

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
September 8, 2009
5:15 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Neil A. Morgan; Stuart E. Katz; Mabel Washington Jenkins; Allen L. Jackson; Alan Archer; Cynthia Rohlf; Robert Pealo; John Kaoudis; Assistant Police Chief Joseph A. Moore; 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, subsections (1) a discussion or consideration of appointments to boards and commissions; (7) 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 Woodbury moved for a closed meeting under sections and reasons cited above; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 5:20 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.)

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

1. Board of Trustees – Pensions and Retirement – Mr. Philip Hatchett (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a two-year term of office. One appointment (Advisor) deferred.

2. Cable Television Advisory Commission – Mr. Charles Harper (General Public Representative) and Reverend Lawrence L. Willis (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

3. Commission on Youth – Mr. Joshua M. Warren (Youth Representative – Peninsula Catholic High School) appointed to serve a one-year term of office. One appointment (Mayor’s Youth Commission Representative) deferred.

4. Committee on Investments – Employees Retirement Fund – Ms. Brooke G. Tiller (General Public Representative), Mr. Thomas R. Brooks (General Public Representative), Mr. Philip Hatchett (General Public Representative) and Mr. Charles R. Spencer, Jr. (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a one-year term of office.

5. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Board – Ms. Teyshana Lowery (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. Mr. Imam Muhammad Asadi (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

6. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – Mr. Roger Hamilton, III (Resident/Owner) and Mr. Douglas K. Nunnally (Owner/Operator of Business) each reappointed to serve a four-year term of office.

7. Industrial Development Authority - Mr. Cary B. Epes (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. C. Gary Minter (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James B. (Jake) Thomas, term will expire December 31, 2011.

8. Law Library Advisory Committee - Ms. Polly Chong (Attorney-At-Law) and Ms. Lynn Sugg (Attorney-At-Law) each reappointed to serve a two-year term of office. Mr. Billie M. Millner (Attorney-At-Law) appointed to serve a two-year term of office.

9. Newport News Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission – Ms. Joy P. Jackson (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Four appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

10. Newport News Mayor’s Committee on Disabilities – Ms. K. L. Tallfeather-Wilson (Consumer) appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Ronnie B. Burroughs, who was originally appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mr. William Gilliam (Provider), term will expire September 30, 2010.

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

12. North End/Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board – Mr. Frederick G. Whittaker (Resident owner of real estate in NE/HH Historical District) reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Dr. Andrew J. Velkey, II (Resident owner of real estate in NE/HH Historical District) appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

13. Peninsula Disability Services Board – Ms. TiJuana A. Gholson (Business Representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Clifford R. Hall, term will expires November 7, 2011. Mr. James W. Rickard (Consumer Representative) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

14. Taxi Advisory Board – Mr. William C. McGlone, Sr. (Taxi Industry Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Reverend James Parker, term will expire December 31, 2010.

15. Transportation Safety Commission – Mr. Milton Hilliard (Army Command at Ft. Eustis) and Mr. Jean Montane (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a four-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.

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 Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.

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Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk