

# AGENDA

## NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JANUARY 12, 2010

*10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
City Hall*

- 4:30 p.m. I. Task Force on Aging - Progress Report
- 5:00 p.m. II. Community Maintenance Initiative
- 5:30 p.m. III. Comments/Ideas/Suggestions
- 6:00 p.m. IV. Dinner

## ITEM I

- Task Force on Aging - Progress Report

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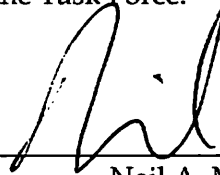
January 6, 2010

**TO:** The Honorable City Council  
**FROM:** Acting City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Task Force on Aging - Progress Report

Some of you may recall that the Task Force on Aging, which was established to assist in planning for the increase in our city's aging population, presented an Action Plan to City Council in October 23, 2007. The Action Plan was based upon the original report of the Task Force presented to City Council in May 2005.

Since that time, the Department of Human Services hired Sharon M. Ayers in the capacity of Senior Citizen Advocate to implement the Action Plan. Sharon began her employment with the City in March 2008 and collaborates with the Task Force to implement the strategies outlined in the Action Plan. The Task Force has focused its work on three priority areas: (1) increasing linkages to supportive services in the community; (2) safe and affordable housing; (3) and, increasing transportation services. Subcommittees and community partnerships have been established to accomplish the objectives of the Action Plan.

On January 12, the City Council Work Session Agenda includes a presentation on the work of the Task Force on Aging over the past 18 months. At that time, you will learn more about their accomplishments in each of these priority areas, as well as a number of other initiatives of the Task Force.



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cc: Alan K. Archer, Assistant City Manager  
Glenn Butler, Director, Director, Department of Human Services  
Sharon Ayers, Senior Advocate, Department of Human Services

## ITEM II

- Community Maintenance Initiative

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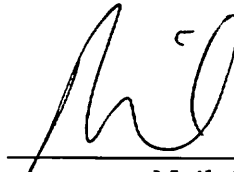
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**FROM:** Acting City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Community Maintenance

As I have previously indicated to City Council, one of the areas that I think we need to have added focus is on Community Maintenance. While we have made some progress over the years, there is still much to be accomplished in our neighborhoods and the City as a whole. I have asked Assistant City Manager, Cindy Rohlf to coordinate this effort. Over the last few months, she has met with a core group of staff representatives from various Departments including Codes Compliance, Public Works, City Farm, Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources and the City Attorney's Office. My direction to staff was that our approach should be collaborative, action-oriented and City-wide. The goal is to develop and implement initiatives over the short, intermediate and longer-term to work toward improving the overall appearance of our City, whether it is our gateways to the City, within the neighborhoods or our business community. Even with our current budgetary constraints, I think there are some initiatives that we can begin to plan for and carry out within our existing resources.

At your January 12, 2010, Work Session, Cindy will provide Council with a progress report including a brief overview of some of the initiatives that are currently under consideration, as well as a timeline for bringing these items back to Council for your information and further consideration.



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## ITEM III

- Comments/Ideas/Suggestions