

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
June 9, 2009
4:32 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy W. Hildebrandt; Stuart E. Katz; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Allen L. Jackson; Neil Morgan; Alan Archer; Cynthia Rohlf; Brian L. Ramaley; Eileen M. Leininger; David L. Morris, II; Lottie Vincent; and Jennifer Walker

Councilwoman Scott moved to waive the start time of the closed meeting, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, under sections and reasons cited on the June 4, 2009 Notice of Special Meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker. A copy of the meeting notice is attached and made a part of these minutes. The meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 4:45 p.m.; however, the City Council Work Session ended earlier than anticipated. This motion allowed City Council to begin the closed meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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, subsections (1) a discussion or consideration of appointments to boards and commissions; (7) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and

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

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury
Nays: None

(Closed Session 4:33 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.)

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

1. Cable Television Advisory Commission – Ms. Judith Amdal (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. One appointment (General Public Representative) deferred.

2. Commission on Youth – Ms. Beverly Auman (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) and Mr. Antuan Byalik (Youth Representative – Menchville High School) each reappointed to serve a one-year term of office. Ms. Brooke Emerick (Youth Representative - Denbigh High School), Mr. Robert Mosley (Youth Representative – Heritage High School), Ms. Theresa McCario (Youth Representative – Warwick High School), Ms. Emalee Sarrett (Youth Representative – Hampton Roads Academy) and Mr. Connor Collins (Youth Representative – Peninsula Catholic High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office. One appointment (Mayor’s Youth Commission Representative) deferred.

3. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Board – Ms. Kay Sumner, Director, Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, appointed to serve an indefinite term of office. Ms. Sheryl Holmes Abbott (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

4. Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors – The Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors was reorganized. HB 2433 allowed that one person be eligible to serve for no more than two successive full three-year terms. In 2011, the City Councils of Chesapeake, Hampton, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Newport News, in a rotation, would be able to appoint one member to serve. No action was required at this time.

5. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – Mr. David Chappell (Landscape Architect) appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

6. Human Services Advisory Board – Mr. Robert Brest (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

7. Newport News Arts Commission – Mr. Samuel McClain (Youth Representative – Denbigh High School) and Ms. Micah Villarreal (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

8. Newport News Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission – Mr. John Quarstein (Ex-Officio Member, Virginia War Foundation), Ms. Amy Ritchie (Ex-Officio Member, Mariners' Museum), Ms. Maureen Coon (Ex-Officio Member, Newport News Hospitality Association), Mr. Michael Poplawski (Ex-Officio Member, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism), Mr. Al Riutort (Ex-Officio Member, Department of Planning), Ms. Izabela Cieszynski (Ex-Officio Member, Department of Libraries and Information Services), Dr. Sandra Nelson Cherry (Ex-Officio Member, James A. Fields House), Ms. Christine Gergely (Ex-Officio Member, Daughters of the Confederacy-Bethel Chapter), Mr. Darcy Terry (Ex-Officio Member, Warwick/Newport News/Fort Eustis Historical Society) each appointed to serve. Mr. William J. Goodman (General Public Representative) and Ms. Lydia McKeithan (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve. Five appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

9. Newport News Human Rights Commission – Ms. Nichelle Thompson (Youth Representative (Heritage High School) and Ms. T'Air Carroll (Youth Representative – Heritage High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

10. Newport News Mayor's Committee on Disabilities – Ms. Judith Head (Consumer), Ms. Darley Storey (Consumer), Ms. Dorothy Murray (Provider) and Mr. Harold Harris (Consumer) each reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. Ms. Chanel Young (Consumer) appointed to serve a three-year term of office; and Mr. R. B. Burroughs (Provider) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William B. Gilliam, term expires September 30, 2010.

11. Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees – Ms. Delaney Brightman (Youth Representative – Menchville High School) and Ms. Leigh Casey (Youth Representative – Hampton Roads Academy) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

12. Newport News School Board Retirees Local Finance Board – No action taken.

13. Newport News Wetlands Board – Ms. Judith Riutort (General Public Representative) and Ms. Vera H. Silver (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a five-year term of office.

14. North End/Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board – Mr. Daniel Ruble (Resident owner of real estate in NE/HH Historical District) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Tracy Touchberry, term expires November 2012.

15. Peninsula Agency on Aging – Ms. Mary Stewart (General Public Representative), appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

16. Taxi Advisory Board – Mr. Robert Williams (Taxi Industry Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Michael S. Bailey, Jr., term expires December 31, 2010. Mr. Joe Crippen (Taxi Industry Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Reverend James Parker, term expires December 31, 2010.

17. Transportation Safety Commission – Mr. E'mon White (Youth Representative – Warwick High School) appointed to serve a one-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: Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury

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

Nays: None

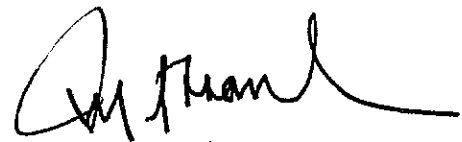
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:05 P.M.



Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk



Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer