

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
January 26, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Donald Garrett, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula.

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 members of Girl Scout Service Unit 630 of Greater Newport News. Members of the Unit included Sara Kazmer, Troop 1260; Theresa Montane, Troop 1131; Ashleigh Peterson, Troop 1037; Madison Spellberger, Troop 1037; Stephanie Tobias, Troop 1248; and Ashlyn Lieberman, Troop 5399.

On behalf of the Girl Scouts, Ms. Sara Kazmer thanked City Council for their support.

D. Public Hearings

(1) Ordinance Granting Utility Easement – 15198 Warwick Boulevard (Stoney Run Recreation Center)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VERIZON VIRGINIA INC., DATED THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010, FOR THE STONEY RUN RECREATION CENTER. This ordinance granted a utility easement to Verizon, Inc., over City-owned property located at 15198 Warwick Boulevard. A request to receive bids was advertised in the Daily Press on December 28, 2009 and January 4, 2010. City Council received one bid for this easement at its January 12, 2010 meeting. This easement was needed to finalize the recorded plat for underground conduits and cables for the relocation of telecommunication service at the Stoney Run Recreation Center. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

D. Public Hearings Continued

- (1) Ordinance Granting Utility Easement – 15198 Warwick Boulevard (Stoney Run Recreation Center) Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (2) Ordinance Authorizing Real Property Tax Exemption – Denbigh Properties, LLC

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 40, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I., GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS, DIVISION 3., PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY DESIGNATION, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 40-8.08, PROPERTY OF DENBIGH PROPERTIES LLC. This ordinance amended Chapter 40, Taxation, Article I, General Provisions and Exemptions, Division 3, Property Exempted by Designation, by adding Section 40-8.08, Property of Denbigh Properties, LLC. Denbigh Properties, LLC requested tax exempt status for real property located at 12727 E. McManus Boulevard, Condominium Units D and E. This was the location for Denbigh House, a vocational-based day program for adult victims of traumatic brain injury. Based on staff's review, the property met the legal requirements to be considered for real estate tax exempt status. The public hearing was advertised in the January 19, 2010 edition of the Daily Press. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Jason Young, 12725 McManus Boulevard, Newport News, was available for questions.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

D. Public Hearings Continued

- (2) Ordinance Authorizing Real Property Tax Exemption – Denbigh Properties, LLC Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (3) Ordinance Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Relocate Property Rights, Deed of Release, and the Deed of Easement That Will Adjust the Location of the City's Existing Access Easement for Waterworks Controlled Property

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EFFECTUATE THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, AND POMOCO DEVELOPMENTS, INC. IN YORK COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING AN EXCHANGE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS ON SAID PROPERTIES. This ordinance authorized the Acting City Manager to execute the Agreement to relocate property rights, Deed of Release, and the Deed of Easement that would adjust the location of the City's existing access easement for Waterworks-controlled property. Action was needed because the property on which the easement was located, was owned by Pomoco Developments, Inc. (Pomoco). Pomoco was in the process of developing a single family residential subdivision and the road into the development would be built over the City's existing easement. Pomoco proposed to provide access off of the new roadway, which would ultimately be dedicated as a public street. This transaction was an exchange of easement rights. There would be no exchange of fee simple property rights, and no costs incurred by the City. The developer would pay all costs associated with this transaction. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Stephen Adams, 171 Algonquin Road, Hampton, was available for questions.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

E. Consent Agenda

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

(1) Minutes of the Work Session of January 12, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(2) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Other City Council Actions

(1) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 31, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND, DIVISION 2., DEFINITIONS, SECTION 31-25, DEFINITIONS; DIVISION 3., MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 31-30, MEMBERSHIP GENERALLY; SECTION 31-31, EXCLUSIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP; AND ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 31-34, VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM; DIVISION 5., ELIGIBILITY FOR, RECEIPT AND AMOUNTS OF, RETIREMENT BENEFITS; SECTION 31-52, REGULAR RETIREMENT; SECTION 31-53, EARLY RETIREMENT; SECTION 31-54, RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES; ARTICLE III., EMPLOYEES' POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS FUND, DIVISION 2., DEFINITIONS, SECTION 31-95, DEFINITIONS; DIVISION 3., MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 31-100, MEMBERSHIP GENERALLY; DIVISION 4., CITY RETIREES' POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS, SECTION 31-110, GENERAL PROVISIONS; SECTION 31-111, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION; SECTION 31-112, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE; AND BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 31-113, HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; DIVISION 5., CITY RETIREES' POST-RETIREMENT DENTAL BENEFITS; SECTION 31-115, GENERAL PROVISIONS; SECTION 31-116, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION; AND SECTION 31-117, FUND'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement. The ordinance enacted the proposed changes to the Pension and other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) programs. The proposed changes were outlined in the summary attached to the City Manager's memo. The proposed amendments as set forth in the ordinance had no impact on current retirees and minimized the impact to existing employees. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

F. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (1) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 31, Pensions and Retirement Continued

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (2) Resolution Approving the Transition of Those Employed by the City, On and After March 1, 2010, to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), for Retirement and Certain Other Benefits

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, TO ELECT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2010, TO HAVE THOSE OF NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES, NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND ITS NEWLY ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, WHO ARE REGULARLY EMPLOYED FULL TIME ON A SALARIED BASIS AND WHOSE TENURE IS NOT RESTRICTED AS TO TEMPORARY OR PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND IN THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM, AS SET OUT IN TITLE 51.1, OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA; AND TO ELECT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2010, TO HAVE SUCH NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN POSITIONS AS FULL TIME SALARIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS WHOSE TENURE IS NOT RESTRICTED AS TO TEMPORARY OR PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT, TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR THE ENHANCED BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 51.1-138 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, INCLUDING THE RETIREMENT MULTIPLIER OF 1.85%, IN LIEU OF THE BENEFITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED, AND THE CITY AGREES TO PAY THE EMPLOYER COST FOR PROVIDING ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES SUCH BENEFITS; AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT EMPLOYEES WITH THE OPTION FOR ONE YEAR TO ELECT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND TO THE ENHANCED BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND TO PAY THE REQUIRED EMPLOYER COST THEREOF AND DEDUCT FROM THE EMPLOYEES' WAGES THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED CONTRACT AND TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS INCIDENT AND NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE; AND AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO PAY SUCH SUMS AS ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY AND ITS EMPLOYEES FOR THIS PURPOSE. This resolution transitioned new hires to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). As part of the proposed changes to the City's Pension Program, it was recommended that all eligible new hires, effective, March 1, 2010, be transitioned to participate in the VRS. This resolution outlined the City's commitment to have all eligible new hires effective March 1, 2010, participate in VRS. The

F. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (2) Resolution Approving the Transition of Those Employed by the City, On and After March 1, 2010, to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), for Retirement and Certain Other Benefits Continued

Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (3) Resolution Approving the Cost of the Employee's Contribution to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), to be Paid by the City

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, TO PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, WITH TAX DEFERRAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 414(H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE STATE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "VRS") BY PICKING UP MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO VRS. This resolution allowed the City to pay for the cost of the employee's contribution to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (4) Resolution Approving Employees to Purchase Prior Credited Years of Service with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, TO PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND

F. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (4) Resolution Approving Employees to Purchase Prior Credited Years of Service with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Continued

ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, WITH TAX DEFERRAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 414(H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE STATE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "VRS") FOR THE PERMISSABLE PURCHASE OF PAST SERVICE CREDIT BY PICKING UP MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VRS. This resolution allowed employees to purchase prior credited years of service. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Acting City Manager Morgan thanked members of City Council, employees, staff, the City Attorney's Office, the Department of Finance, Assistant City Manager Cindy Rohlf, and members of the Pension Board for their hard work on this issue.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Frank thanked the City Manager, the City Attorney, the Department of Finance, staff, and the Retirement Board, who worked together and did great work, helping the City save \$100 million over the next ten years, with the least amount of harm to the retirees and current employees. He indicated that City Council worked hard on the issue to receive clarification, to challenge suggestions and get recommendations, all to achieve an outstanding outcome in an effort to protect the retirement of the employees.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (5) Ordinance Amending and Repealing the City Code to Change City Council's Regular Meeting Time to 7:00 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II, CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 1., GENERALLY, SECTION 2-21, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS; DIVISION 2., RULES OF PROCEDURE, SECTION 2-36, ORDER OF BUSINESS PRESCRIBED-REGULAR MEETINGS AND REPEALING SECTION 2-21.1, PREFATORY MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL: TIME AND PLACE. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-21, Time and Place of Regular Meetings, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-36, Regular Meetings; and Repealing 2-21.1, Prefatory Meetings of City Council: to change City Council's Regular Meeting time to 7:00 p.m. At City Council's January 12, 2010 Work Session, a discussion was held regarding changing the start time of the regular meeting. City Council was

F. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (5) Ordinance Amending and Repealing the City Code to Change City Council's Regular Meeting Time to 7:00 p.m. Continued

in agreement to effectuate the necessary processes to have the start time changed. The City Attorney's Office determined that the City Code only needed to be amended and a repeal made to accommodate the change. As discussed, the effective date in the meeting's start time of 7:00 p.m. would be March 1, 2010, with Council's approval. The effective date allowed the City Clerk's Office ample time to notify the public of the change. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Appropriations

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of Items 1 through 4, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

- (1) Fire Department (NNFD): Virginia Department of Emergency Management – To Continue Funding of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM F-CITIZEN CORP G-DHS – 10 (\$16,650.00) TO OTHER SUPPLIES (\$16,650.00). This resolution appropriated \$16,650.00 from FY 2008 State Homeland Security Program Grant Revenue to the Fire Department Division of Emergency Management. The City received an award of Federal grant funds for FY 2010, through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), in the amount of \$16,650.00, to be used by the Fire Department. The funding was restricted in use to support the continuation of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for Newport News. No local funding was required. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Appropriations Continued

- (2) Fire Department (NNFD): Virginia Department of Fire Programs – To Purchase Two Mac Book Pro Laptop Computers

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM S-COMP MINI GRANT – 10 (\$2,526.00) TO OTHER SUPPLIES (\$2,526.00). This resolution appropriated \$2,526.00 from FY 2010 Virginia Department of Fire Programs Grant Revenue to the Fire Department. The City received an award of State grant funds for FY 2010, through the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, in the amount of \$2,526.00. The funding was restricted in use to support the purchase of two (2) Mac Book Pro laptop computers for the Fire Department. No local grant match funding was required. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (3) Department of Juvenile Services (DJS): Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), FY 2010 Annual Grant Award – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$48,335.00) AND LOCAL REVENUE (\$5,371.00) TO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (\$53,706.00). This resolution appropriated \$53,706.00 in Federal and General Funds for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), to be used by the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The City was awarded a federal grant from the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program in the amount of \$48,335.00 in federal funds. This was the seventh consecutive year that the Department had received this grant award. The grant funds would be used by DJS to continue existing programs. A local match of \$5,371.00 was required for a total grant award of \$53,706.00. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (4) Department of Juvenile Services (DJS): Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), FY 2010 Annual Grant Award – Young Offenders Regional Reentry Program (YORP)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$60,000.00) AND LOCAL REVENUE (\$20,000.00) TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (\$80,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$80,000.00 in Federal and General Funds for the Young Offender Regional Reentry Program (YORP) Grant, to be used by the Department

G. Appropriations Continued

- (4) Department of Juvenile Services (DJS): Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), FY 2010 Annual Grant Award – Young Offenders Regional Reentry Program (YORP) Continued

of Juvenile Services (DJS). The City had been awarded a federal grant from the State Department of Criminal Services in the amount of \$60,000.00 in federal funds. This was the fourth consecutive year that DJS had received this grant award. The purpose of the grant was to enhance existing substance abuse/mental health treatment and related reentry services by utilizing a holistic approach to juveniles and their families. The Young Offenders Regional Reentry Program (YORP) planned to provide services to 20 - 40 targeted youth and their families. This would be done by contracting with preexisting collaborative partnerships with various entities within the area, i.e., treatment agencies, the faith community, school, and state agencies. A local grant match of \$20,000.00 was required and was available in the General Fund. The Acting City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. Carl Alexander, 1458 Burnt Mill Road, Surry, addressed Council with regard to the dangerous intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Mercury Boulevard. He advised there was a new regulation at the intersection. Newport News Police were writing numerous tickets. Citizens were too distracted at the intersection due to the poor placement of traffic signs. When one stopped, there was nothing to regulate the intersection. He felt it was perfectly legal to drive across the intersection; but was illegal to make a left turn. Mr. Alexander indicated that he had invested countless hours watching the situation, and had made numerous suggestions to the Department of Engineering.

Mayor Frank instructed Acting City Manager Neil Morgan to look into the matter.

Reverend Jim Rudisill, thanked members of City Council for having a kinder and more gentle spirit in the homeless community. There were no “sweeps” in the known homeless camps, which made situations more pleasant for individuals having to live in those circumstances. Reverend Rudisill commended Acting City Manager Morgan for suspending the “sweeps.” He advised that the homeless individuals had begun to clean up the area themselves, picking up over 50 bags of trash from the camp. He advised the homeless citizens were looking forward to doing more.

Reverend Rudisill shared artwork of homeless individuals, drawn by his wife, in an effort to put a face on the homeless. He thanked City Council for their encouragement, which

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

led to the creation of a calmer atmosphere. Reverend Rudisill suggested portable toilets in various locations during the summer months.

I. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilman Bateman noted that two local area businesses were featured in Southern magazine. Both businesses, Rooms, Blooms, and More; and The Deli Basket were located in Historic Hilton Village.

Councilwoman McMillan extended Birthday wishes to Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury, who would celebrate her birthday on January 27.

Councilwoman McMillan extended Birthday wishes to Councilwoman Tina Vick, who would celebrate her birthday on February 3.

Councilwoman Scott thanked everyone for their attendance at the North District Town Hall Meeting held on January 25, 2010. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Sheila McAllister, Director, Department of Planning for her presentation about the 2010 Census.

Councilwoman Scott also thanked everyone who came to celebrate with the volunteers that were recognized for their participation in the 8th Annual North District Food Drive.

Councilwoman Scott extended Happy Birthday wishes to Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury and Councilwoman Tina Vick.

Councilwoman Scott thanked everyone for their support over the past 7 ½ years and announced her plans to seek re-election. Her slogan for the May 4, 2010 election was "One City, One Vision, Unlimited Possibilities."

Councilwoman Vick thanked Officer Donald Greathouse and the Newport News Police Department for their hard work and support at the South District Town Hall Meeting held on January 21, 2010.

Mayor Frank extended Happy Birthday wishes to Councilwoman Woodbury and Councilwoman Vick.

J. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk