

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
February 10, 2009  
7:30 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; Joe S. Frank; Madeline McMillan; Sharon P. Scott; Tina L. Vick; and Joseph C. Whitaker-----7

ABSENT: None-----0

1. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Reginald C. Woodhouse, First Baptist Church Jefferson Park.

2. 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 Councilwoman Patricia P. Woodbury.

3. Public Hearing

(a) Addendum to Lease Agreement between York County and the City for Recreation Site

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 ADDENDUM TWO TO AGREEMENT OF LEASE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC PARK BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE COUNTY OF YORK, VIRGINIA, DATED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute Addendum Two, to the lease of City-owned property, which granted York County the right to construct and operate a public park. On April 26, 2005, City Council approved a lease agreement of City-owned property in York County for construction of a public park, known as the Sports Field Complex. The City agreed to revise the lease on November 28, 2006, to remove the provision for "Additional Rent." Addendum Two revised Condition #3 of the agreement by deleting the provision for "Additional Rent" and included a clarification of rent computation. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

3. Public Hearing Continued

- (a) Addendum to Lease Agreement between York County and the City for Recreation Site Continued

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

- (a) Minutes of the Work Session of January 27, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

- (b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

- (c) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

- (d) Resolution Supporting Removal of Ships from James River Reserve Fleet

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADOPT LEGISLATION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS JAMES RIVER RESERVE FLEET AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER AFFECTED VIRGINIA LOCALITIES TO TAKE A SIMILAR ACTION. This resolution encouraged the United States Congress to adopt legislation and to appropriate funds for the removal of the environmentally-hazardous James River Reserve Fleet, and to encourage other affected Virginia localities to take a similar action. The James River Reserve Fleet, also known as the Ghost Fleet, was moored in the river near Fort Eustis. The Fleet of approximately 97 ships held 7.7 million gallons of oil and fuel, and posed a serious and increasing environmental threat to the Hampton Roads region.

4. Consent Agenda Continued
- (d) Resolution Supporting Removal of Ships from James River Reserve Fleet Continued

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

5. City's Withdrawal from the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy

A RESOLUTION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE HAMPTON ROADS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING ACADEMY. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate and implement the City's withdrawal from the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy (HRCJTA). The Police Department established itself as a satellite academy of the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy in July 2005. This resolution supported the Department's desire to establish itself as an independent, locally-funded training academy for its personnel. To become an independent academy, the following actions were required: approval by the Board of Directors of the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy, and approval by the Virginia General Assembly and Department of Criminal Justice Services. The City paid \$81,000 per year as the Police Department's portion of the HRCJTA payment. After withdrawal, the City would pay \$47,952 in FY 2010; \$31,968 in FY 2011; and \$15,984 in FY 2012. The Police Department did not expect the creation of the independent academy to require any increase in funding or staffing. The Chief of Police strongly recommended this action, as outlined in his memorandum of January 5, 2009, attached and made a part of these minutes. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

City Manager Hildebrandt invited Chief James Fox, Newport News Police Department, to provide a presentation sharing the benefits in maintaining a separate Police Academy for the Newport News Department.

Chief Fox indicated, when he came to Newport News as Chief of Police in 2004, he was surprised to learn that an agency of this size did not have its own independent academy. The Regional Academy concept started years ago to train smaller Police Departments that did not have resources to train their own officers. Newport News only had five or six individuals attend the Academy. The individuals would attend the Academy for 18 weeks, and would have to be brought back to Newport News to be trained for six additional weeks to learn how to police a complicated, comprehensive city like Newport News. Chief Fox determined the officers were not getting what was needed to police the City of Newport News. In 2005, Chief Fox asked the Academy to allow Newport News to become a satellite of the Regional Academy, which was approved. Since that time, Newport News trained, in its own satellite Academy, over 190 police officers. The Regional Academy could not meet Newport News' training needs of 190 people. Newport News does all of its in-service training. There was a need to train its people, because of

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liability and other training needs, every year in an in-service training. Chief Fox stated Newport News trained all of its recruits, and reduced 25 weeks of training to 18 weeks of training. The curriculum is designed around Newport News' needs. Since there are codes issues, the Department of Codes Compliance is invited to team up with the community police officers to teach about what to look for in terms of community policing and problem solving. Newport News had been operating as a satellite academy, having to use the lesson plans and the tests of the regional academy, paying \$81,000 per year, and doing all of the instruction. Most agencies had independent academies, and as such, training could be adjusted. Chief Fox stated this was the way to go for the future of policing in the City of Newport News. He stated Newport News worked closely with the Regional Academy and had to receive a unanimous vote in order to proceed, meaning that all local police and sheriffs supported Newport News' effort.

Vice Mayor Whitaker commended Chief Fox regarding the quality of training for the officers in the Newport News Police Department.

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked Chief Fox for his efforts. She felt it was not only for the safety, but also for the cost, as there had been two academies – one Newport News was compelled to participate in and the academy Chief Fox began.

Councilman Bateman inquired whether a non-compete was necessary, allowing the training of other officers in other cities. Chief Fox responded there had been a request because Newport News' training was so comprehensive.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

6. Waterworks' Property Acquisition at Skiffe's Creek Reservoir - 9390  
Pocahontas Trail, James City County

A. Appropriation of Funds

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES LAND FUND (\$247,500.00) TO PUBLIC UTILITIES LAND (\$247,500.00). This resolution appropriated \$247,500 from the Waterworks' Land Fund to acquire a 7.17± acre parcel, located at 9390 Pocahontas Trail, in James City County. Health-E-Community Enterprises of Virginia, Inc. originally proposed a mixed use development, on three parcels adjacent to Skiffe's Creek Reservoir. Waterworks negotiated to purchase one of the three parcels, where a gas station/convenience store or restaurant was planned. James City County did not have a reservoir protection overlay; therefore, purchase of this land would provide water quality protection to the reservoir. Funds in the amount of \$247,500.00 were available to be appropriated from the Waterworks' Land Fund Account. The City Manager recommended approval.

6. Waterworks' Property Acquisition at Skiffe's Creek Reservoir - 9390  
Pocahontas Trail, James City County

A. Appropriation of Funds Continued

City Manager Hildebrandt asked Mr. David L. Morris, II, Natural Resource Manager, Department of Public Utilities, to comment on why this was a significant property acquisition from a watershed protection perspective. Mr. Morris indicated the City had its eye on this property for some time. It was not on the market, but the City expressed an interest when the developer approached the City about developing another property. The developer was known for building high-quality townhouses and condominiums in lower James City County and in the City of Newport News. Mr. Morris stated this particular piece of property had a building on it for some time, was operated as a country store gas station for many years, and later as a restaurant. The City was interested in it for an environmental study to make sure there was no contamination from a previous gas station. The developer's vision was to use the building as a Farmers' Market and build a WaWa gas station on the remaining piece of land. While there were Chesapeake Bay setbacks that helped to protect the reservoir, there was still adequate land and there was a zoning right to build such a facility. The City saw this as a good opportunity to secure the piece of land. Mr. Morris indicated that this was an industrial piece of land on the reservoir. He further indicated that Newport News owned very little land that protected the reservoir directly. An offer was made based on the fair market appraisal, which the developer first rejected. The City held firm, volunteered to reimburse for the Phase I assessment, which was then accepted. Mr. Morris advised that this was a key piece of property for the City.

Councilwoman McMillan inquired whether this piece of property would remain green space because Waterworks had no plan to sell it for development. Mr. Morris replied the property would remain green space and was only wanted for watershed protection. The existing building on the property would be torn down.

City Manager Hildebrandt added there was an ordinance, approved by City Council, that stated that any Waterworks-owned land that was in the watershed of the reservoir could not be sold for other development.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

B. Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Contract

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 REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND NOTES RELATED

6. Waterworks' Property Acquisition at Skiffe's Creek Reservoir - 9390  
Pocahontas Trail, James City County Continued

B. Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Contract Continued

TO THAT REAL ESTATE PURCHASE, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND HEALTH-E-COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES OF VIRGINIA, INC., DATED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to execute that certain real estate purchase contract, and all other agreements, documents and notes related to the acquisition of 9390 Pocahontas Trail, between the City of Newport News and Health-E-Community Enterprises of Virginia, Inc.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

7. Appropriations

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of Items A and B, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman McMillan.

(a) Libraries and Information Services – VA Foundation for the Humanities Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE (\$6,500.00) TO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (\$6,500.00). This resolution appropriated \$6,500.00 from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to the Department of Libraries and Information Services. The Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,500.00 to the Newport News Public Library System. The monies allowed for establishment of an exhibit which chronicled the development of the City of Newport News through the Old Dominion Land Company records. The online exhibit would make the story of Newport News readily available to thousands of people, including students, scholars, citizens, community leaders and historians. No future financial or operational responsibilities were required for this grant. The City Manager advised the City was using \$9,835.00 from the Neiser Fund that was available to make programming additions and improvements at the Main Street Library. There was \$15,000.00 of in-kind salaries and staff work that would be done in order to get this project in place. The money would be used to establish an exhibit that chronicled the development of the City of Newport News through the Old Dominion Land Company. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

7. Appropriations Continued
  - (a) Libraries and Information Services – VA Foundation for the Humanities Grant Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

- (b) Police Department/Sheriff's Department – Bulletproof Vest Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$7,142.00) TO SPECIALIZED POLICE SUPPLIES (\$7,142.00). This resolution appropriated funds from the Department of Justice to the Police and Sheriff's Departments. The Police Department received a federal grant to purchase bulletproof vests. The grant had historically been shared between the Police and Sheriff's Departments. Of the \$7,142.00 grant award, the Police Department would receive \$5,071.00 and the Sheriff's Department would receive \$2,071.00. Each department purchased vests on an annual basis. Localities were reimbursed up to 50% for the cost of each vest purchased under the grant by the Department of Justice. No local grant match was required. The City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned the amount the City would contribute on the vests. City Manager Hildebrandt responded that the City's investment in these vests was \$7,000.00. He indicated this would come from the Police and Sheriff's Department's budgets.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

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

Mr. William Pelkey, 556H Loch Ness Drive, Newport News, represented RETRO (Newport News Real Estate Tax Relief Organization), mentioned correspondence highlighting RETRO's position for real estate revenues in the upcoming budget process (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). On behalf of RETRO, Mr. Pelkey requested that City Council hold the real estate tax revenue to the same amount collected in FY 2008. RETRO recognized that the economic climate prohibited the reduction in real estate tax revenues, particularly considering the bleak forecast for real estate values. He reminded that City property owners were faced with financial challenges, not too dissimilar from those of the City and to ask them to further deplete their dwindling resources by increasing their taxes or tax rate, would be unconscionable, in much the same way it would be for RETRO to ask the City to decrease its revenue. Mr. Pelkey stated that RETRO was not recommending the tax rate remain at its current level, rather, that Council adjust the rate to accommodate the actual assessment determined by the City. He promised that RETRO would keep a watchful eye on the assessment process to ensure that assessment values matched the true fair market value of property.

8. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council  
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Mr. Pelkey expressed appreciation for the Economic Summit scheduled for March 9, 2009. He expressed disappointment that the Summit would be held at a time when most citizens would be working. He asked, in the future, such events take place during times more convenient for citizen participation.

Mr. Pelkey further acknowledged that expenditure cuts implemented by the City Manager and his staff were helping with balancing the City's budget. He suggested that the City Manager and City Council consider making many of the changes more permanent.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, referenced the Oyster Point Transportation Study, and referred to his September 2008 visit, when he inquired about a zoning map included in the study. The map showed that the Jewish Community Center was zoned high density. He questioned the need, the purpose and the authorization given to the study.

City Manager Hildebrandt responded the study was done by the staff of the Planning District Commission, with some input from the Newport News Planning Department. He indicated he would find out the basis for the information and would provide a report to Mr. Gergely and City Council.

Mr. Stephen Pincus, 120 Leslie Lane, Yorktown, expressed concern regarding the proposed changes to the City's retirement system, health insurance and other post employee benefits. Mr. Pincus indicated that an air of suspicion was created among City employees that the proposal submitted was arbitrary and capricious. They felt the proposal was a "done deal" without adequate input. Mr. Pincus questioned the lack of involvement from lower level employees. He stated that ideas from the end users should be solicited and utilized in order to have buy-in and ownership. Mr. Pincus further stated, prior to making any decisions, Council should be aware of the implications of enacting the proposal from the employee's perspective. He asked that the City fulfill its part of the bargain in the obligations to the personnel who serve each day.

City Manager Hildebrandt addressed comments by Mr. Pincus, stating that the proposal was distributed to all employees so they would be aware of some of the changes that were being considered. He stated that a number of meetings, with groups of employees, were held by the committee and Ms. Laverne Lovett, Director of Finance, and her staff to listen to comments and to answer questions. The Manager's proposal to City Council was also distributed to employees so they would understand what was being offered. He further stated that a considerable amount of employee input was sought. He indicated that changes were made to his proposal based on comments heard from retirees and employees. City Manager Hildebrandt advised the City Council would spend a great deal of time to fully consider his proposal. He stated the process had not been behind closed doors and everyone in the organization was aware of what was being considered.

Mr. John Procyson, 305 Normandy Lane, Newport News, indicated that the recession had done in three months what RETRO had been asking the City to do for three years.

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

Mr. Procyson asked the City Council not to increase the real estate tax rate and to hold the line on reduced City spending.

Mr. Procyson further suggested that the hiring freeze be kept in place, and there be a continued reduction of non-essential services, eliminating the fluff, and to stop giving the money to the "fat cats" who own City Center. He recommended doing away with the Economic Development Authority (EDA).

Mr. Procyson referenced an article in the Daily Press highlighting Councilwoman Tina Vick, who reported that community and recreation centers in the Southeast were underutilized. The Co-Chairmen of People to People wrote an article seeking more places for the youth to go, even though the seven (7) centers in the Southeast were poorly attended. The article then mentioned that the North District did not need a Community Center, yet accused the City of forging ahead. Mr. Procyson reminded that the North District Community Center had been delayed so many times, that the kids that could have used it, now have their own kids. If People to People needed money for neighborhood centers, he suggested they visit the more than 145 churches in the Southeast community, who could perhaps help fund the neighborhood centers.

Ms. Carol Hogge, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, requested that the Deep Creek Pier be rebuilt. She stated that the land grant from Bonnie Belle Meltzer from the County of Warwick, and inherited by Newport News, was meant to be priceless. She gave public access across her land forever, for Deep Creek Road, giving access to the river, and for the watermen to have access to the pier, built for their boats to dock, and for her friends and the public to use and enjoy. Ms. Hogge stated the pier was gone, but would not be forgotten.

Reverend N. Cunningham, 15320 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), thanked Mayor Frank and the members of Council for outstanding leadership and service in the City of Newport News, specifically in the individual roles played in the various SCLC community outreach programs. Reverend Cunningham expressed gratitude to the members of Council for helping the SCLC continue the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving as partners.

Mr. Andrew Shannon, 210 Hahn Place, Newport News, extended belated congratulations to City Clerk Mabel Washington Jenkins on her nuptials.

Mr. Shannon paid homage to members of the SCLC. He and members of the SCLC made presentations of individual pictures to members of City Council. He thanked members of City Council, individually and collectively, for their participation in various SCLC programs and events.

Mr. Shannon offered condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the recent loss of Mr. McMillan's mother.

9. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Mr. Shannon concluded by sharing the thoughts of “The 4 Bones” - wish bones, those who want others to do the work; jaw bones, those who talk a lot, but do very little; knuckle bones, those who knock everything that everyone else is trying to do; and the back bones, those who get behind the wheel and do the work, which was the philosophy of the SCLC. He extended an invitation to all who wanted to join and make a difference in service to humanity.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens for their attendance at the February 7, 2009 Town Meeting held at Warwick High School, which she co-hosted with Ms. Betty Dixon, Newport News School Board member. She announced the next Town Meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2009.

Councilwoman Woodbury expressed thanks to the citizens for their attendance and participation at the Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Woodbury expressed condolences to Mr. John McMillan on the death of his mother.

Councilwoman Woodbury reminded citizens and invited all to attend the Economic Summit scheduled for March 9, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel, City Center.

Councilman Bateman expressed condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the loss of Mr. McMillan’s mother.

Councilman Bateman expressed thanks to the citizens for their attendance and participation at the Council Meeting.

Councilman Bateman requested that the Economic Summit be video streamed.

Addressing Mr. Pincus’ concerns, Councilman Bateman stated, in light of the City Manager’s remarks, that Council had no clear cut idea of what decisions would be made regarding the proposed changes to the City’s retirement plan and other post employee benefits, but would be mindful of everyone’s concerns.

Mayor Frank expressed condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the loss of Mr. McMillan’s mother.

Mayor Frank addressed the Economic Summit, scheduled Monday, March 9, 2009. He advised that Governor Timothy Kaine was expected to participate. There would be a multimedia presentation about the projects announced in the past year, i.e. AREVA, information from Northrop Grumman Newport News, Jefferson Laboratories, Fort Eustis, and other projects investing in the community. This would be educational and would hopefully help people, in these difficult times, understand what jobs were being created. Mayor Frank thanked the members of City Council for their support in this effort. The Summit would be televised and rebroadcast on Newport News television, and video streamed on the City’s web site. Mayor Frank was hopeful that everyone would make an effort to attend.

9. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Mayor Frank thanked Mr. Andrew Shannon and the members of the SCLC for all of their hard work throughout the community. He stated the various SCLC events, acknowledgment of the accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement and the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were quite meaningful. He expressed Council's gratitude for the contributions the SCLC makes for improving race relations and the lives of people in the City.

Mayor Frank presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN ADDENDUM NO. 13 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND STUART E. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY, DATED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009. This addendum authorized a 3% increase in salary and raised vacation benefits for the City Attorney.

Mayor Frank, on behalf of City Council, expressed appreciation to City Attorney Katz for the work that he and his staff do.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan thanked everyone for their words of condolence.

Councilwoman McMillan thanked the SCLC for their gift. She reiterated an upcoming SCLC sponsored event, which she was co-hosting with the SCLC, scheduled for February 21, 2009 at the Grissom Library, with the Tuskegee Airmen in honor of Black History Month. She invited citizens to attend and asked that they pass the word.

Councilwoman McMillan extended a speedy recovery to Ms. Darcy Terry, "Denbigh's best friend."

Councilwoman Scott expressed condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the loss of Mr. McMillan's mother.

Councilwoman Scott expressed appreciation and gratitude to City Attorney Katz for the legal briefs forwarded to members of City Council to keep them apprised of the cases overseen by his Office.

Councilwoman Scott announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting would be held on February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 368. She announced the City Manager agreed to be the Special Guest.

Councilwoman Vick expressed condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the loss of Mr. McMillan's mother.

9. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Vick thanked Mr. Andrew Shannon and the members of the SCLC for her plaque. She indicated she would continue to be a freedom fighter and work with the SCLC and the community to make a difference.

Councilwoman Vick expressed condolences to Ms. Una Harris, on the passing of her husband, Mr. Clarence "Sing" Harris, a dedicated worker in the community.

Vice Mayor Whitaker expressed condolences to Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan on the loss of Mr. McMillan's mother.

Vice Mayor Whitaker expressed his desire to work together with his colleagues, and wanted all the districts to work together to make Newport News a better place to live.

Vice Mayor Whitaker thanked the SCLC for their hard work in the community. He stated that he had been a member in the 1950's and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he was in Newport News.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:46 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk