

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 Washington Avenue
July 13, 2010
10:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: None ----- 0

1. Mayor Price called the meeting to order. He welcomed and thanked all for their attendance.

2. The invocation was rendered by Father Ralph E. Haines, III, St. Augustine Episcopal Church.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilwoman Madeline McMillan.

4. Presentation of Certificates of Election by the Newport News Electoral Board

Mayor Price introduced members of the Newport News Electoral Board: Mrs. Selma Petock, Chair; and Ms. Eliza Melvin, Vice Chair.

Mrs. Petock and Mrs. Melvin presented Certificates of Election to the newly elected City Council members as follows: The Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS; The Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; The Honorable Sharon P. Scott; and The Honorable Joseph C. Whitaker (copies are attached and made a part of these minutes).

5. Oath of Office

Oaths of Office were administered individually to the newly elected members of City Council as follows:

(a) The Honorable Bryant A. Sugg, Judge, General District Court, Criminal Division, Newport News, Virginia, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS, elected as Mayor of the City of Newport News, for a four-year term of office, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

(b) The Honorable Thomas W. Carpenter, Judge, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Newport News, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, Jr., re-elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "B" Central District 2, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

5. Oath of Office Continued

(c) The Honorable Barry G. Logsdon, Judge, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, Newport News, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Sharon P. Scott, re-elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "B" North District 1, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

(d) The Honorable David F. Pugh, Judge, Circuit Court, Newport News, administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Joseph C. Whitaker, re-elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "B" South District 3, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

The written oaths were signed by all parties for filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News.

6. Mayor Price recognized elected officials and other dignitaries present.

Councilwoman Scott moved to depart from the order of business as presented in the program (attached to these minutes); seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Vick moved to keep the Rules of Procedure in place with no changes (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes); seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

7. Remarks by Council Members

(a) Councilman Bateman congratulated Mayor Price on his election as Mayor and Council members Scott and Whitaker on their re-election to City Council. Councilman Bateman stated it was an honor to serve a fourth term-of-office on City Council, and was highly honored to serve the City of Newport News and its citizens. He looked forward to working with City Manager Neil Morgan, and staff members, to help move Newport News forward. He invited citizens to contact him as often as possible, and promised to listen, learn, act and vote accordingly. He thanked those who supported him in the May 2010 election, and stated he would continue to work hard for the citizens of Newport News.

7. Remarks by Council Members Continued

(b) Councilwoman McMillan congratulated Mayor Price on his election as Mayor and Council members Bateman, Scott and Whitaker on their re-election to City Council. She voiced excitement to begin a new adventure on City Council. She wished Mayor Price well.

(c) Mayor Price expressed great humility and honor to be a member of City Council. He promised to work tirelessly to represent the citizens of Newport News. A copy of his remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes.

(d) Councilwoman Scott expressed gratitude to God for giving her the strength and ability to serve on City Council and to be a part of His plan to give back to the community. She felt one was on earth to offer service to their community, which was the price one paid for living. Councilwoman Scott thanked Judge Logsdon for administering her Oath of Office, and stated she was humbled and honored. She thanked the citizens who supported her for her third term-of-office. She thanked her campaign manager, Mr. Marvin Harris, for his tireless efforts on her behalf, along with her campaign supporters. She looked forward to working with City Council over the next four years. Their vision was one City, and she would work to ensure that vision was kept as each member of City Council labored for their individual district. Councilwoman Scott again thanked all for their support, and indicated she looked forward to working with Mayor Price over the next four years.

(e) Councilwoman Vick congratulated Mayor Price on his election as Mayor and Council members Bateman, Scott and Whitaker on their re-election to City Council. She looked forward to working with all of the members of City Council as they forged together to move the City forward.

(f) Councilman Whitaker stated it was with great humility that he accepted the reign as a member of City Council. He thanked the citizens of Newport News for their vote of confidence in his ability to represent the South District and all of the districts in Newport News. He stated he would be remiss if he did not publicly thank his campaign managers, Mr. Bennie Steele and Mr. Andrew Shannon, for their tremendous support in managing his re-election campaign. Mr. Steele, Mr. Shannon and members of his team worked diligently to insure his success at the polls, and he sincerely appreciated their efforts. Last, but not least, he thanked his wife, children and family for their love, support and patience. He thanked the citizens for again restoring upon him the great honor to represent them as a member of City Council.

(g) Councilwoman Woodbury congratulated Dr. Price on being elected as Mayor of the City of Newport News, and Council members Bateman, Scott and Whitaker on their re-election to City Council. She looked forward to working with each member of City Council to do what was best for Newport News.

8. Election of Vice Mayor

Pursuant to Section 4.06 of the City Charter and Section 2-22 of the Newport News City Code, the notice of this meeting, which was timely provided to each member of the City Council, was required to contain the specific item or items of business to be transacted during this portion of the meeting. Councilwoman Woodbury moved that the Council, by unanimous consent, waive the requirement; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Scott moved that City Council recess and reconvene at 11:30 a.m. in a Closed Meeting in the City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall; seconded by Councilman Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Recess: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

9. Election of Vice Mayor

Mayor Price opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor for the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Woodbury nominated Council member Madeline McMillan; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Councilwoman Scott stated she was pleased that she received some of what she asked for, such as diversity and a female as Vice Mayor. She stated rumors had arose that Councilwoman McMillan indicated she would not support her as Vice Mayor under any circumstances; however, she was going to support Councilwoman McMillan because she was from the North District, was very well respected and would do a fine job. She voiced support for Councilwoman McMillan regardless of rumors.

Councilman Bateman stated it was important that the citizens understood City Council could work together. He felt Councilwoman McMillan would bring great balance to the City Council. She was very articulate and truly loved and cared about in the City. As much as he disagreed with her on many matters, he felt she was always fair minded and would do a great job. It was with great pride that he supported the nomination of Councilwoman McMillan as Vice Mayor.

9. Election of Vice Mayor Continued

Vote on Roll Call (nomination of Madeline McMillan):

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

Nays: None

Mayor Price congratulated Councilwoman McMillan on her appointment as Vice Mayor and indicated he looked forward to working with her, along with the other members of City Council.

Vice Mayor McMillan thanked members of City Council for their unanimous vote for her nomination as Vice Mayor. She agreed with Councilman Whitaker that there was not a member of City Council who could not be Vice Mayor. She thanked City Council for the honor, and indicated she would be more than happy to let other members share in the work.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:20 P.M.

Jennifer D. Walker, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer