenda Continued

1. Minutes of the Work Session of October 22, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Resolution Adopting an Updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Directing the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Management, to Take Actions Necessary to Implement Said Plan

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, AS THE CITY'S DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID PLAN. This resolution adopted an updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and directed the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Management to take actions necessary to implement the Plan. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was developed in accordance with the requirements for local established emergency planning. The EOP provided a framework for the coordinated response to the types of emergencies and disaster events most likely to occur in Newport News. The original EOP was adopted by City Council in 1997. Updates and revisions were made in 2000, 2005, 2006, 2011, and 2015. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 2, Administration; Article II., City Council; Division 2., Rules of Procedure; Section 2-36., Order of Business Prescribed-Regular Meetings

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 2., RULES OF PROCEDURE, SECTION 2-36, ORDER OF BUSINESS PRESCRIBED-REGULAR MEETINGS. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article II., City Council; Division 2., Rules of Procedure; Section 2-36, Order of Business Prescribed – Regular Meetings. Chapter 2, Section 2-36 established the order of business at Regular City Council Meetings. The amendment provided additional clarification regarding what does not qualify as a “matter germane to the business of City Council” for purposes of the Citizen Comments portion of the agenda. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 26 Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Villages at Woodside

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 resolution 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 the inclusion of The Villages at Woodside, to include: Dorene Place and Shields Road, Shields Road between Dorene Place and Rhoda Drive, Barbara Court, Cynthia Court, and Terri Sue Place. These streets were administratively approved for inclusion into the Residential Parking Permit Program and were implemented with the installation of regulatory signage. This item was required for the adoption of the ordinance change that officially included these streets into Section 26-226 of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code. Direct costs for inclusion of The Villages at Woodside streets Barbara Court, Cynthia Court, Dorene Place, Rhoda Drive, Shields Road, and Terri Sue Place, would be the operating budget expenses associated with the cost of sign materials, installation, and maintenance. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 26 Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); Section 26-226., Designated Residential Permit Parking Areas; for Villages at Woodside Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Receipt of Bids Granting a Utility Easement Across a Portion of City Right-of-Way Designated as Canon Boulevard

One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Energy Virginia, in the amount of \$1.00, for the grant of a Utility Easement across a portion of City right-of-way designated as Canon Boulevard for the relocation of existing electrical service lines and equipment to facilitate construction of a new public parking garage. A request was received to grant a 10-foot wide utility easement across a portion of City right-of-way designated as Canon Boulevard. The easement request would enable relocation of existing electrical service lines and equipment. All electrical service lines would be installed in underground conduit via trenching and horizontal directional drilling. Existing service equipment was proposed to be installed at ground level consistent with existing installation. No overhead facilities would be installed. The required public notice was properly advertised on October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019. The easement would grant ten (10) feet in width over a portion of the Canon Boulevard right-of-way adjacent to 11829 Canon Boulevard, which was more fully described on the plat referenced in the deed. The proposed deed would grant to the successful bidder the right and privilege to lay, construct, operate and maintain one or more underground electric lines and one or more lighting supports and lighting fixtures, including all accessories and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith, upon, under, across and over land which the City of Newport News owned. A Notice of Public Hearing was advertised for the November 26, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting for consideration of the Ordinance, which would authorize the execution of the deed of easement to the successful bidder. The bid was turned over to the City Manager for review and evaluation (a copy of the bid is attached and made a part of these minutes).

2. Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Newport News' Legislative Program for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS' LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2020 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY. This resolution approved and adopted the City of Newport News' Legislative Program for the 2020

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

2. Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Newport News' Legislative Program for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session Continued

Virginia General Assembly. The City prepared a State Legislative Package, annually, for presentation to the Virginia General Assembly. City Council was presented the City's State Legislative Package for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly at its October 22, 2019 Work Session. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Resolution Approving the Donation of Two (2) City-Owned Vehicles to Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE DONATION OF A 2006 AND 2007 CHEVROLET MALIBU AUTOMOBILES TO THE HAMPTON ROADS COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM. This resolution approved the donation of two (2) City-owned vehicles to Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP). Consistent with the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Transformation Plan, the City of Newport News (City) planned to donate two (2) City-owned vehicles, a 2006 and 2007 Chevrolet Malibu, to HRCAP. HRCAP staff would utilize the vehicles to support the CNI Transformation Plan specifically the programmatic and case management needs associated with the People Plan. Upon donation, HRCAP would be responsible for all maintenance associated with the vehicles. The City Manager recommended approval.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

4. Resolution Authorizing the Donation of One (1) City-Owned Vehicle to Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Any Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Donation

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE DONATION OF A 2008 FORD FUSION AUTOMOBILE TO THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This resolution approved the donation of one (1) City-owned vehicle to Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). Consistent with the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Transformation Plan, the City of Newport News (City) planned to donate one (1) City-owned vehicle, a 2008 Ford Fusion, to NNRHA. NNRHA staff would utilize the vehicle to support the CNI Transformation Plan, specifically the resident relocation needs associated with the Housing Plan. Upon donation, NNRHA would be responsible for all maintenance associated with the vehicle. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

The above resolution was revised to substitute a 2010 Ford Fusion Automobile as opposed to a 2008 Ford Fusion, for donation to the NNRHA.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Resolution on the Issuance of Up to \$52,000,000 of Revenue Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the City of Newport News, Virginia for the Benefit of Christopher Newport University Real Estate Foundation

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ON THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$52,000,000 OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION. This resolution approved the issuance of up to \$52,000,000 of Revenue Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the City of

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

5. Resolution on the Issuance of Up to \$52,000,000 of Revenue Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the City of Newport News, Virginia for the Benefit of Christopher Newport University Real Estate Foundation Continued

Newport News, Virginia for the benefit of the Christopher Newport University Real Estate Foundation. The Christopher Newport University Real Estate Foundation and certain affiliates (the Foundation and Affiliates) requested that the IDA issue Bonds to undertake the following projects: (1) demolition of the former Sun Trust Building at 301 Hiden Boulevard, in conjunction with the design, construction, and equipping of a new administration building; (2) demolition of Barclay Apartments at 414 University Place, in conjunction with the design, construction, and equipping of new student housing; and (3) refinancing of existing Bonds originally issued for the construction and equipping of CNU Village Apartments to improve interest rate and terms. The IDA held the necessary Public Hearing at its October 4, 2019 meeting, and adopted IDA Resolution 19-2, approving the issuance of the IDA Bonds. The IDA was recommending that City Council approve the issuance of the IDA Bonds and provide the required jurisdictional approval. The City Manager recommended that City Council provide jurisdictional approval of the IDA's issuance of its Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$52,000,000, for the benefit of the Foundation and Affiliates.

Mr. Doug Hornsby, CEO, CNU Foundation, 1 Avenue of the Arts, Newport News, was available to answer questions.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. Item 1 of 2: Department of Engineering – Additional Funding for Traffic Signal Improvements on Warwick Boulevard

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL REVENUE – HUNTINGTON INGALLS INCORPORATED TO WARWICK BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS. This resolution appropriated an additional \$325,000 for traffic signal improvements on Warwick Boulevard. The project involved installing three (3) mast arm traffic signals and associated facilities on Warwick Boulevard at 71st Street, Hidens Parking Exit, and 67th Street. Bids received were higher than estimated. A low bid of \$1,068,440, with 10% contingency, represented the total cost of \$1,175,000. Funding in the amount of \$1,175,000 would be provided by Huntington Ingalls, Incorporated (Shipyard). The City would be responsible for administering this project. The City Manager recommended approval.

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

6. Item 1 of 2: Department of Engineering – Additional Funding for Traffic Signal Improvements on Warwick Boulevard Continued

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

7. Item 2 of 2: Resolution Granting Authority to the City Manager to Execute Department of Engineering – Additional Funding for Traffic Signal Improvements on Warwick Boulevard

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS AND HUNTINGTON INGALLS INCORPORATED REGARDING INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS AND THE SHARING OF THE COSTS OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. This resolution granted authority to the City Manager to execute Newport News Shipbuilding Traffic Improvements Agreement between the City of Newport News, Virginia and Huntington Ingalls, Incorporated regarding installation of traffic lights and pedestrian crossing signals and the sharing of the costs of such improvements between the parties. The project involved installing three (3) mast arm traffic signals and associated facilities on Warwick Boulevard at 71st Street, Hidens Parking Exit, and 67th Street. The City would be responsible for administering this project. Funding in the amount of \$1,175,000 would be provided by Huntington Ingalls, Incorporated (Shipyard). The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of Appropriations, Items 1 and 2, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Cherry.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM USE OF FUND BALANCE (\$15,000.00) TO OFFICE SUPPLIES (\$15,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$15,000.00 from the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Funds. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney's appropriation request was for printer toners and computer parts. Asset forfeiture funds were transferred to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney due to officers participating in State and Federal criminal cases where the defendant's assets were seized. The unappropriated asset forfeiture balance was approximately \$38,121. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Petco Grant: Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM PETCO FOUNDATION GRANT – REVENUE (\$100,000.00) TO PETCO FOUNDATION GRANT – CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (\$100,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$100,000.00 from the Petco Foundation Grant Revenue for the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter. The Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter (Shelter) was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant from the Petco Foundation in support of its efforts to expand and enhance the Shelter's Animal Foster Care Program for Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and York County. The Petco Foundation investment would help the Shelter build a comprehensive network of trained foster volunteers for animals that need extra care, support, and attention before being able to be adopted. The grant was a continued investment from the Petco Foundation, as in early 2019, they awarded the Shelter a \$50,000 grant that was used to purchase and brand an adoption bus in support of the Shelter's community outreach efforts and off-site adoptions. The grant did not require matching funds. This grant award would provide \$100,000 for the first year, with the ability to apply for additional funds in subsequent years. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

H. Appropriations

2. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Petco Grant: Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. Martell Overman, 10738 Jefferson Avenue, was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Olivia Horvath, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, advised that she was a 10th grader at Warwick High School, and elected Vice President of the Young Adult Police Commissioners (YAPC). She advised that YAPC was a group of 24 high school students, one freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, from each high school. In the second year, YAPC had the pleasure of working with the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) to learn about the City and the good things happening in the City. The goal of the YAPC was to bridge the gap between the youth and the NNPD. The twenty-four (24) concerned young adults wanted to participate in the conversation on how to help make the neighborhoods safe. The YAPC met each Thursday with the dedicated police officers to discuss how to assist Chief Drew and the NNPD. Six youth forums were held in 2018 at each high school and at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, as well as a “Poetry Slam,” Open Mic Night, in partnership with the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center, and an end-of-the-year gala sponsored by Bayport Credit Union. YAPC members assisted each precinct with Community Day events over the summer at Ridley Circle, South Morrison Community Center, and Aqueduct Apartments. The YAPC members spoke at a variety of NNPD functions, to include the Police Department Memorial Ceremony, NNPD Recruit Graduation Ceremony, and the NNPD Promotion Ceremony. There was a lock-in held at the NNPD headquarters, and a night out at the Movies with Chief Drew and Assistant Chief Randall. The YAPC looked forward to continuing their partnership with the NNPD and hoped to continue to be a voice in the conversation. Mayor Price asked all members of the YAPC to stand and be acknowledged.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the terms of the YAPC members. Ms. Horvath replied that members applied, were interviewed by the older YAPC members, and could serve as long as they wanted or until Sergeant Morgan or Chief Drew decided to end their term(s).

Mr. Elijah Brown, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, advised that he was a senior at Heritage High School and President of the Young Adult Police Commissioners (YAPC). He reiterated that YAPC consisted of students from each high school in the City of Newport News. The group was created to give a voice to the youth. Their main focus were the schools and the communities. YAPC provided the youth an opportunity to work with the NNPD to find

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

solutions to problems faced in Newport News. Mr. Brown announced an exciting upcoming project – a television show entitled, “Bringing Youth to the Conversation” set to air on NNTV, YouTube, Facebook Live, and Instagram, where members of YAPC would interview influential figures in Newport News, such as City Manager Cindy Rohlf and the NNPS Superintendent, Dr. George Parker. YAPC would answer most frequently asked questions by the youth, citizens in the community, and talk about the great things happening in Newport News. YAPC wanted to expose the City to their generation and talk about the direction in which the City was headed. Mr. Brown invited City Manager Rohlf and Mayor Price to participate in the television show.

Mr. Jayden Pipkin, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, advised that he was the elected secretary of the Young Adult Police Commissioners (YAPC). He invited members of City Council to the YAPC Swearing-In Ceremony, on Thursday, November 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m., at the Mariners’ Museum (100 Museum Drive). He advised that the YAPC would be pleased to have the elected leaders attend and show their support as they began their 2019-2020 journey of bringing youth to the conversation.

Ms. Pam Hall, Newport News, a resident of the Southeast Community, advised how lonely sat the shuttered school that was once full of life and the center of the Southeast Community. “No Quid Pro Quo” for immediate appropriation and allocation of funding for the design of Huntington Middle School in 2020. Ms. Hall indicated, in FY 2020, the City Council could appropriate and allocate full funding of Huntington Middle School to expedite relieving the over-crowding in the middle schools. “No Quid Pro Quo” on continuing to put the Southeast Community last. Ms. Hall further indicated that a 22nd Century STEAM (science/technology/engineering/arts/math) school was needed to close the gap. “No Quid Pro Quo” accepting the City Council’s vision for the area to get funding. She advised that City Council’s vision should be based around the school.

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, advised that he was privileged to be at the Victory Arch on Monday, November 11, 2019, for the Veteran’s Day Ceremony. He was encouraged to see a large amount of young people present.

Mr. Whitcomb referenced a discussion from the earlier City Council Work Session (November 12, 2019) about a proposal from HRSD (Hampton Roads Sanitation District) with regard to some land at the former City Farm. He believed that the public should be informed about the proposal. Mr. Whitcomb made a video of the presentation which he posted on YouTube, and encouraged citizens to view the video by visiting the website www.SaveRiverviewFarmPark.com. He advised that public meetings would be held and encouraged citizens to attend to express their ideas.

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

Mr. Charles Banks, 61 Poplar Avenue, Newport News, expressed his concern about how he was treated at the Four Oaks Day Service Center (7401 Warwick Boulevard) – a one-stop location that provides homeless men, women, and children with easy access to needed medical attention, employment counseling, obtain help with housing, or stay warm on a cold day. Mr. Banks advised that he was homeless and was placed on a waiting list. He questioned what the employees at the Day Service Center did. He advised that he was employed at McDonald's and had been at the center since February attempting to get assistance but to no avail. He wanted a steady job and a place to live. He was awaiting income-based housing. He shared that not every homeless person had a prison record but were treated as such. There were good programs already in place. Staff argued with him, and he did not understand why. Most of his days were spent talking with guards from Top Guard Security. He was bothered that the City hired a private armed security company for the homeless, who were harmless. He advised that some of the staff went too far.

Mayor Price asked Mr. Banks to meet with Assistant City Manager Alan Archer about the situation.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked Mr. Banks for his attendance and for sharing his concerns. She was hopeful that Mr. Archer would be able to assist Mr. Banks.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Vice Mayor Vick thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation and voicing their opinions and concerns, particularly to the youth. She indicated it was very refreshing to see young people that wanted to be involved, having a mission and being a part of the conversation.

Vice Mayor Vick commended Chief Drew for his leadership and guiding the youth in the right direction. She looked forward to a brighter future for the City of Newport News.

Vice Mayor Vick extended thanks to the City staff and everyone involved for the sold-out, successful 2019 Newport News State of the City, held Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She heard nothing but great comments about the leadership, and all of the jobs for the “Undercover Boss” situations.

Councilwoman Woodbury concurred with comments about the great 2019 Newport News State of the City, held Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). She heard nothing but positive comments, and requested a link so that citizens who were unable to attend could view the video.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Mayor Price announced that NNTV would air the video immediately following the November 12, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Woodbury commended members of the YAPC. She wanted them to be a part of the conversation, as there was so much to be learned from them. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that a City Council Retreat was planned for Thursday and Friday, November 14 – 15, 2019, and members of City Council were unable to attend the YAPC Swearing-In Ceremony. She deeply regretted not being able to attend the ceremony. She extended congratulations to the YAPC and looked forward to what the youth would add to the conversation.

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

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Pastor T. DuWayne Privette, and members of Calvary Seventh Day Adventist Church, for hosting a Family Wellness Summit, held Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the church (1200 17th Street). The topic of discussion was domestic violence. It was important for the faith community to hear about what resources were available and how people of faith need to step outside of the box and get assistance needed in situations of domestic violence.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to the individuals who completed the Neighborhood Leadership Series II, on Monday, November 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue). It was good to see and to let them know everything being done to educate the community. They should get involved in the Town Hall Meetings and everything going on in the City. It was important for them to know that their voices were needed and would be heard.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Ms. Venerria “Ven” Thomas, Director, Department of Human Services, and staff, Ms. Virginia Blount Moore, Deputy Director, and Ms. Nakia Cooke, Training Coordinator, Department of Human Services who brought a Poverty Simulation to the Faith, Justice & Community Meeting, held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at the NNPD Headquarters (9710 Jefferson Avenue). The room was full of individuals from the faith community. Councilwoman Cherry thought it was important for the church and the faith community to understand what happens when an individual has to live in poverty, and what is experienced in poverty. It was inspirational to be able to sit in those seats.

Councilwoman Cherry sent love to the YAPC. She thanked them for their attendance, and hoped they would come again. Their voices should be brought to the table.

Councilwoman Cherry indicated the Veteran’s Day Ceremony of Monday, November 11, 2019, was great, and the City held its first Veteran’s Day Parade. She extended thanks to CMSgt. Christopher Rambali for the ROTC from Menchville High School. Other

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

instructors were Retired Lieutenant Colonel Kristopher Alden (Lead Teacher) and MSgt. Anthony Stevenson.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019, would be cancelled as City Council had a Retreat scheduled. She further announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019, would also be cancelled as members of City Council would be attending the National League of Cities City Summit in San Antonio, Texas.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the Downtown Newport News and Merchants and Neighbors Association was preparing for the Annual “Christmas for the Children” event, scheduled for Saturday, December 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., on the historic grounds of the James A. Fields House, 617-27th Street. Sponsors were sought and donations of gift cards, toys, used and refurbished bicycles, in an effort to make Christmas special for the children in the community, 0 – 17 years of age.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to everyone that came out to support the Community Fall Festival, held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at 617-27th Street.

Councilman Harris thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to Reverend Doctor Peter Evans, Pastor, and congregation of the Colossian Baptist Church (856 Old Fort Eustis Boulevard), on the celebration of 152nd Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Councilman Harris extended congratulations to Woodside High School, Warwick High School, and Menchville High School, on making it to the 2019 Virginia High School Playoffs, representing the City of Newport News in the State High School Regional Championships, on November 15, 2019. He congratulated the players and coaches that were a part of those programs.

Councilman Harris thanked the members of the YAPC for their attendance and extended congratulations to each of them. He bestowed his regrets for being unable to attend the YAPC Swearing-In Ceremony on Thursday, November 14, 2019. He acknowledged his former student at Denbigh High School, Ms. Destiny Wilson, who had grown up and matured as a member of the YAPC program.

Councilman Harris acknowledged and highlighted two fifth grade students from Jenkins Elementary School who were identified as leaders in the community – Miss Amaya Casanova and Miss Giya Seaya. He acknowledged the presence of the principal from Jenkins Elementary School, Ms. Kelly Stewart, who informed him about the two young ladies who were

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

active at school and showed leadership characteristics. Miss Casanova and Miss Seaya were both a part of the Safety Patrol, served on the Morning Show, and inspired their fellow students daily. Councilman Harris thanked Ms. Stewart for acknowledging the students as they continued to cultivate their leadership skills.

Councilman Harris advised that he was collecting school supplies. He asked if anyone had any supplies left over, he wanted to be able to kick off the second semester of school by providing students with needed supplies. He asked that individuals willing to donate school supplies to contact him for pick-up.

Mayor Price highlighted the Mayor's Youth Commission, who had an Induction Ceremony, on Monday, November 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Mariners' Museum (100 Museum Drive), in the Huntington Room. The Mayor's Youth Commission was comprised of representatives from all of the high schools, both private and public, plus one home school student. There were 31 inductees. He extended congratulations and looked forward to working with them.

Mayor Price announced that it was "No Shave November," showing his beard. He shared No Shave November was a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. The goal of No Shave November was to grow awareness by embracing one's hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free. Money spent on shaving and grooming was to be donated to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and those fighting the battle.

Mayor Price shared that City Council was presented a schedule of Holiday Activities throughout the City (a copy of the schedule of events is attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mayor Price extended thanks to the City staff and everyone that attended the sold-out, successful 2019 Newport News State of the City, held Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). He shared that the broadcast would air nightly at 9:00 p.m. on NNTV Channel 48.

Mayor Price extended thanks to the Newport News Sheriff's Office for initiating the Veteran's Day Parade on Monday, November 11, 2019. He believed the parade would grow and the City would get more participation. He extended thanks to the Menchville High School Band, the NNPD and the NNFD for participating.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that the Menchville High School Band was evaluated by the State, along with other bands, and received the highest rating. She extended congratulations to the Menchville High School Band on this honor.

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 7:56 P.M.



Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

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Mayor
Presiding Officer

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