

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 Washington Avenue
May 12, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: None ----- 0

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy W. Hildebrandt; Stuart E. Katz; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Allen Jackson; Lottie Vincent; and Jennifer Walker

After ascertaining that proper meeting notice had been provided to each member of City Council, Mayor Frank called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held for the following purposes:

(1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsection (1) a discussion or consideration of appointments to boards and commissions; and

(2) To make appointments to fill vacancies on the City's various boards, commissions and committees.

Councilwoman Vick moved for a closed meeting under section and reasons cited above; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 5:30 p.m. – 6:02 p.m.)

Council engaged in discussion to make appointments to fill vacancies on the following boards:

1. Board of Appeals – Mr. Tommy Garner (Mechanical Contractor) reappointed to serve a five-year term of office.

2. Commission on Youth – Ms. Marcia Price (Adult) and Ms. Karen Washington (Agency/Organization-designee for Mr. Poplawski) each appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Jacob Wilson (Agency/Organization-designee, NNPS Superintendent NNPS) and Ms. Linda

Brooks (Adult) each reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Eight vacancies (Youth) were deferred.

3. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Board – Ms. Queen Esther Marrow (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

4. Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors – One appointment deferred until further notice due to proposed legislative changes.

5. Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board – Mr. Alan Archer (General Public Representative) and Mr. John B. Comer (General Public Representative) were reappointed to serve a three-year term of office.

6. Hampton Road Regional Jail Authority – The Honorable Joseph Whitaker (Council Representative) reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. The Honorable Sharon Scott (Alternate) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

7. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – One vacancy (Landscape Architect) deferred until a suitable candidate was identified.

8. Insight Enterprises, Inc., Peninsula Center for Independent Living – Mrs. Debra Lyons Wilkes reappointed to serve a one-year term of office.

9. Newport News Human Right Commission – Mr. Rasheed N. Wyatt (General Public Representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Patrice Matthews (term expires September 1, 2010), and Mr. Edwin T. Slater (General Public Representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James O'Donnell (Term will expire September 1, 2010).

10. Newport News Wetland Board – Mr. Winston G. Collins, Sr. (General Public Representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Winfield (Term will expire July 31, 2013).

11. Thomas Nelson Community College – Mr. Alonzo R. Bell, Jr. (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Ms. Christine J. Gergely (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four year-term of office.

12. Towing Advisory Board – Lieutenant Barry Scott Fleming (Fire Chief Designee) appointed to serve an indefinite term of office, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Battalion Chief Vernon Porter.

13. Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program – Mr. Alan Archer reappointed to serve a three-year term of office.

Mayor Frank advised that potential candidates were subject to a background check conducted by the Newport News Police Department. Following a favorable check, Council would finalize and ratify the appointments.

Councilwoman Scott moved that appointments discussed in closed meeting be ratified pursuant to receipt of notification that a favorable background was conducted; seconded by Councilwoman McMillan.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None


After reconvening in open session, Councilwoman McMillan moved to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting by the Council. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

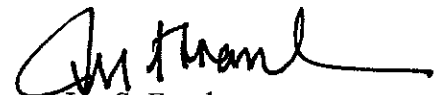
Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:02 P.M.


Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk


Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk