

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
December 14, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price requested that cell phones and/or pagers be silenced or turned off; and 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.

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Minister Charles Bell, Life Line Full Gospel Church.

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 Boy Scouts of America, Troop #6, Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, Newport News. Troop members included Mr. Kenneth J. Lewis and Mr. Christopher M. McCoy. Troop #6 was joined by Boy Scout Troop #316, Second Presbyterian Church. Members included Mr. Scott Simpson, Mr. Taylor Borset, Mr. Steven Belkowski, Mr. A. J. Quatrone, Mr. Andres Amundson, Mr. Ryan Brunt, and Mr. John Cerny.

D. Presentations

(1) Resolution of Recognition: Ronald L. Tankersley, DDS

Dr. Ronald L. Tankersley accepted the Resolution.

On behalf of the Newport News City Council, Mayor Price recognized and honored Ronald L. Tankersley, DDS, for his outstanding service to the American Dental Association, as its Immediate Past President, and to the community.

Dr. Tankersley, a Warwick High School graduate, returned to Newport News to practice in 1971 at the Hampton Roads Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, where he is Senior Partner. Dr. Tankersley received many professional honors, was extremely active in professional associations, served as President of the Peninsula Dental Society, Virginia Dental Association, Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Tankersley served as President of the American Dental Association until October 2010.

D. Presentations Continued

Mayor Price recognized Dr. Tankersley for his numerous accomplishments and extended best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

E. Public Hearings

- (1) Ordinance Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of a Utility Easement Located at 11833 Canon Boulevard, Lot 1A-2A

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS A CONDITIONAL DEED OF VACATION OF INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN TO 1552 LLC; AND THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION. This ordinance vacated a portion of a City of Newport News (Waterworks) easement on Lot 1A-2A, contingent upon the demolition of the existing building, execution of a new waterline agreement for the site, and severance and capping of the existing waterline. The vacation of the applicable portion of the referenced easement was a critical step prior to the commencement of construction by Kotarides Developers of a 234-unit apartment complex in City Center at Oyster Point. The vacation of the easement area was included as a component of the developer's site plan submittal package, which gained final approval from the City on August 5, 2010. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (2) Resolution Approving a Payment Agreement between the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the City to Provide for a Bond Issuance for the Merchants Walk Parking Garage

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, APPROVING A PAYMENT AGREE-

E. Public Hearings Continued

- (2) Resolution Approving a Payment Agreement between the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the City to Provide for a Bond Issuance for the Merchants Walk Parking Garage Continued

MENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A BOND ISSUED BY SAID AUTHORITY TO REFINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE IN CITY CENTER AT OYSTER POINT. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectuate a Payment Agreement between the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the City, for a bond issuance for the Merchants Walk Parking Garage. The EDA, with the cooperation of the City, issued its Series 2001 Variable Rate Public Facility Revenue Bonds to finance a public parking garage and related public infrastructure improvements, with the bonds being secured by the City's general obligation through a Payment Agreement between the City and the EDA. The City and the EDA, based on professional guidance, determined it was in the best interest of the City for the EDA to refund the Series 2001 Bonds under a plan to refinance with SunTrust Bank, by which SunTrust Bank would purchase a fixed rate refunding bond issued by the EDA in the principal amount of \$8,940,000 (the Series 2010 Bond), and secured by a General Obligation Payment Agreement between the City and the EDA. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 7, except 4, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

- (1) Minutes of the Work Session of November 23, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

- (2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 23, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (3) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (5) Resolution Authorizing a Lease Renewal to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) for the former Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Station Site Located at 2295 Harbor Road (The Train Station)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA DATED THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute a lease between the City and the IDA of the City of Newport News, Virginia, for the former Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Station Site. The existing lease between the City and the IDA, for the City-owned property at 2295 Harbor Road, the former C & O Railway Station, expired December 31, 2010. This resolution authorized a new five-year lease of the property to the IDA, on substantially the same terms and conditions as the existing lease. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (6) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Jefferson Avenue Corridor, Undergrounding of Utilities

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN POWER LINES UNDERGROUND BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Virginia Electric and Power Company D/B/A Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion"), for the Jefferson Avenue Corridor, undergrounding of utilities.

F. Consent Agenda Continued

- (6) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Jefferson Avenue Corridor and Undergrounding of Utilities Continued

Consistent with the study adopted by the City Council in the fall of 2009, this Agreement resulted in the undergrounding of existing overhead electric utility facilities as part of the revitalization of the Lower Jefferson Avenue Corridor. The City would construct and install trenches, conduits, switches, and transformers, etc., at its cost, and Dominion Virginia Power would relocate such facilities to underground position. The terms of agreement would be established for an initial twenty (20) years. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

City Manager Morgan indicated adoption of this item was significant. This agreement with Dominion Virginia Power established a formula by which the City received assistance from the company on underground utility work. The first few years of credit would go toward the Jefferson Avenue Corridor project. City Council would later decide on how the remainder of the credit would be applied. City Manager Morgan estimated the cash value of the project was approximately \$750,000, but Dominion Virginia Power estimated the cash value amounted to \$1.5 million. He indicated this would provide meaningful assistance on the lower Jefferson infrastructure work which would hopefully commence within 2-3 months. City Manager Morgan acknowledged Dominion Virginia Power representatives present at the meeting – Mr. Jay Grice; Ms. Melanie Beale, and Mr. Max Bartholomew; who along with City staff members, Collie Owens and John Kaoudis, had worked on this project for two years.

Councilwoman Vick expressed appreciation for all of the hard work that had gone into this effort to improve the Jefferson Avenue corridor. She felt it would assist the City in obtaining more developers who would invest in the district.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (7) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 10, Bicycles, Motorized Scooters; Article II, Section 10-32, Speed

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 10, BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, OR ELECTRIC POWER-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND MOPEDS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING RULES, SECTION 10-32, SPEED. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 10, Bicycles, Motorized Scooters; Article II, Equipment and Operating Rules; Section 10-32, Speed. The City Code, regarding mopeds, contained a sentence that stated, "No moped may be operated on a roadway which had a permitted speed limit in excess of 35 miles per hour." To comply with the direction set by several General District Court Judges, the Police Department requested an amendment to this section of the City Code. The Judges' opinion was that Virginia State Code did not authorize localities to regulate or restrict

F. Consent Agenda Continued

- (7) Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 10, Bicycles, Motorized Scooters; Article II, Section 10-32, Speed Continued

speed zones where mopeds operated. The Newport News Police Department recommended that this sentence be stricken from the Code. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Councilwoman Scott indicated that she was pleasantly surprised to see this resolution because this matter had been discussed at a Council Work Session and mopeds were not allowed on a street where the speed limit was above 35 miles per hour. She inquired whether this allowed citizens to operate mopeds on Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue without receiving a citation. City Manager Morgan replied, yes, this resolution allowed the operation of mopeds on Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue without receiving a citation. City Attorney Katz added that all traffic laws must be obeyed by the operators of the mopeds. Mayor Price indicated that helmet laws would also be enforced.

Councilwoman Woodbury indicated that she had also received a number of calls on the matter. She had owned and operated a moped personally, but promised not to ride on any of the City streets. She felt adoption of this resolution would help some students, and adults travelling to work.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Vick moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Item 4, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Whitaker.

- (4) Minutes of the Legislative Breakfast Meeting of November 30, 2010

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Scott (Was not present at the Legislative Breakfast Meeting of November 30, 2010)

G. Other City Council Actions

- (1) Resolution In Memoriam: The Honorable W. Henry Maxwell

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR THE HONORABLE W. HENRY MAXWELL. This resolution memorialized the Honorable W. Henry Maxwell, former State Senator, and recognized his devoted service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, its citizens, and the City of Newport News. Senator Maxwell was a longtime resident of Newport News, and

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

(1) Resolution In Memoriam: The Honorable W. Henry Maxwell Continued

served as Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, representing the 95<sup>th</sup> Legislative District for nine years, before being elected as Senator of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District. As Chairman of the Virginia General Assembly's Joint Committee, he brought light to the issue of restoration of felon rights, sponsored legislation that developed a program to encourage more minorities to become practicing physicians, and examined the issue of student credit card debts. Senator Maxwell was an ordained minister and pastored the Ivy Baptist Church, until retiring as Pastor in 2004. He also served as President of the Newport News Branch of the NAACP. He touched the lives of many through public and community service, and his devotion to the betterment of the City of Newport News. His passing created a void in the community.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(2) Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Payment of \$50,000 to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC)

Vice Mayor McMillan moved to authorize the City Manager to execute payment of \$50,000 to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC); seconded by Councilman Bateman. PFAC requested assistance from the City for several building renovations and enhancements as preparation for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2011. At the City Council Work Session of November 23, 2010, the City Manager recommended the \$50,000 be used from City Council's Contingency in the FY 2011 Operating Budget for this purpose. Approval of this funding left \$50,000 in the account for the remainder of the fiscal year. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(3) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article II, City Council; Division 1, Generally; Section 2-22, Call and Notice of Special Meetings

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, ARTICLE II., CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, SECTION 2-22, CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (3) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article II, City Council; Division 1, Generally; Section 2-22, Call and Notice of Special Meetings Continued

MEETINGS; LIMITATIONS ON BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT SPECIAL MEETING. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration; Article II, City Council; Division 1, Generally; Section 2-22, Call and Notice of Special Meetings to Waive Notice of the Specific Items that were identified for discussion under the topic of "Questions/Comments/Suggestions." In 2009, a need was identified to discuss at Work Sessions, on a trial basis, items that Council or the City Manager wanted to bring to the table, but were not a part of the scheduled agenda, and titled the topic, "Questions/Comments/Suggestions." The City Attorney advised the City Manager that City Council members would have to unanimously adopt a motion to waive notice of the identified specific discussion items. A consensus was reached that discussions were beneficial and informative, and to continue on a regular basis. As a result, the City Attorney prepared a draft amendment to the City Code for the discussions to continue without Council having to vote to waive the notice of the specific items discussed under this topic. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Mayor Price commented that he was pleased with this ordinance as it allowed input among Council members during the meetings.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (4) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection; Article I, In General; Sections 16-1, 16-2; Article II, Fire Prevention, Section 16-14, 16-17, 16-19, 16-20, 16-20.1; and Article V, Fire Alarm Systems, Section 16-55

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 16, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 16-1, FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERALLY; SECTION 16-2, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF FIREFIGHTERS; ARTICLE II, FIRE PREVENTION, SECTION 16-14, ENFORCEMENT; BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION; SECTION 16-17, APPEAL; SECTION 16-19, ADOPTION OF NFPA STANDARDS; SECTION 16-20, FIREWORKS PERMIT REQUIRED; PERMIT FEE; SECTION 16-20.1, PERMIT FEE FOR EXPLOSIVES, AMMUNITION AND BLASTING AGENTS PERMITS; ARTICLE V, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS, SECTION 16-55, FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED; PENALTY. This ordinance amended and reordained City Code, Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I, In General, Section 16-1, Fire Depart-

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (4) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection; Article I, In General; Sections 16-1, 16-2; Article II, Fire Prevention, Section 16-14, 16-17, 16-10, 16-20, 16-20.1; and Article V, Fire Alarm Systems, Section 16-55 Continued

ment Generally; Section 16-2, Physical Examination of Firefighters; Article II., Fire Prevention, Section 16-14, Enforcement; Bureau of Fire Prevention; Section 16-17, Appeal; Section 16-19, Adoption of NFPA Standards; Section 16-20, Fireworks Permit Required; Permit Fee; Section 16-20.1, Permit Fee for Explosives, Ammunition and Blasting Agents Permits; Article V, Fire Alarm Systems, Section 16-55, False Alarms Prohibited; Penalty. The Newport News Fire Department (NNFD) recommended that the language in Chapter 16 of the City Code be revised. The proposed changes included the update or removal of outdated language. The Fire Department also proposed an increase in permit fees. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (5) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX, Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); Section 26-225, Annual Permit Fee

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IX., RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, SECTION 26-225, ANNUAL PERMIT FEE. This ordinance amended the City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX, Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); to change the permit fee. The Department of Engineering administered the RPPP. The original ordinance, drafted in 1985, was amended in 2008 to incorporate changes regarding issuance of permits for multiple vehicles at one address, and to adopt "Procedures for Issuing RPPP Permits." At the time, the fee structure was also revised to reflect an increase, but due to the economic situation, and in an effort for the City to provide relief to its citizens, the Department of Engineering sought to change the fee structure. The following revision to Section 26-225 was proposed: The fee was \$10.00 per permit; proposed fee change was \$6.00 per permit. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

- (5) Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code, Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article IX, Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP); Section 26-225, Annual Permit Fee Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

None

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

Mr. Mike Minarik, 114 Linbrook Drive, Newport News, commented that it was a joy to attend the meetings and watch members of City Council interact, with true discussions occurring. He commended City Council for the "give and take."

Mr. Minarik advised that RETRO (Real Estate Tax Reduction Organization) would reorganize after the first of the year (2011) and looked forward to working with City Council on budget items, with a goal to provide tax relief for citizens.

Mr. Minarik wished the members of City Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, commented about the meeting of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization planned for December 15, 2010. He felt there would be discussion about the 2034 Long-Range Transportation meeting held December 7, 2010 at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC). The presentation was about a year-long study that a subcommittee of the Virginia General Assembly contracted VMASC to perform on the Hampton Roads transportation network. Senator Glenn Oder and Senator John Miller served on the committee. Mr. Gergely advised that he and Mr. Steve Klute attended as observers. The study presented the results of an extensive computer simulation of Hampton Roads traffic. He cautioned Mayor Price and City Manager Morgan about what may be presented during the meeting. The major conclusion was that the Third Crossing to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Ports would provide the best congestion relief in the transportation network. The study also determined that the Third Crossing would not relieve congestion to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT), and that more lanes at the HRBT was the only way to relieve congestion at the HRBT. The Third Crossing did not need to be as extensive as planned, which was eight lanes across the Monitor Merrimac Bridge, doubling the capacity, and added that those lanes never needed to be built. The study assumed a completed I-64 above Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Gergely asked Mayor Price to insist that this be built, and warned about the propaganda that may be heard about the study.

Mr. Gergely expressed concern that \$50,000 of the taxpayer's money was given to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center.

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

Mr. Gergely wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager, Neil Morgan, wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a joyous Holiday Season.

City Attorney, Stuart Katz, wished the citizens, city employees and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and healthy New Year.

City Clerk, Mabel Washington Jenkins, wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season.

Mayor Price extended condolences to Father Ralph Haines on the passing of his wife, Bettie.

Mayor Price wished the citizens, city employees and City Council a Happy Holiday Season.

Mayor Price reminded that this was the last meeting for the year. The next meeting of City Council was scheduled for January 11, 2011.

Councilwoman Scott announced it was time to take a bite out of hunger, and invited everyone to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual North District Holiday Food Drive Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2010, 12 noon, at the former A. J. Wright building, located at 451 Oriana Road, Newport News. Attendees were asked to bring non-perishable food items to the party, or donate at one of the many participating drop-off sites across the City. She announced groups had volunteered to sing, dance, and entertain for food to help feed disadvantaged families during the holidays. She thanked members of the Food Drive Party for their tireless efforts. All goods received would be distributed on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

Councilwoman Scott wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and safe New Year.

Councilwoman Vick promised to make a donation to the North District Holiday Food Drive; but advised she would be hosting the Feeding 1,000 Holiday Feast and Community Celebration on Saturday, December 18, 2010, 12 noon, at the Alley, located at 100 West Newmarket Square. The Holiday Feast and Community Celebration was presented by her, in cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and The Alley. The event was free and open to the public. Citizens in need of a hot meal were welcome to attend. Entertainment would be provided throughout the day.

Councilwoman Vick congratulated and thanked Renita and Chris Parker, founders of "Good Ground Good Seed," a grassroots organization in the South District, that

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

received Statewide recognition, for their hard work and tireless efforts to help the unemployed and underemployed gain access to employment through the Peninsula Council of Workforce Development. She further thanked the Shared Network Access Points' (faith-based organizations) initiative that encouraged citizens to work harder.

Councilwoman Vick thanked City Manager Morgan for his hard work and expressed appreciation for his communication and work with the Council.

Councilwoman Vick wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Whitaker wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Bateman echoed remarks made by Councilwoman Vick, and thanked City Manager Morgan for his hard work. He indicated the Council had worked hard and come together to help move the City forward.

Councilman Bateman wished the citizens, city employees, and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor McMillan made a motion to direct staff to prepare a resolution directed to the President of the United States and the members of Congress, encouraging them to support and resolve with direct legislation, the issues surrounding the victims of Chinese Drywall construction; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Councilwoman Scott advised, during the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting, a letter was drafted, on behalf of the United States, in support of legislation to resolve the issues surrounding the victims of Chinese Drywall. She further advised that a copy of the NLC resolution would be forthcoming.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor McMillan announced, in September, the Lee Hall Depot had been selected as one of the candidates for the National Historic designations as an historic building. She announced that official notification had been received by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources, that the Lee Hall Depot had been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. Vice Mayor McMillan indicated this designation was important for recognition purposes, but it also helped to get more money to restore the Depot; and important to the history of the City to acknowledge place of significance. Vice Mayor McMillan thanked the

J. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

City's Department of Historic Resources who worked long and hard to make this happen.

Vice Mayor McMillan echoed her colleagues' remarks about City staff. She stated the best government was local government, and good local government was when one had good people working together. The staff granted a learning curve that helped Council make decisions.

Vice Mayor McMillan wished the citizens, city employees and City Council a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

K. Adjourn

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, "May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News"

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.

*Mabel Washington Jenkins*

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk