

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
April 27, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

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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

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Jim Williams, Real World Worship Center.

C. 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 Tina L. Vick.

Mayor Frank reminded that comments on matters germane to the business of City Council should deal with issues or topics that the City Council was empowered to address.

D. Presentations

(1) Business Appreciation Month – May 2010

Mr. George Knight, owner, Commonwealth Environmental Services, Inc.; Ms. Shelly Fitzgerald, Executive Vice President, BOSH Global Services; and Mr. Leroy Newman, President & CEO, PenSoft Payroll Solutions accepted this Proclamation.

Mayor Frank proclaimed the month of May 2010, as Business Appreciation Month in the City of Newport News. He stated that Business Appreciation Month provided an opportunity for the City of Newport News and its citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions local businesses made. He asked the citizens of this community to join in celebrating the richness, diversity, and success of the business community.

Mayor Frank recognized and thanked staff from the Department of Development for the work they do to support, attract, and retain businesses in the City of Newport News. Staff members present were Mr. Matt Johnson, Business Retention Specialist; Ms. Tricia Wilson, Business Development Specialist; and Mr. Sam Workman, Assistant Director.

(2) Proclamation: National Drug Court Month – May 2010

Mr. John Haywood, Administrator, Newport News Drug Court, Mr. Charlie Cherry, 1998 Drug Court graduate, and Ms. Yolanda Clark, 2009 Drug Court graduate, accepted this Proclamation.

D. Presentations Continued

(2) Proclamation: National Drug Court Month – May 2010 Continued

Mayor Frank indicated the Drug Courts provide focus and leadership for community wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality.

Mayor Frank proclaimed the month of May 2010 as Drug Court Month, and the day of May 20, 2010 as Drug Court Commencement Day, recognizing the practitioners and participants who make Drug Courts work, and the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

(3) Proclamation: Older Americans Month – May 2010

Ms. Mary Stewart, Chairperson, Peninsula Agency on Aging, and Mr. William Massey, Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula Agency on Aging accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Frank proclaimed the month of May 2010 as Older Americans Month in tribute to mature adults, professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults. He urged all citizens to work collaboratively to strengthen the services provided to older adults, and encouraged participation in special activities provided by the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism's Active Lifestyles Program, and other service agencies in the community.

(4) Proclamation: Drinking Water Week – May 2-8, 2010

Mr. Brian Ramaley, Director, Department of Public Utilities, and Ms. Lee Ann Hartmann, Public Information Specialist, Department of Public Utilities, accepted this proclamation.

Mayor Frank hereby proclaimed the week of May 2-8, 2010 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Newport News, called upon each citizen to help protect source waters from pollution, to practice wise water use, to stay informed about local water issues, and learn the true value of safe water and reliable water service.

(5) Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week – May 2-8, 2010

Mayor Frank announced that Mabel Washington Jenkins had recently earned her Master Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This designation included an advanced education program with an extensive and rigorous education component, professional and social contribution component, and commitment to lifelong learning to remain informed on current socio, political, cultural and economic issues that affect local governments and municipalities. He commended the members of the Newport News City Clerk's Office, that included Ms. Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC, City Clerk; Ms. Jennifer D. Walker, CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk; Ms. Pamela Foshee, Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. Jennifer A. Patterson, Deputy City Clerk.

D. Presentations Continued

(5) Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week – May 2-8, 2010 Continued

Mayor Frank further announced that Ms. Jenkins had been honored by the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association, and awarded the 2009-2010 Clerk of the Year Award on April 22, 2010.

Mayor Frank recognized the week of May 2-8, 2010 as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extended appreciation to Newport News Municipal Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, and staff, and all Municipal Clerks for the vital services performed, and their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve. Ms. Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC, City Clerk; Ms. Jennifer D. Walker, CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk; Ms. Pamela Foshee, Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. Jennifer A. Patterson, Deputy City Clerk accepted this proclamation.

(6) Proclamation: National Police Week – May 9-15, 2010

Mayor Frank proclaimed May 9-15, 2010 as National Police Week and urged all citizens to honor police officers for their outstanding service to the City of Newport News, and to honor the memory of all police officers who had given their lives in the performance of their official duties. Chief James Fox accepted this proclamation. Chief Fox invited everyone to the Newport News Police Department's Annual Ceremony honoring those who had given their life in the line of duty. The ceremony was scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010, 12 noon, in the front of Newport News City Hall, 2400 Washington Avenue.

E. Public Hearings

(1) Conditional Use Permit: CU-10-268, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, 12749 Nettles Drive

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CU-10-268 FOR THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER ON A SITE ZONED R3 SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT. This ordinance allowed for the operation of a Community Recreation Center for the Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula, located at 12749 Nettles Drive on a 2.85-acre parcel zoned R3 Single Family Dwelling District. The Boys and Girls Club would serve approximately 150 children ages six to eighteen years of age each day. This club would house a Life Skills and Education Center to prepare older teenagers to become productive citizens. On April 7, 2010, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to recommend approval of the request, with conditions. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Steve Kast, 11825 Rock Landing Drive, Newport News, was available for question only.

(No registered speakers)

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

E. Public Hearings Continued

- (1) Conditional Use Permit: CU-10-268, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, 12749 Nettles Drive Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Councilman Bateman, in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code, declared pursuant to subdivision A3 of §2.2-3112 of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that for the City Council Agenda of April 27, 2010, that (i) the City Manager recommended to the Newport News City Council that a Conditional Use Permit, by ordinance (CU-10-268), to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula for their use of property located at 12749 Nettles Drive, Newport News, Virginia (the "transaction"), (ii) that he was an employee of TowneBank and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula was a client of the bank; however, he did not personally represent or provide services to the Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula, (iii) that he had no personal interest affected by the transaction; and (iv) that he was able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. Councilman Bateman filed this written declaration with the City Clerk prior to the April 27, 2010 Regular Meeting of City Council where this transaction was considered. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (2) Conditional Use Permit: CU-10-269, Lee's Landing LLC, 340 Ed Wright Lane

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CU-10-269 FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING HEAVY EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND LEASING ON PROPERTY IN AN M1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. This ordinance allowed for the operation of Lee's Landing LLC, a Heavy Equipment Storage and Rental Facility, located at 340 Ed Wright Lane, zoned M1 Light Industrial. The heavy equipment storage and rental facility occupied a vacant building that received a conditional use permit from the City Council for the same type of use on September 12, 2006. The building was never occupied, and the former conditional use permit became null and void. On April 7, 2010, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to recommend approval of the request, with conditions. The City Manager recommended approval.

Senator Tommy K. Norment, 4801 Courthouse Street, Williamsburg, on behalf of his colleague, Mr. Tim Trant, Kaufman and Canoles, was available for questions with regard to the conditional use permit application. Senator Norment extended his appreciation and gratitude to Mayor Frank for his leadership of the City of Newport News.

E. Public Hearings Continued

- (2) Conditional Use Permit: CU-10-269, Lee's Landing LLC, 340 Ed Wright Lane Continued

Councilwoman Vick moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (3) Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development – Five-Year Plan: FY 2011-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN (2011-2015) FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME FUNDS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THIS PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. This resolution approved the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development's Five-Year Plan for FY 2011-2015, including the proposed use of funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) for FY 2010-2011. The Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development's Five-Year Plan for FY 2011-2015 required the approval of City Council. The City's last Five-Year Plan was approved in April 2005. The Five-Year Plan was a document that identified the City's needs for housing and community development, the resources available to meet the needs and the priorities for directing those resources. This document was required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and had to be approved by that agency for the City to receive CDBG and HOME funds each year. The Five-Year Plan included the proposed use of funds for the upcoming FY 2010-2011 and included HUD entitlement funding and program income for both CDBG and HOME in the aggregate amount of \$3,704,449. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

E. Public Hearings Continued

- (3) Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development – Five-Year Plan: FY 2011-2015 Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 and 2, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman McMillan.

- (1) Minutes of the Work Session of April 13, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Frank (Was not present at the April 13, 2010 Work Session of City Council)

- (2) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Frank (Was not present at the April 13, 2010 Regular Meeting of City Council)

G. Other City Council Actions

- (1) Resolution in Support of the Major Design Features for the Middle Ground Boulevard Project

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN FOR THE MIDDLE GROUND BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT. This resolution supported the major design features for the Middle Ground Boulevard Extension Project from Jefferson Avenue to Warwick Boulevard, as presented by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at the Public Hearing conducted on March 17, 2010. The Middle Ground Boulevard Extension Project was a new four-lane divided roadway with a sidewalk on the south side of the project and a shared use

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

(1) Resolution in Support of the Major Design Features for the Middle Ground Boulevard Project Continued

(bicycle/pedestrian) path on the north side. There would be landscaping and streetlights along the project. The intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Middle Ground Boulevard would be upgraded to add more approach lanes. The intersection of Warwick Boulevard and Maxwell Lane would be relocated southward and would be intersected by Middle Ground Boulevard from the east. New traffic signals were planned at the new intersections of Middle Ground Boulevard with Nat Turner Boulevard and with Nettles Drive. A noise wall was under consideration along the south side of the project to protect the residential neighborhood along Bryan Court. There would be a bridge over the CSX Railroad. The planned operating speed was 35 mph. There were four stormwater management basins on the project to handle stormwater quantity and quality. The estimated cost of the project was \$60.9 million, with engineering at \$4.4 million, right-of-way at \$25.8 million, and construction at \$30.7 million. The project was fully-funded in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program. The project, when complete, would provide traffic congestion relief to the parallel facilities of Oyster Point Road and J. Clyde Morris Boulevard. Motorists traveling along Jefferson Avenue and Warwick Boulevard would see relief as fewer motorists would not have to travel as far north and south in order to go east and west. Motorists using the four following intersections would experience improved levels of service: Jefferson Avenue and Oyster Point Road, Jefferson Avenue at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Warwick Boulevard at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, and Warwick Boulevard at Oyster Point Road. The 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan for Hampton Roads projected 38,000 vehicles per day using the roadway in 2030.

City Manager, Neil Morgan, commented on the significance of this project and its status. He stated, since the 1950s, the City had worked to improve the east-west connectivity across the railroad tracks from one end of the City to another, ranging from Center Avenue and Main Street underpasses to J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Denbigh Boulevard, Oyster Point Road, and Bland Boulevard. This Middle Ground Boulevard project continued that long effort. It had been in the planning stages for 30 years, and had been divorced in various forms by previous Councils dating back to 1991. The project would improve the connectivity between the neighborhoods and the western portion of the City, and the business and retail areas in the eastern part of the City; and would give additional east-west movement options, providing some relief on Oyster Point Road, J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, and portions of Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, between Oyster Point Road and Jefferson Avenue. City Manager Morgan pointed out, quite significant, the project was fully funded by State and Federal funds, exceeding \$60 million. Enacting this resolution, would request the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to proceed to take the design forward to solicit design-build proposals. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Middle Ground Boulevard would be under construction by the summer of 2011, with an anticipated completion date of 2015. City Manager Morgan announced that a vast amount of this construction would occur without disrupting the travel on existing roadways.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, indicated, the City would destroy the neighborhood by building the Middle Ground Extension. He stated the noise level, by VDOT's estimates, would double. He further stated if the project was important

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

(1) Resolution in Support of the Major Design Features for the Middle Ground Boulevard Project Continued

30 years ago, the City could have gone through Mueller Lane with a minimum of effort. He felt the purpose of the extension was to make people rich.

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Councilwoman Scott inquired about the adverse impact to Nettles Drive. She did not realize it would go so far. City Manager Morgan advised the extension would cross Nettles Drive on the way to Warwick Boulevard. The previous direction of Council and one of the earlier design decisions, was to build it such to keep Nettles Drive open and allowing a full intersection.

Councilwoman McMillan inquired about the noise wall being considered on the south side. She questioned when the consideration became a definitive decision. City Manager Morgan responded, the majority of the public comment that related to the issue, was in favor of the noise wall. The City staff was also in favor of the noise wall. The only reason the sound wall was not definitive in the design description was because the design was only at the 30% level. Unless something changed in the designed, the City would request that VDOT construct the extension with a sound wall. Councilwoman McMillan inquired whether this would include landscaping, and perhaps a berm. She indicated the neighborhood had been impacted by the train. She reminded about the discussion about the sound wall at Port Warwick negatively impacting the neighborhood with the noise level from the train. She felt, since the project would proceed, everything should be done to give a level of comfort to the homeowners that live in that area.

City Manager Morgan concurred. He added that a great deal had been learned about the design of sound walls. He was confident this sound wall would be attractive and appropriately buffered.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Frank (He represented a number of the property owners along the route).

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of Appropriation Item 1, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

(1) Commonwealth's Attorney – Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims Fund Grant

H. Appropriations Continued

- (1) Commonwealth's Attorney – Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims Fund Grant Continued

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM S-VA DOM VIOL VIC FND-10 (\$40,000.00) TO PART TIME (\$40,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$40,000.00 from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims Fund (VSDVVF) Grant to be used by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. The VSDVVF grant was renewed for FY 2010 in the amount of \$40,000. This grant provided funds for a part-time attorney position, seeking prosecution of cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and family abuse. No City benefits were provided with this position. Approval of this resolution allowed for use of grant funds received from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. No local funds were required. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. John Procyson, 305 Normandy Lane, Newport News, thanked Mayor Frank for his service and hard work, and for showing courtesy when listening to the citizens. He requested that City Council consider the following FY2011 budget items: (1) The Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance requested \$170,000, and provided nothing that the City's Economic Development Department had not done better. The HREDA President paid himself \$215,000 annually, with a total budget over \$3 million. This "give-away" should be eliminated; (2) Urged City Council not to close out discussion of the items in the non-departmental community support areas; and to take time to consider the items to determine which could be cut; particularly the Alliance and the regional organization; (3) Stop making budget cuts in areas that generated the most anger in the citizens, i.e. leaf collection, library operating hours, and the State Income Tax Division in the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office; (4) Make the Budget more transparent, showing what money was spent for what, i.e. the EDA/IDA Development fund, which had a total of \$18 million in materials and supplies. Mr. Procyson pointed out that two items in this category were a bond interest payment for \$8 million and a bond principal payment for \$8 million. He questioned this being considered materials and supplies; and (5) The \$300,000 payment to the Marriott for marketing the Conference Center, which most described as a moral obligation. The contract clearly stated that this payment was subject to annual approval by the City Council. He inquired about the moral obligation owed to the Deep Creed Pier and the Meltzer family. A copy of Mr. Procyson's remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Paul Link, 209 Florence Drive, Hampton, advocated for the protection of employee and retiree benefits, as well as keeping the Pension Fund contributions updated. He expressed disagreement with the \$300,000 annual payment to market the Marriott Conference Center. He suggested that people that visit, work, attend conferences in the area, were the best

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council  
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marketing tool. He asked City Council to take a closer look at the City Manager's FY 2011 Recommended Operating Budget to find further places to cut so that employees did not have to bear the brunt of the cuts.

Mr. C. K. (Ken) Jordan, 10 Burns Drive, Newport News, commented on an issue at Riverside Hospital, which could impact the City. As the policy making authority in the City, he recommended that City Council get involved. His concerns were: (1) possible impact on public health, safety, and emergency preparedness; (2) by the management style that Riverside Hospital practiced, a style common to the 1980's known as the Toyota Production Model, it was impossible for large corporations and agencies to solve crisis management issues on their own. Efficiency and micro-management were the two main features of the Toyota Production Model. Those who practiced this management model, could not respond quickly enough, and were in the mode of attempting to respond through marketing or public relations. At Riverside, the two missing links to help solve the matter, would be support from physicians and nurses; and support from patients loyal to the hospital; and (3) Riverside Hospital, being a Level II Trauma Center, was the first point of contact in an emergency situation. The most costly, but most successful approach to the situation, would be a professional inquiry. Past issues of interests involved action by members of City Council, and changes occurred. He urged City Council to offer possible solutions to Riverside Hospital to help them through their crisis, which would impact the City of Newport News.

Ms. Pricillia E. Burnett, 106 Tillerson Drive, Newport News, advised that she had the opportunity to see the upcoming Stoney Run Community Center. She provided positive comments on the facility, and encouraged all citizens to take a look at the floor plan and to thank members of City Council, particularly Council members Scott and McMillan, that ensured the project through.

Ms. Burnett asked that more effort be put into the Grissom Library, as it was a well-used facility. She advised that more computers were needed; particularly with the economy so constrained, a large number of citizens visited the site to utilize the computers to seek employment.

Ms. Burnett appealed to the citizens of Newport News to exercise their right to vote on May 4, 2010. She advised this election was critical as there were four individuals running in each location, and would give City Council and the Newport News School Board a majority vote, and would determine what happens in the City.

Ms. Burnett thanked members of Council and requested that they continue to look at those matters that would improve the City of Newport News.

Ms. Burnett congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, and her staff; as well as Chief James Fox and his staff for fine work.

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

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, commented that the proposed sound wall for the Middle Ground Boulevard Extension Project would allow noise twice as loud.

Mr. Rudy Langford, President, State Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights, P. O. Box 282, Hampton, sought Council action on a matter which could have been addressed by the City Manager and the City Attorney. The matter dealt with a discrimination complaint to the Judiciary Committee of the State Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights. The alleged complaint was made by a licensed Psychologist to Mr. Chuck Hall, Director, Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board for continued denial of his services for contractible work. Mr. Langford had made numerous calls to Mr. Hall, without any response. Mr. Langford had requested a meeting between the Coalition for Justice, the City Managers and City Attorneys of Hampton and Newport News, regarding the matter. He received no response. He asked members of Council to direct the City Manager to contact Mr. Hall regarding the matter.

Mr. Kelly Place, 213 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, addressed Council regarding water. He indicated that Waterworks delivered a good product, and took a proactive position in coming into compliance with various water quality standards. He indicated that he would hate to see Waterworks so starved for funds that they became a target. When water was privatized, the quality of the water usually went down, and the cost rose. He felt the proposed 6.9% water increase was needed. He indicated the City Council served as a Board of Directors for Waterworks, and urged Council to maintain oversight as much as possible.

Mr. Place commended Mayor Frank for a speech delivered at Hampton University pertaining to climate change and sea-rise levels.

Mr. Place commended Newport News Council women for taking a stand and holding their ground, to bring increased transparency to the City on a number of issues. He felt the decision to dismiss former City Manager, Randy Hildebrandt was a step in the direction of transparency. Mr. Place suggested that Councilman Bateman "go with the flow."

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager, Neil Morgan, congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

City Attorney, Stuart Katz, congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, thanked everyone for their thoughtful expressions. She extended an invitation to citizens to visit the Clerk's Office during Municipal Clerks Week, May 2-8, 2010.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Vick congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Vice Mayor Whitaker congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Councilwoman Woodbury congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Councilwoman Woodbury announced that St. Andrew's Episcopal Church earned the first EPA Energy Star in Virginia for houses of worship on April 27, 2010. She announced that over 3,800 buildings in the nation had been awarded the prestigious Energy Star for superior energy efficiency, but only seven houses of worship had earned the award. She challenged other churches to take up the cause.

Councilwoman Woodbury encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote at the polls on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Mayor Frank congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Mayor Frank advised that he and the City Manager had met with a team from the American Public Works Association (APWA), who evaluated the Department of Public Works, and had awarded the Department accreditation. He recognized Mr. Reed Fowler, and the staff in the Department of Public works for their excellent work, which had a direct and immediate impact on the quality of life for the citizens.

Councilwoman McMillan congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Councilwoman McMillan announced the Newport News Children's Festival of Friends, scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Newport News Park.

Councilwoman McMillan announced a Native American Exhibit, scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010, at The Lee's Mill Club House.

Councilwoman McMillan encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote at the polls on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott congratulated City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, on her well-deserved honor, and thanked her and the members of the City Clerk's office for their continued support and assistance to City Council.

Councilwoman Scott announced the McIntosh Elementary Learning Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Scott encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote at the polls on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

K. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk