

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE**

**July 1, 2006
10:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

1. Mayor Frank called the meeting to order. He advised that the State Charter required that City Council convene following an election, on July 1, to organize for the coming term. Four (4) persons ran for office on May 2, 2006 and were re-elected: Joe S. Frank, Mayor; Herbert H. Bateman, Jr., Seat "B" in the Central District; Sharon P. Scott, Seat "B" in the North District; and Joseph C. Whitaker, Seat "B" in the South District. Mayor Frank stated the purpose of the meeting was to have the successful candidates duly sworn to serve for a term of four years, and to elect a Vice Mayor.

2. The invocation was rendered by Reverend Dwight Riddick, Gethsemane Baptist Church.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by members of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 67, Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church.

4. Mayor Frank recognized elected officials and other dignitaries present.

5. Presentation of Certificates of Election by the Newport News Electoral Board and Oath of Office.

Mayor Frank introduced members of the Newport News Electoral Board: Mrs. Eliza Melvin, Chair; Mrs. Selma Petock, Vice Chair; and Mrs. Mary P. Doxey, Secretary.

Members of the Newport News Electoral Board presented Certificates of Election to the newly elected City Council members as follows: The Honorable Joe S. Frank; The Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; The Honorable Sharon P. Scott; and The Honorable Joseph C. Whitaker.

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

(a) The Honorable Robert P. Frank, Judge, Court of Appeals of Virginia, administered the oath of office to the Honorable Joe S. Frank, re-elected as Mayor, of the City of Newport News, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010.

5. Presentation of Certificates of Election by the Newport News Electoral Board and Oath of Office Continued

(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, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010.

(c) The Honorable Bonnie L. Jones, Judge, General District Court, Hampton, 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, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010.

(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, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010.

The written oaths were signed by all parties for filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News (copies are attached and made a part of these minutes).

6. Election of the Vice Mayor

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

Councilman Haskins nominated Council member Charles C. Allen, seconded by Councilman Whitaker. Councilwoman Scott made the motion to close nominations; seconded by Councilman Bateman. The motion was carried unanimously to close the nominations.

Vote on Roll Call (nomination of Charles C. Allen for Vice Mayor):

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

Nays: None

7. Remarks by Council Members

(a) Vice Mayor Allen recognized his brother, John Allen. He thanked his colleagues for re-electing him to the office of Vice Mayor. He indicated the past two years had been productive for the City and the future looked great. He looked forward to an inter-City, regional, state, and federal cooperation to continue its growth, especially as the Council continues the economic health of the City, as well as the quality of life.

(b) Councilman Bateman congratulated his colleagues who were re-elected to Newport News City Council and Vice Mayor Allen on his re-election to the office of Vice

7. Remarks by Council Members Continued

Mayor. He expressed his eagerness to work with his colleagues on Council to move the City forward and expressed appreciation for the support of the citizens over the past twelve years. Councilman Bateman shared a congratulatory letter received from Mr. Herbert V. Kelly, Sr., commending the Council for its outstanding accomplishments. He thanked his family - mother Mrs. Laura Bateman; children, Andrew, Sam, and Emily; and his wife, Mary, for their support.

(c) Mayor Frank indicated he was honored to have served the community since 1988 as a member of Council, and as Mayor since 1996. He expressed deep appreciation for the support received and stated he was privileged to contribute, with his colleagues on City Council, to the growth and transformation of the community, to build on the rich heritage, and to establish the opportunity for more in the future.

Mayor Frank thanked his family – wife, Jane Susan, children, grandchildren, and brother; for their love and support. He indicated it had been meaningful to make a difference in citizens' lives and expressed gratitude for the opportunity. Mayor Frank also thanked Sharon Miller, Bea Berry, and others, who worked to make his campaign successful. He further thanked City Manager Randy Hildebrandt, and city staff for their hard work, dedication, energy and wisdom brought to enrich the lives of the citizens.

Mayor Frank commented on the political leadership – Congressman Robert C. Scott, members of the General Assembly, the Newport News School Board - and thanked them for continued support. He also commented on the importance of working together in an effort to make a more effective and productive community to benefit the citizens.

Mayor Frank further stated that he looked forward to the coming challenges and opportunities in the next four years.

(d) Councilman Haskins expressed pride in and commended his colleagues for their civility and ability to work together collaboratively to move beyond issues for the benefit of the citizens.

(e) Councilwoman McMillan thanked everyone for their attendance at a ceremony that marked moving forward with optimism and promise.

Councilwoman McMillan extended birthday wishes to her husband, John McMillan; and wished the citizens a Happy and safe July 4th holiday.

(f) Councilwoman Scott thanked her family and friends for their attendance. She indicated she was humbled by the support received from the citizens in the North District, and expressed pleasure in serving. She further thanked her colleagues for their support and advice. Councilwoman Scott also thanked City Manager Hildebrandt and City staff for their hard work.

Councilwoman Scott commented on the progress in the North District, the pro-

7. Remarks by Council Members Continued

posed North District Recreation Center, sanitary sewer projects, and expressed pride in the new Asheton project. She thanked citizens in the North District for their support of the monthly Town Hall meetings.

(g) Councilman Whitaker thanked the citizens of Newport News for voting for him in the May election and for their confidence in his ability to represent the South District and all of Newport News. He thanked his campaign managers and friends, former Delegate Flora Crittenden and Mr. Bennie Steele for their tremendous support. He further thanked his family – wife, “Sweet Pea,” and children, for their love, support, and patience. Quoting Mark Twain, “The government is merely a servant, merely a temporary servant, whose function was to obey orders, not to originate them,” thanked citizens for the honor of being their servant. Councilman Whitaker indicated that each member of Council brought different skills, abilities, and experiences to the table, which was the source of their strength as a Council and community. On behalf of his colleagues, he thanked the citizens for allowing the opportunity to represent the thoughts, dreams, and hopes of the community; and strived to work in concert with his fellow Council members.

Mayor Frank, on behalf of City Council, thanked everyone for their attendance. He extended an invitation to attend a reception being held in the City Hall Lobby immediately following the Ceremony.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:44 P.M.

Mabel V. Washington, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

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City Clerk