

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
April 11, 2006  
7:30 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Sharon P. Scott; Joseph C. Whitaker; Charles C. Allen; Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.;  
Joe S. Frank; William F. Haskins; and Madeline McMillan-----7

ABSENT: None -----0

1. The invocation was rendered by Reverend Dr. Charles K. Root, Noland Memorial United Methodist Church.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilwoman Sharon Scott.

3. Public Hearings

(a) Change of Zoning CZ-06-213, J. Clyde, L.L.C.

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97 BY AMENDING THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "ZONING DISTRICT MAP" (CONSISTING OF REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS 001 THROUGH 322 AND KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF CODES COMPLIANCE AND PLANNING) DATED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 1997, WHICH SAID MAP IS MADE A PART OF THE SAID ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97. He advised this was a request to adopt an ordinance for a change of zoning from C-1 Retail Commercial to C-2 General Commercial for a 0.91 acre parcel located at 947 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard. This Public Hearing was continued from the March 28, 2006 Regular Meeting of City Council. The Planning Commission voted 6:3 to recommend to City Council that this change of zoning request be denied, and the City Manager concurred with the recommendation. Mayor Frank shared that he had received a letter from Mr. B. M. Millner, Attorney for the Applicant, requesting this matter be deferred for two weeks. The deferral would apply to Item 3(a) and Item 3(b) inasmuch as they were related.

(b) Conditional Use Permit CU-06-191, J. Clyde. L.L.C.

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER CU-06-191 FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING AN AUTOMOBILE SALES/USED CAR DEALERSHIP IN A C2 RETAIL DISTRICT. He advised this would grant a conditional use permit to operate a used automobile dealership on a 0.91 acre parcel located at 947 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard. This Public Hearing was continued from the March 28, 2006 Regular Meeting of City Council. The Planning Commission voted 6:3 to recommend the denial of this conditional use permit application, and the City Manager concurred with that recommendation; however, he concurred with the conditions which were developed by City staff as contained in the proposed ordinance.

3. Public Hearings Continued
  - (b) Conditional Use Permit CU-06-191, J. Clyde. L.L.C. Continued  
  
(No Speakers)

Councilwoman Scott moved to defer Items 3(a) and Item 3(b) to the April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting of City Council; seconded by Vice Mayor Allen.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

- (c) Conditional Use Permit CU-06-183, Virginia Peninsula Shelter for Abused Children, Inc.

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER CU-06-183 FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR CHILDREN AND A GROUP HOME IN AN R3 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT. He advised this would grant a conditional use permit to operate congregate housing for children and a group home for young adults on a 2.85 acre parcel located at 12749 Nettles Drive and zoned R-3 Single Family Dwelling. This Public Hearing was continued from the March 28, 2006 Regular Meeting of City Council. The Planning Commission voted 6:3 to recommend to City Council the approval of this conditional use permit, and the City Manager concurred with the recommendation.

Mr. Timothy O. Trant, II, Attorney with Kaufman & Canoles, representing Safehaven. 244 Hunts Neck Road, Poquoson, distributed a packet which is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Trant stated this was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the site was uniquely situated to accommodate this use. The conditions address all concerns that may be raised and was reflected in the Staff report. He stated Safehaven was a home, not a detention center, with a 15-year track record of effective and safe service. The children who reside there have the misfortune of having had a troubled home life. The application, which was filed in October 2005, had changed as a result of input from the community, staff, the Police Department, and the Department of Social Services. The majority of the conditions attached to the application were proposed by Safehaven in an effort to address community concerns. Safehaven was financially sound and situated to service a need in the community. Mr. Trant requested a modification to the proposed conditions as follows: a proportionate reduction in the independent transitional living beds (beds for 10 older females) in exchange for an increase in emergency shelter beds in an effort to address the evolving concerns of the community and the needs of Social Services.

Mr. Philip J. Forbes, IV, Chairman, Board of Directors for Safehaven, 413 Harborview Lane, Newport News, acknowledged the Board members and volunteers of Safehaven who were present. Mr. Forbes provided background information on Safehaven, which

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was founded fifteen years ago with the mission of providing emergency shelter for the youngest victims of domestic violence - the abused, neglected and abandoned children. The shelter, licensed by the State, cared for children ages 5 – 17, and provided temporary housing for a maximum of 90 days. The children were brought to the facility by the Department of Social Services and placed until a permanent home or foster car situation could be found. It became apparent there was a reoccurring need for longer term assistance for the older children, who aged out of Social Services' supervision. The staff looked at a transitional living facility for young adults, aged 17 – 20, who had no family support, no ability to acquire housing, continued education, or employment. With this need, the proposal was developed for the transitional living facility. The Board decided that the expansion could be handled both financially and with the organizational structure. The program would provide mentoring, counseling, job training, and basic life skills. Staff would screen the applicants. No one would be accepted into the program with a history of violent behavior, a criminal history, and a history of drug or alcohol abuse. He asked for the flexibility to be able to transition between the transitional living and the emergency shelter if necessary.

Ms. Monica Smith, 12909 Nettles Drive, Newport News, indicated she had no objection to the application of Safehaven extending its facility to include temporary housing for young adults. She stated the only problem that existed on Nettles Drive was traffic generated by commercial businesses and commended Safehaven for its excellent work.

General Bettye Simmons (retired Brigadier General, U. S. Army), Executive Director of Safehaven, 12749 Nettles Drive, Newport News, stated Safehaven's goal was to work with partners in Newport News and with the Department of Social Services to eliminate the need for the facility. She explained there had been much dissension about Safehaven's request, driven by 52 calls to the Police over a one year period. She indicated that the calls were all internal, initiated and precipitated by Safehaven's staff. General Simmons indicated that Safehaven created an environment conducive to a positive experience for their clients while Social Services found them a good fit. She described the positive working relationship with the Newport News Police Department. She further announced there had not been any calls from the neighbors for vandalism identified with a child in Safehaven. General Simmons urged a partnership with the City of Newport News and the Department of Social Services to work collaboratively to put themselves out of business.

Ms. Sheila McAllister, Assistant Director, Department of Planning, responded that although this application fit under one title, Safehaven, there were two separate conditional use permits with two separate uses. The group home and the congregate housing for children both stood alone. The only reason for the cap was based on the license for the congregate housing for children. The cap to 10 for the young adult facility was a cap imposed by Safehaven. The City did not impose the cap to receive 22 children. Ms. McAllister advised that Council could remove the cap, or could increase the cap on congregate housing for children.

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Mr. Stephen K. Hawks, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services, stated that Safehaven provided a valuable service. When there was an emergency, such as bringing a large number of children in for care, Safehaven provided the facility. Safehaven allowed Social Services the opportunity to keep large sibling groups in tact, which was a valuable asset. He urged Council support of the Conditional Use permit.

Mayor Frank, responding to comments by Ms. McAllister, stated there was some chance in making the change outlined by Mr. Trant due to State licensing issues with regard to the different kinds of housing in each of the categories. Council might be willing to raise the limit on the congregate housing from 12 to a higher number. He asked Mr. Trant for a recommendation and whether the facility could physically accommodate that number within the guidelines and the State regulations. Mr. Trant recommended raising the limit from 12 to 24 and indicated Safehaven could accommodate this number. There were no concerns raised by the City Manager or staff.

City Attorney, Stuart Katz, indicated he could not comment positively to the suggestions or recommendations since he had not seen Safehaven's certification from the State, nor had he spoken with the building official to get an analysis on the living space. He suggested deferring the matter for two weeks to allow his office to perform the due diligence and report back to Council.

Vice Mayor Allen inquired whether the regulations took care of the concerns. If the State Code required certain stipulations, those requirements had to be met. He stated if Council passed the Ordinance, regulations would set in to determine space and requirements.

Councilwoman McMillan stated that Mr. Trant had been in communication with the neighborhood, the businesses, etc. She inquired whether Mr. Trant, in his subsequent communications, informed the community of Safehaven's proposal to increase the population. Mr. Trant replied that Safehaven had not proposed to increase the population overall from what was initially recommended by the Planning Commission, and members of the community were present.

Mayor Frank indicated he would like Council to entertain moving the congregate housing from 12 to 24. He felt Safehaven's services were critically needed in the community. He concurred with Vice Mayor Allen in that restrictions imposed by State permitting was an issue that must be addressed before the actual number was increased. City Council was only authorizing an amount up to that. Safehaven must comply with all code requirements. Mayor Frank asked Council to adopt the ordinance with the amendment that the congregate housing limit be increased from 12 to 24.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance with the amendment that (c)1a be changed from 12 residents to 24; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Councilman Haskins commended Safehaven for its leadership and hard work in providing much needed service to the City. Councilman Whitaker and Councilwoman Scott concurred.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

- (d) Change of Zoning Z-06-217, Newport News City Planning Commission

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97 BY AMENDING THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "ZONING DISTRICT MAP" (CONSISTING OF REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS 001 THROUGH 322 AND KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF CODES COMPLIANCE AND PLANNING) DATED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 1997, WHICH SAID MAP IS MADE A PART OF THE SAID ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97. He advised this would amend the City's Zoning Ordinance Text to modify the qualifying criteria for the neotraditional overlay district designation. The Planning Commission voted unanimously 9:0 to recommend to City Council the adoption of this Zoning Text Amendment. Mayor Frank indicated this would correct a mistake made in a prior year at the time of Citywide re-zoning and map changes.

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

3. Public Hearings Continued

(d) Change of Zoning Z-06-217, Newport News City Planning Commission

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items A through E, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilman Scott.

(a) Minutes of Work Session of March 28, 2006

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(b) Minutes of Special Meeting of March 28, 2006

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(c) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(d) Real Estate Tax Reimbursements

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE WINDSOR GREAT PARK RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.'S ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIPT OF CITY GRANTS FOR PAYMENT OF ITS *AD VALOREM* REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE CITY'S 2006-2007 TAX YEAR.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE NEWPORT NEWS LODGE NO. 315, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS' ELIGIBILITY FOR

4. Consent Agenda Continued
  - (d) Real Estate Tax Reimbursements Continued

RECEIPT OF CITY GRANTS FOR PAYMENT OF ITS *AD VALOREM* REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE CITY'S 2006-2007 TAX YEAR.

The above resolutions approved Windsor Great Park Recreation Association, and the Elk's Lodge, for the City's Real Estate Tax Reimbursement Program for Fiscal Year 2007. In 2003, City Council approved a policy for annual real estate reimbursement grants to eligible nonprofit organizations owning real property within the City. This policy established a grant process for reimbursing real estate taxes paid by eligible organizations in lieu of granting a lifetime tax-exempt status. The funding needed to reimburse these organizations was included in the City Manager's recommended Fiscal Year 2007 Operating Budget, but Council approval was also needed before reimbursement could be made.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

- (e) City Code Amendment Regarding Vehicle Towing and Storage

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 26-17, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AGAINST OWNER OF VEHICLE TOWED OR STORED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. This ordinance would amend the City Code relative to the towing and storage of vehicles by the Police Department to require towing firms to provide accessible storage sites and hook-up space for the retrieval of stored vehicles. This proposed amendment involved a change to the existing code relative to the towing and storage of motor vehicles – specifically, requiring each towing firm provide adequate and accessible on-site parking and hook-up at all times for use by any owner, custodian or other person who arrived to retrieve a stored motor vehicle. The City's Towing Advisory Board, at its meeting on February 9, 2006, discussed the need for this amendment, and voted unanimously to recommend to City Council the adoption of this proposed ordinance. The Police Chief and the City Manager both concurred with the recommendation.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

5. City Code Amendment – Removal of Dead and Diseased Trees that Threaten Public Safety

5. City Code Amendment – Removal of Dead and Diseased Trees that Threaten Public Safety Continued

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 13, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE VII., ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION, NAMELY: SECTION 13-153, PROHIBITING DEAD TREES OR PARTS THEREOF ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY. This ordinance amended the City Code to require the removal of dead and diseased trees if such tree or a portion of it threatened to fall in the right-of-way or upon an improvement on real property. This proposed ordinance gave City staff the authority to enter upon private property to determine if dead or diseased trees, or a portion thereof, were threats to public safety. The City's arborist would determine whether a tree was in fact dead or diseased. The arborist would make that decision, while the Department of Codes Compliance would administer the enforcement provisions. In cases where a violation went uncorrected after a reasonable time for abatement, Codes Compliance inspectors would issue a court summons to place the matter in the General District Court as a criminal misdemeanor offense.

(No Speakers)

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

Councilman Haskins expressed his thoughts that the \$2,500.00 was expensive, particularly for a small homeowner living on a fixed income. He suggested a more reasonable fine. Mayor Frank responded that the \$2,500.00 fine was a maximum fine to be imposed by a Court, which could take into consideration no fine at all. This was an incentive to spend the money to remove the tree as opposed to paying it on a fine and still be required to remove the tree. Mayor Frank felt it was a reasoned approach and would not harm citizens who cooperated.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, McMillan

Nays: Haskins

6. Sale of City-Owned Property – 2202 Marshall Avenue

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO SEAN D. LEWIS. This ordinance authorized the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of City-owned property at 2202 Marshall Avenue to Sean D. Lewis. The Courts conveyed this property to the City as the result of a tax suit filed by the City for delinquent taxes. Sean D. Lewis was the adjacent property owner at 2206 Marshall Avenue, and wished to purchase the property located at 2202 Marshall Avenue to use as an extension of his side yard. The proposed sale was for the assessed value of \$5,000.00.

6. Sale of City-Owned Property – 2202 Marshall Avenue Continued

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(No Speakers)

7. Sale of City-Owned Property – 2209 Roanoke Avenue

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO PAMELA HILL AND H. B. ANDERSON, III. This ordinance authorized the execution of any an all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of City-owned property at 2209 Roanoke Avenue to Pamela Hill and H. B. Anderson, III. The Courts conveyed this property to the City as the result of a tax suit filed by the City for delinquent taxes. Pamela Hill and H. B. Anderson, III, were the two adjacent property owners. This proposed sale involved the splitting of this vacant lot at 2209 Roanoke Avenue in such a manner as to allow each of the proposed buyers, when combined with their existing properties, to have conforming 50-foot wide lots. The proposed sale was for the assessed value of \$7,400.00.

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

8. Appropriations

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of Items A through E, both inclusive, as shown below, seconded by Vice Mayor Allen.

(a) Cox Communications Community Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM COX CABLE COMMUNITY GRANT (\$60,000.00) TO COX CABLE COMMUNITY GRANT (\$60,000.00).

8. Appropriations Continued

(a) Cox Communications Community Grant Continued

This resolution appropriated the annual \$60,000.00 2006 Community Grant from Cox Communications in accordance with the Cable Television Services Franchise. Cox Communications' franchise with the City to provide cable television services contained a requirement for the company to annually submit to the City, for the life of the franchise, an amount equivalent to \$6.00 per basis service subscriber. These annual "community grants" were designated by a provision in the franchise that was funding to be used by the city for cable – related purposes in support of its educational and governmental access channels, and institutional network. No local match was required for this grant.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(b) Ambulance Radios

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE RESERVES EMS FEES EQUIPMENT (\$18,338.00) TO EMS FEES EQUIPMENT (\$18,338.00). This resolution appropriated \$18,338.00 of Emergency Medical Services Fees from General Fund Reserves to provide the remaining funding needed to purchase radio equipment for ambulances in the Fire Department. The Fire Department would purchase four 800 MHz mobile command radios and four VHR 45 Watt HEAR radios for the four (f) new ambulances that were being acquired. A portion of the funding needed in the amount of \$2,062.00 would come from the Fire Department's operating budget, with the remainder coming from Reserves.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(c) Drug-Free Communities Program Supplemental Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$99,614.00) TO DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES GRANT (\$99,614.00). This resolution appropriated \$99,614.00 of Federal Supplemental Grant Revenue for the City's Drug-Free Communities Program. This grant program was administered by the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and operated locally by the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. This program provided training, educational services and support for community-based coalitions for substance abuse prevention activities which target neighborhood or school youth. No local grant match funding was needed.

8. Appropriations Continued

(c) Drug-Free Communities Program Supplemental Grant Continued

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(d) Domestic Violence Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM VA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (\$23,854.00) TO V-STOP GRANT (\$23,854.00). This resolution appropriated \$23,854.00 of State V-Stop Grant Revenue for use in the City's Domestic Violence Program that was administered by the Commonwealth's Attorney. This State Grant Program was administered by the State Department of Criminal Justice Services. These grant monies provided funding for a Staff Technician position in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, which served as a liaison between the Courts, the Police Department and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in all PRIDE matters. The local grant match that was required was met by in-kind contributions.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(e) Technology Equipment for Circuit Court Clerk's Office

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE COMPENSATION BOARD – TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND FEE (\$45,978.00) TO CIRCUIT COURT CLERK (\$45,978.00). This resolution appropriated \$45,978.00 of State Compensation Board funding for technology equipment for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. This funding was provided by the Compensation Board from the Technology Trust Fund. The Technology Trust Fund was funded by an assessment of a three dollar (\$3.00) fee on each law and chancery action, each instrument was recorded and each judgment entered in the lien docket book. The Compensation Board allocated two of every three dollars of this fee to Circuit Court Clerks around the State for information technology.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

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

(No Speakers)

10. New Business and Councilmember Comments

(a) City Manager, Randy Hildebrandt, presented A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF ELIMINATING MOTOR VEHICLE DECALS AND ESTABLISHING A VEHICLE LICENSE FEE. This resolution directed the City Manager to work with the City Treasurer to take such steps necessary to eliminate motor vehicle decals in the City, and to establish a vehicle license fee for 2007.

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Whitaker, Allen, Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan

Nays: None

(b) Councilwoman Scott requested the preparation of a resolution for City Council's consideration that expressed support for the extension of the Voting Rights Act to 2025, which expires in 2007, and a permanent right to vote for African Americans. The Resolution would be forwarded to President Bush and members of Congress advising of the severity of the matter and that it was an issue that affected our Community. City Manager Hildebrandt indicated he would work to have the resolution prepared by the April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting of City Council.

Councilwoman Scott announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting would be held on April 24, 2006, at American Legion Post 368 at 7:00 p.m. The Honorable Glenn Oder would be the guest speaker.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:21 P.M.

Mabel V. Washington, CMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk