

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

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

ABSENT: None-----0

1. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Rev. Dr. Robert Marston, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Newport News.

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 Madeline McMillan.

3. Public Hearings

- (a) Zoning Text Amendment ZT-09-270, City of Newport News – Flexibility for Setback and Transitional Buffer Regulations for Multiple-Family Development in Neighborhood Conservation District

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXXI, OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3., SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SECTION 45-3128, MODIFICATIONS OF USE AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, TABLE 31-1. This ordinance amended Section 45-3128 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance to permit flexibility of the setback and transitional buffer area regulations for new Multiple-Family developments within the Neighborhood Conservation District, when parking was accessed from the rear of the site. The Neighborhood Conservation District is an Overlay District which encompasses the area of the City known as the Southeast Community. The Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to recommend to City Council the adoption of this amendment and the City Manager concurred with the recommendation.

Ms. Sheila McAllister, Assistant Director, Department of Planning, advised that Zoning Text Amendment ZT-09-270, was a change to the regulations for the Neighborhood Conservation District. The change was requested for the continuation of the Orcutt Townhomes development, which the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) was in the process of redeveloping. This amendment would allow that development to occur. The text amendment was only for new development on property zoned Multiple-Family. The flexibility would only occur if parking was accessed from the rear. Allowance of the parking in the rear, would force the buildings closer to the street, which was more in keeping with the historical

3. Public Hearings Continued
  - (a) Zoning Text Amendment ZT-09-270, City of Newport News – Flexibility for Setback and Transitional Buffer Regulations for Multiple-Family Development in Neighborhood Conservation District Continued

setbacks for the neighborhood. This would continue the traditional neighborhood development that was in existence. Ms. McAllister explained that Zoning Text Amendment, ZT-09-271 was a cross-reference for ZT-09-270. If someone were to review the section of the ordinance that required transitional buffer areas, they would know that within the Neighborhood Conservation District, if it were a new Multiple-Family Development, it would not be required to hold the transitional buffer area.

Mr. Hugh Forehand, Community Development Director, Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 227-27th Street, was available to answer questions.

Councilwoman Vick inquired whether there would be a separation between the two phases of the project. She recalled the first phase of the Orcutt Townhomes area allowed parking in the front of the property, and the second section allowed parking in the rear. Mr. Forehand replied this was a positive change for the development of the second phase of Orcutt Townhomes. He reiterated this amendment would allow units to be pulled closer to the front curbs, to coincide with existing housing in the area, allowing access to the houses from the rear. Whereas phase one was an attractive development, a sea of parking was still visible. In this case, parking would be in the rear, making it more preferable.

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

Vote on Roll Call:  
Ayes: Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury, Bateman  
Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:  
Ayes: Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury, Bateman  
Nays: None

- (b) Zoning Text Amendment ZT-09-271, City of Newport News – Elimination of Transitional Buffer for Multiple-Family Development in Neighborhood Conservation District

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXVIII., MODIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-2802, MODIFICATIONS TO YARD REGULATIONS. This ordinance amended the City's Zoning Ordinance which cross-referenced the amendment in Section 45-3128 of the

3. Public Hearings Continued

- (b) Zoning Text Amendment ZT-09-271, City of Newport News – Elimination of Transitional Buffer for Multiple-Family Development in Neighborhood Conservation District Continued

City's Zoning Ordinance that removed the transitional buffer area requirements for new Multiple-Family Developments within the Neighborhood Conservation District when parking was accessed from the rear of the site. The Planning Commission voted (9:0) to recommend to City Council the adoption of this amendment and the City Manager concurred with the recommendation.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items A through C, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

- (a) Minutes of the Work Session of February 24, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda Continued
- (c) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2009

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Warwick Boulevard Safety Improvement Project – Railroad Crossing at O’Hara Lane
  - A. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement

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 AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES, INC. DATED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2009. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute a construction agreement for the safety improvement project on Warwick Boulevard - Railroad Crossing at O’Hara Lane. The City received a Safety Improvement Grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the installation of flashing light signals, gates and a concrete crossing surface at this railroad crossing. This was a private spur line, owned by Martin Marietta Aggregate, and the City was to administer and front fund the construction of the project. Upon completion of the project, the City would be 98.8% reimbursed from Federal and State funds through VDOT. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the City received the reimbursement in a timely fashion or whether the City was reimbursed upon completion of the project. City Manager Hildebrandt responded this was a typical agreement with VDOT. He was not sure how quickly VDOT reimbursed the City or whether the City had to invoice VDOT as the project progressed. He indicated this project was a committed federal grant and he was sure VDOT would reimburse the City.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Warwick Boulevard Safety Improvement Project – Railroad Crossing at O’Hara Lane Continued

B. Appropriation Resolution

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH – VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (\$62,680.00) AND VDOT LOCAL GRANT MATCH (\$5,320.00) TO VDOT – HAZARD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS RAIL ROAD CROSSING WARWICK BOULEVARD/ O’HARA LANE (\$62,680.00) AND VDOT MATCH – WARWICK BOULEVARD/O’HARA LANE (\$5,320.00). This request approved a Resolution that would appropriate \$68,000 for the Warwick Boulevard Safety Improvement Project – Railroad Crossing at O’Hara Lane. In 2006, City Council appropriated the original grant funding for this project in the amount of \$198,000. In 2008, the City requested non-binding quotes from railroad contractors for construction of the improvements. It was determined that a more accurate cost for construction of this project was \$266,000. This additional appropriation of \$68,000 was necessary to fund the complete construction cost of the project. Upon completion, the City would be reimbursed 98% of the project cost from Federal and State funds through VDOT.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. Appropriations

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of Items A through G, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

- (a) Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Asset Forfeiture Funds

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM ASSET FORFEITURE (\$62,585.00) TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (\$62,585.00). This resolution appropriated \$62,585.00 from Asset Forfeiture monies from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The FBI awarded asset forfeiture monies to the Newport News Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. These monies allowed for the purchase of replacement radio equipment and law enforcement-related supplies for use by the City’s Park Rangers. No future financial or operational responsibilities were required for this grant. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

6. Appropriations Continued

(a) Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Asset Forfeiture Funds Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(b) Fire – VA Department of Health Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE – FED-BIKE SMART VA-VDH-09 (\$1,000.00) TO OTHER SUPPLIES (\$1,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$1,000 from FY 2009 State Department of Health Grant Revenue to the Fire Department. The Fire Department received a grant award of \$1,000 in support of the Bike-Smart Virginia Bicycle Helmet Rodeo Program. Bicycle helmets would be purchased by these funds for distribution to City youth with a target audience of “English as a Second Language” students enrolled in our schools, or predominantly Hispanic apartment communities. No local grant match funding was required by the State. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(c) NNRHA – HOME Grant Program Match

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM LOCAL GRANT MATCH (\$100,000.00) TO HOME GRANT (\$100,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$100,000 from the Local Grant Match portion of the City’s Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009 Federal HOME Grant Program administered by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). The annual federal Home Grant Program (Home Investment Program) provides funding under an entitlement formula to cities, urban counties, and state governments to undertake housing rehabilitation, housing development and tenant-based assistance for lower-income persons. HUD requires localities that use HOME funds to provide a matching amount equal to 25% of their allocation. These grant funds would be used to supplement the revolving construction account being used to complete new homes in the Southeast Community. The \$100,000 was budgeted for and reserved for this grant. No other local funds were required. No future financial or operational responsibilities were required for this grant. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. Appropriations Continued
  - (d) Sheriff – State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM SHERIFF BENEFITS SCAAP AWARD (\$11,397.00) TO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (\$11,397.00). This resolution appropriated \$11,397 of Federal Revenue for the Sheriff's Department Justice Benefits Program. The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) was administered by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance and provided federal payments to states and localities that had incurred correctional expenses for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. This reimbursement funding could only be used for correctional purposes. The Sheriff would use the \$11,397 to help pay for the Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment Program through the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. This appropriation reflected reimbursement for the period from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. No local match was required for this appropriation. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the grant was only for those undocumented, or for all inmates. City Manager Hildebrandt responded the money was reimbursed for inmates being held in the jail. The money could be used to serve all of the inmates. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the inmates were undocumented. City Manager Hildebrandt replied the inmates were handled through the normal process, but because they were in this status, the federal government reimbursed the City for the cost of holding the inmates. Mayor Frank indicated the inmates were federal prisoners, not State prisoners.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (e) Community Services Board (CSB) – Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$99,894.00) TO DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES GRANT (\$99,894.00). This resolution appropriated \$99,894 OF FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR THE CITY'S DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. This federal grant program was administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. The program was a collaborative effort among the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The local Drug Free Communities Program was operated by the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (CSB). The CSB and participating coalitions would be providing \$150,093 of in-kind support for the program. There was no local match required for this federal grant.

(No registered speakers)

6. Appropriations Continued
- (e) Community Services Board (CSB) – Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (f) Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) – New Horizons Regional School Capital Project

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FY 2009 BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED – SCHOOLS (\$454,793.00) TO NEW HORIZONS (\$454,793.00). This resolution appropriated \$454,793 from Fiscal Year 2009 Bonds Authorized and Unissued within the School Division Capital Projects for New Horizons Regional School. New Horizons was a regional school providing career, technical, and special education services to the region's schools. Each of the region's schools was a proportional owner of the New Horizons facility assets based on a formula devised at the time the facility was built. New Horizons was undertaking a total capital project renovation of \$4,989,700. The NNPS total commitment was \$1,819,171 payable in the amount of \$454,793 over the next four years starting in FY 2009. This appropriation would be used to fund renovations at the Butler Farm campus, and for architectural and engineering services for roof and HVAC replacement at the Woodside Campus. Funding for this project was programmed in the City's FY 2009 Capital Improvements Plan. The City's FY 2009 Bond Authorization that allowed appropriations from the approved CIP was \$30,000,000, of which \$4,340,000 was designated for the School Division. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman inquired whether the appropriation was for the Woodside Lane campus only. City Manager Hildebrandt replied the appropriation was also for the Butler Farm campus.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (g) Self Insurance – Reserve Funds

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE (\$2,615,000.00) TO OTHER CLAIMS (\$2,615,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$2,615,000 from the Self-Insurance Reserves for Case Settlements. Recent claims experience indicated a need to transfer funds for claims payments. Appropriation was from the Debt Service Reserve Fund, which would be the temporary source until monies could be withdrawn from the Self-Insurance Reserve without affecting the CAFR General Fund Balance Statement. No future financial or operational responsibilities were required for these settlements. The City Manager recommended approval.

6. Appropriations Continued
- (g) Self Insurance – Reserve Funds Continued

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Ms. Pricillia Burnett, retired Newport News Police Officer, 106 Tillerson Drive, Newport News, addressed Council regarding the promotion of officers within the Newport News Police Department, in the wake of the economic plight. Having heard the Police Department was mandated to cut millions of dollars from their budget, Ms. Burnett questioned the promotion of seven officers that received a 5-10% salary increase. She posed the question to Chief Fox, in a March 3, 2009 interview, who responded he felt the positions were there, and they should be filled. Ms. Burnett advised there were 412 sworn police officers as of November 1, 2008, 84 holding a position in management, comprised of 55 sergeants, 17 lieutenants, 8 captains, 3 assistant chiefs, and one chief. Ms. Burnett further questioned why Chief Fox would take officers off the streets to promote officers already in an over-managed police department. She felt that Newport News citizens would have been better served had the Police Department absorbed the positions, rather than providing promotions. Ms. Burnett indicated the promotions mirrored the mismanagement of big business in corporate America and the community was adversely impacted. Ms. Burnett further indicated that the financial crisis was the primary issue in the Newport News Police Department, but a secondary issue was the need for minorities within the Department. There were no minority officers among those promoted. She indicated, with such a diverse City that encompassed people of all nationalities, Newport News should have a Police Department that reflected that diversity. (A copy of Ms. Burnett's remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. James Diego, Newport News Professional Firefighter, 130 Racefield Drive, Toano, addressed City Council about the proposed changes to post-employment benefits for retirees. He shared recent emergency responses handled by members of the Newport News Fire and Police Departments, as well as other employees that ensured streets were passable and safe, living up to their commitment, despite inclement weather. Mr. Diego reminded that these officers chose their profession out of a duty and commitment to serve the citizens and to make the City a safe place to live and work. Referencing good news shared at the March 9, 2009 Economic Summit, Mr. Diego questioned the need to change the City's retirement system. He asked City Council to show the same commitment and consideration to the employees and retirees that was shown to private partnerships.

Ms. Carol Hogge, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, stated, in Deep Creek, there was a public access for the watermen to dock their boats and another access for the public. She indicated the Deep Creek Pier should not have been demolished, and requested that it be replaced.

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

Ms. Maryann Trono, owner of 7 Barbour Drive, Newport News, addressed City Council in response to the citizen who spoke at the February 23, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting with regard to a situation at the aforementioned property, and the subsequent action taken by the City as a result of the citizen's concern. Ms. Trono indicated a series of events occurred after the February 23, 2009 meeting that impacted her life. She became personally submerged in an ongoing issue between the residents and the Christopher Newport University (CNU) students/tenants near CNU. Ms. Trono stated that many hours and several dollars had been spent to resolve an issue that could have easily been addressed by a phone call. She advised that she owned another property in the East End in an undesirable area and had never been written up in the newspaper, nor received a call by the Police. Ms. Trono shared that her tenants at 7 Barbour Drive had a party in August 2008. A neighbor contacted the police because the music was too loud, and there were too many cars parked on the street. Ms. Trono indicated she was proud of how everyone in the City reacted to the situation, but was disappointed in the response of the neighbors who lived adjacent to the property. She advised there was a consistent and professional effort being made by the City Manager's Office to integrate the University and the long-time residents in the area. She hoped to promote that effort. Ms. Trono met with her tenants and reprimanded them for unneighborly behavior and trash in the yard. She encouraged them to provide a cell phone number to the neighbors to avoid unnecessary calls to the police. Ms. Trono stated tax dollars should not be wasted on such nonsense as there were worse, illegal, and life-threatening situations in Newport News that would warrant calls to 9-1-1 than the Police having to attend calls about loud music. She included the local residents to reach out to the students near them, be a good neighbor, and be a good example in educating the children as threats of jail time would only foster negativity.

City Manager Hildebrandt expressed appreciation to Ms. Trono for her attention to this matter. He would continue to work toward harmonious relationships with students in the neighborhood. Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether there had been a meeting of the CNU Neighborhood Relations Advisory Committee. City Manager Hildebrandt advised that a meeting had not been set, but committee members had been assigned and advised. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009.

8. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Hildebrandt commended and expressed appreciation to the Newport News Fire Department for an excellent job in extinguishing the recent fires and protecting the adjacent properties. He further commended and expressed appreciation to the Public Works crews for the good job in cleaning the streets and keeping traffic moving during the recent snow storm.

Mayor Frank thanked the City staff for the outstanding job at the March 9, 2009 Economic Summit, as well as the citizens that attended. He stated there were approximately 1,100 in attendance. Feedback received had been very positive and supportive.

Councilwoman McMillan thanked Mayor Frank for initiating the Economic Summit.

8. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman McMillan expressed sadness on hearing about the departure of long-time Denbigh resident Command Sergeant Major Rex Young, to return to his home state of New Hampshire. She commended him for his civic involvement and wished him Godspeed.

Councilwoman Scott reminded citizens about the March 23, 2009 North District Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Michael Poplawski, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, agreed to be the guest speaker to discuss plans for the North District Community Center. The meeting would be held at the American Legion Post 368 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Scott offered condolences to the family of Mr. David Williams, a Newport News resident and former musician who toured with Michael Jackson for several years. Mr. Williams had been active in the community and participated in a number of charitable City events.

Vice Mayor Whitaker commented on the excellent work the Newport News and Hampton Fire Departments demonstrated by extinguishing a fire on Wickham Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Apostle Joseph Snead, Pastor of Triumph Pentecostal Church of Deliverance, asked that appreciation be extended for the hard work by both Fire Departments and their efforts to save the church.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation at the Town Hall Meeting she co-hosted with Ms. Betty Dixon, member of the Newport News School Board, on Monday, March 9, 2009, at Warwick High School. She shared the good news and discussion surrounding the Economic Summit, including questions about a tax break.

Councilwoman Woodbury commended Lottie Vincent and City staff for their efforts for the paperless Work Session. She reminded there would be a large cost savings to the City once City Council went totally paperless with the board meetings.

Councilwoman Woodbury extended best wishes to Mr. Rex Young, who had been very involved in the City.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished everyone Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Bateman thanked Mr. Diego for his thoughtful comments regarding the proposed changes to the pension plan and other retirement benefits. He indicated he was mindful of the services provided by the firefighters each day. He advised that City Council was deliberating, discussing, and pondering proposed changes to the pension plan and other retirement benefits. He indicated there had been additional commentary related to changing the preliminary recommendations. City Council instructed the City Manager to study different equations related to some benefit calculations based on e-mail messages, town meetings, and discussions with City employees. Councilman Bateman advised that City Council was engaged at looking at all recommendations, and the City Manager had been working with the Pension and Retirement Board.

8. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Bateman encouraged citizens to fly in or out of the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

Councilman Bateman reminded that budget time was approaching and that assessments would be sent out soon. He encouraged citizens to learn more about the assessment process and solicited their inquiries in the process.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC  
City Clerk

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer